



# PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Betsy Ross School

7:00 p.m.

April 9, 2026

<u>Members Present</u> Rebecca McClaney, President Spencer Long, Vice-President Carol Botwinski, Secretary Tracey Morrissey Brynn Nordmark Mari Lynn Peters Zara Summers	<u>Members Absent</u>
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<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b>	<p>Rebecca McClaney called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>This meeting was held at Betsy Ross School and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually on our YouTube Channel.</p> <p>Link to: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg</a></p>
<b><u>ROLL CALL</u></b>	<p>PRESENT: Mrs. Botwinski, Dr. Long, Mrs. McClaney, Mrs. Morrissey, Mr. Nordmark, and Mrs. Peters.</p> <p>Member Peters arrived at 7:03 pm.</p> <p>Member Summers took the Oath of Office at 7:10 pm.</p> <p>Absent : no one</p> <p>Also present: Dr. Don Angelaccio, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.</p>

<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Seating of a New Board Member</u></b>  The Board of Education solicited applications and conducted interviews to select a candidate to fill the current Board vacancy.</p> <p>Motion to nominate Zara Summers as the candidate to be selected to complete the vacant term for the Prospect Heights School District #23 Board of Education. This motion, made by Tracey Morrissey and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea</p> <p>Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><b><u>ADMINISTER OATH</u></b></p>	<p>Mrs. McClaney led the recitation of the Oath of Office with Dr. Zara Summers.</p>
<p><b><u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u></b></p>	<p>We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Ross Bulldog Ambassadors.</p>
<p><b><u>PUBLIC HEARING: e-LEARNING PLAN</u></b></p>	<p>The Board conducted a public hearing to review and discuss the adoption of an e-Learning Plan as permitted by the Illinois State Board of Education.</p> <p>Dr. Summers made a motion to open the e-Learning Public Hearing, and Dr. Long seconded.</p> <p>Moved: Summers  Seconded: Long  Voice Vote: 7-0  Time: 7:21 pm</p> <p>Discussion: Dr. Curtis has met the posting and consultation requirements and will share an overview of the plan.</p>

	<p>Public Comment: No one addressed the Board</p> <p>Dr. Summers made a motion to close the e-Learning Public Hearing, and Mrs. Morrissey seconded.</p> <p>Moved: Summers  Seconded: Morrissey  Voice Vote: 7-0  Time: 7:24 pm</p>
<p><b><u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION</u></b></p>	<p>No one addressed the Board.</p>
<p><b><u>COMMUNICATIONS</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Betsy Ross School Improvement Presentation</u></b>  Ms. Gage and members of the Betsy Ross School Improvement Team provided an overview of their goals for this year.</p>
<p><b><u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>BUILDINGS AND SITES</u></b>  Mrs. Botwinski reported that there was an update on custodial staffing. Classroom furniture orders were discussed and will move forward after approval tonight. There was discussion on the summer 2026 work. There is now an established weekly meeting for the MacArthur and Eisenhower construction projects. There was discussion on the projects at MacArthur, including the locks, the boiler replacement and roof leak. There was also discussion on replacement of our blue pick-up truck.</p> <p><b><u>FINANCE</u></b>  Finance did not meet, but Mrs. Peters reported that the property tax revenue is coming in and that a few projects are up for approval tonight including, classroom furniture replacement, the summer 2026 work, and there will be discussion on the NSSEO Budget and our districts insurance options for the upcoming school year.</p> <p><b><u>N.S.S.E.O.</u></b>  Mrs. Botwinski reported that a moment of silence was held for a student who passed away. There were two shining stars from D211. NSSEO plans to address the need for signage or a resolution regarding staging in their buildings.</p>

	<p>The preliminary budget is being discussed by member districts and that the negotiations team is still working on an agreement.</p> <p><u>POLICY</u> Mrs. McClaney acknowledged the need to schedule a meeting for the review of Press Policy 121.</p> <p><u>COMMUNITY RELATIONS</u> Mrs. Morrissey reported that the board will be applying for the Board Governance award. The District newsletter will be mailed to homes in May. There was also some discussion for the consideration of having a referendum on the ballot in the fall to cover operating expenses incurred from the implementation of full day kindergarten.</p>
<p><b><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></b></p>	<p>Tonight's Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting and the Executive Session on March 12, 2026, the Special Meeting on March 16, 2026, and the Personnel Report.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Abstain.</p> <p>Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>
<p><b><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></b></p>	<p>Board member Morrissey reviewed and approved the vouchers this month.</p> <p>Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Abstain.</p> <p>Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1</p>

	Absent: No one
<p><b><u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>SEL Curriculum Adoption</u></b>  Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction gave a summary of the Curriculum investigations and adoption recommendation for Social Emotional Learning materials.</p> <p>Motion to approve the purchase of Second Step as our Social/Emotional Learning Curriculum in the amount of \$24,593. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mrs. Botwinski, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p><b><u>Specials/Exploratory Curriculum Adoption</u></b>  Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction provided a summary of the Curriculum investigations and adoption recommendation for Specials/Exploratory materials.</p> <p>Motion to adopt and purchase the Specials/Exploratory curricular materials as presented in the amount not to exceed \$57,769.45. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p><b><u>2026-27 Calendar Update</u></b>  The calendar committee met on March 12 and presented a revised calendar for 2026-27 with recommendations to approve.</p>

Motion to approve the revised 2026-27 calendar as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

#### **Approval of e-Learning Plan**

Dr. Curtis has met the posting and consultation requirements and earlier this evening we completed the public hearing. It is the recommendation of Administration that the Board adopt the e-Learning plan as presented.

Motion to approve the District 23 e-Learning Plan as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mrs. Botwinski, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

#### **EBC Insurance Renewal for 2026-27**

The EBC Board of Directors held their Final EBC Renewal Meeting on March 19, 2026. Districts were given the opportunity to attend and discuss final renewal projections and rates for the coming year. A slightly more favorable renewal rate has been identified, compared to the preliminary renewal meeting. Following an update to the Finance Committee, we provided the final figures for the 2026-27 review. The meeting materials, rate sheet, and overview have been attached for review.

Motion to approve the annual renewal for medical and dental insurance through the District's participation in the Educational Benefits Cooperative pool. This motion, made by Brynn Nordmark and seconded by Mari-Lynn Peters, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

### **FY26 Classroom Furniture Orders**

Classroom furniture orders were delayed in FY26, as we wanted to be certain the Cook County property tax revenues were forthcoming. As we have navigated that hurdle, we now need to move forward with these budgeted expenditures, allowing for product to arrive prior to June 30.

1. FY26 Anne Sullivan Classroom Furniture Order
2. FY26 Betsy Ross Classroom Furniture Order
3. FY26 MacArthur Classroom Furniture Order

Motion to approve the FY26 Classroom Furniture Orders for Betsy Ross, Anne Sullivan and MacArthur Schools in the total amount of \$48,698 with Educational Environments, as presented. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mrs. Morrissey Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

### **FY26 Summer Projects**

As discussed with Finance, there are two proposals for Board approval. All work is scheduled to take place this summer.

1. FY26 Betsy Ross Library - Phase 1 Furniture Replacements
2. Garaventa Lift Replacement at Eisenhower School

Motion to approve the FY26 Ross Library Phase 1 and the Garaventa Lift replacement at Eisenhower. This motion, made by Spencer Long and seconded by Tracey Morrissey, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0

Absent: No one

**FY26 & FY27 MacArthur Boiler Replacements**

The boilers at MacArthur are approximately 15 years old and in need of prioritized replacement. We are looking to replace one boiler unit immediately and the other two will be replaced over the summer using FY27 funding. The proposal for the three boilers has been attached, and our in-house maintenance team will switch them out as they are delivered.

Motion to replace the three boiler units at MacArthur for the total cost of \$30,879 with Banner Plumbing Supply Company, LLC. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mrs. Peters, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Abstain, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

Absent: No one

**Replacement of the MacArthur Rauland Telecenter and Intercom System**

Following receipt of a very generous \$100,000 grant from Shelter Youth and Family Services, the replacement of the MacArthur Telecenter has been prioritized. In accordance with the grant requirements, funds must be fully expensed prior to June 30, 2026 for reimbursement.

Motion to approve the contract for the replacement of the MacArthur Telecenter with Sound, Inc. in the amount of \$100,500. This motion, made by Dr. Long and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.

	<p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p><b><u>FY27 - JAMF Pro Software Renewal (Mobile Device Mgmt.)</u></b></p> <p>We are pleased to report that the three-year renewal with JAMF reflects an annual savings of approximately \$3,500 in each of the contract years.</p> <p>Motion to approve the three-year licensing agreement for a total amount of \$63,756 with JAMF Software, LLC. This motion, made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mrs. Botwinski, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p> <p><b><u>2026-27 Proposed NSSEO Budget</u></b></p> <p>The preliminary NSSEO Budget was provided to the Finance Committee for their review. The current budget shows a reduction of 3 students and 1 instructional coach along with a correlating reduction in tuition costs and service expenditures. Final approval of the 2027 NSSEO Budget will take place in May.</p>
<p><b><u>ADJOURN</u></b></p>	<p>Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. This motion, made by Dr. Summers and seconded by Mrs. Peters, passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea and Zara Summers: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: No one</p>

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Board President

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Board Secretary