



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
School District 45, DuPage County
Villa Park, Illinois

Regular Board Meeting: June 16, 2026

The Board of Education of School District No. 45, DuPage County, Illinois, met on the 16th day of June 2026, in regular session in the Administration Center Board Room, 255 W. Vermont Street, Villa Park, Illinois, at 6:31 p.m., according to the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by President Judith Degnan, who presided. Members of the Board were present and absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mrs. Deborah Cain
Mrs. Judith Degnan, President
Mrs. Carol Klamecki, Vice President
Dr. Allen Legutki, Secretary
Mrs. Katie Wagner

ABSENT: Mrs. Sarah Godzicki

Administrative staff members were present and absent as follows:

PRESENT: Ms. Christine Arado, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent
Dr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO

ABSENT: Mr. Mike Pinney, Chief Information Officer

061626 (1) Call to Order

061626 (1a) Pledge of Allegiance

061626 (1b) District 45 Mission Statement

061626 (1c) District 88 Presentation:

Dr. Jean Barbanente, Superintendent, presented information regarding the District 88 referendum to the board.

(See official board book)

061626 (2) Comments Regarding Agenda: None

061626 (3) Public Comments:

Meg Donakowski addressed the board regarding the referendum.

(See official board book)

061626 (4)

Board of Education and Superintendent Comments:

Dr. Graber noted that there have been some focus groups to gather information about the last referendum as well as the anticipated referendum coming up. Dr. Graber encouraged families to register and to let others know to register as it is critical to know enrollment numbers so that we can staff accordingly. Dr. Graber attended the District 88 meeting where he made a public comment. Dr. Graber will be attending a regular District 88 board meeting in August and will provide our presentation as well.

Mrs. Degnan provided an update on Mrs. Godzicki's health. Mrs. Degnan stated that Mrs. Shultz has resigned from the board citing increased demands from work and family commitments. Mrs. Degnan offered thanks to Mrs. Shultz for her service.

Mrs. Wagner attended one of the focus group sessions. Mrs. Wagner stated that it was really helpful to get thoughts and suggestions regarding the referendum. Mrs. Wagner offered gratitude to Mrs. Shultz for her service and also sent well wishes to Mrs. Godzicki.

(See official board book)

061626 (5)

Approval of Action Items (Discussion Agenda)

061626 (5a1-5a3)

**Approve District 45 Financial Reports (5a1-5a3)
5a1 Operating Statement; 5a2 Balance Sheet; 5a3 Budget Management Update**

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the Financial Reports as presented in Agenda Items 5a1-5a3.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the financial information with the Board of Education.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (5b)

Appoint PTA Council Representative for the 2026-2027 School Year

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to appoint a PTA Council Representative for the 2026-2027 school year as presented in Agenda Item 5b.

Mrs. Degnan stated that Mrs. Wagner served as the representative for the 2025-2026 school year.

A discussion ensued and Mrs. Katie Wagner will continue the role of PTA Council Board Representative for the 2026-2027 school year.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (5c)

Appoint 2026-2027 District 45 Foundation for Excellence in Education Voting Representative

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to appoint the 2026-2027 District 45 Foundation for Excellence in Education Voting Representative as presented in Agenda Item 5c.

A discussion ensued and the Board reached a consensus to appoint Mrs. Judy Degnan as the Voting Representative and Mrs. Sarah Godzicki as the alternate.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (5d)

Appoint Board Member to Represent District 45 at LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage County)

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to appoint a Board Member to Represent District 45 at LEND (Legislative Education Network of DuPage County) as presented in Agenda Item 5d.

Mrs. Degnan reviewed the responsibilities of the LEND representative.

A discussion ensued and the Board reached a consensus to appoint Mrs. Deborah Cain as the District 45 Representative at LEND.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (5e)

Appoint 2026 Joint Annual Conference Voting Delegate

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to appoint the 2026 Joint Annual Conference Voting Delegate as presented in Agenda Item 5e.

A discussion ensued and the Board agreed to appoint Mrs. Deborah Cain as the 2026 Joint Annual Conference Voting Delegate.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (5f)

Approve Resolution Designating Interest Earnings for FY2026

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the xxxx as presented in Agenda Item 5f.

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the resolution designating interest earnings for FY2026 with the Board of Education.

(See official board book)

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (5g)	Approve multi-year Superintendent Employment Contract Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the 2026-2030 Superintendent Employment Contract with Dr. Brian Graber as presented in Agenda Item 5g. (See official board book)
Roll Call	Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None
061626 (5h)	Approve Food Services Programs for 2026-2027 Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the Food Services Programs for 2026-2027 as presented in Agenda Item 5g. Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed the food services programs for the 2026-2027 school year with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued. (See official board book)
Roll Call	Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None
061626 (6)	Approval of Action Items (Consent Agenda): 6a – 6f Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the Action Items as presented in Agenda Items 6a-6f.
061626 (6a)	Approve Payrolls
061626 (6b)	Approve Approve Check Listing
061626 (6b1)	Manual Checks
061626 (6b2)	Bills Payable
061626 (6c)	Approve Personnel Changes
061626 (6c1)	Termination(s)/Resignation(s)
061626 (6c2)	Appointments
061626 (6c3)	Leave(s) of Absence None
061626 (6c4)	Resignation(s) for the Purpose of Retirement
061626 (6d)	Approve Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of June 2, 2026
061626 (6e)	Approve Salary Adjustment(s)
061626 (6f)	Approve Food Service Management Company Contract with OrganicLife (See official board book for copies of Agenda Items 6a–6f)
Roll Call	Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None
061626 (7)	Information and Consideration

061626 (7a)

Establish Board Member Adopted Schools

The Board discussed adopted school assignments and reached a consensus on the following assignments for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ardmore School: new member
North School: Mrs. Carol Klamecki
Schafer School: Mrs. Judy Degnan
Stevenson/York Center Schools: Mrs. Deborah Cain
Westmore School: Mrs. Katie Wagner
Jackson Middle School: Mrs. Sarah Godzicki
Jefferson Middle School: Mrs. Deborah Cain
D45 Early Childhood Center: Dr. Al Legutki

(See official board book)

061626 (7b)

PRESS Policy Draft Updates, Issue 121

Dr. Graber, Superintendent, reviewed the PRESS policy draft updates with the Board. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

061626 (7c)

SASED Update

Dr. Graber, Superintendent, reviewed a SASED update with the Board. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

061626 (7d)

Community Engagement Coordinator Update

Ms. Garcia, Community Engagement Coordinator, shared a community engagement update with the Board. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

061626 (7e)

Referendum Update

Dr. Graber, Superintendent, and Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, provided an update on district finances and the referendum to the Board. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

061626 (7f)

Board Member Vacancy

Mrs. Degnan, Board President, discussed a board member vacancy with the Board. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

061626 (8)

Requests under Freedom of Information Act

Dr. Graber, Superintendent, reviewed with the Board the FOIAs.

(See official board book)

061626 (9)

Adjournment to Executive Session

At 8:49 p.m., Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

Roll Call

Ayes: Mrs. Cain, Mrs. Degnan, Mrs. Klamecki, Dr. Legutki, Mrs. Wagner Nays: None

061626 (10)

Reconvene Board Meeting

At 9:18 p.m., Mrs. Wagner moved, seconded by Mrs. Cain, to reconvene the Board Meeting.

061626 (11)

Adjournment

At 9:18 p.m. Mrs. Wagner moved, seconded by Mrs. Cain, to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Certified to be correct:

President

Secretary