

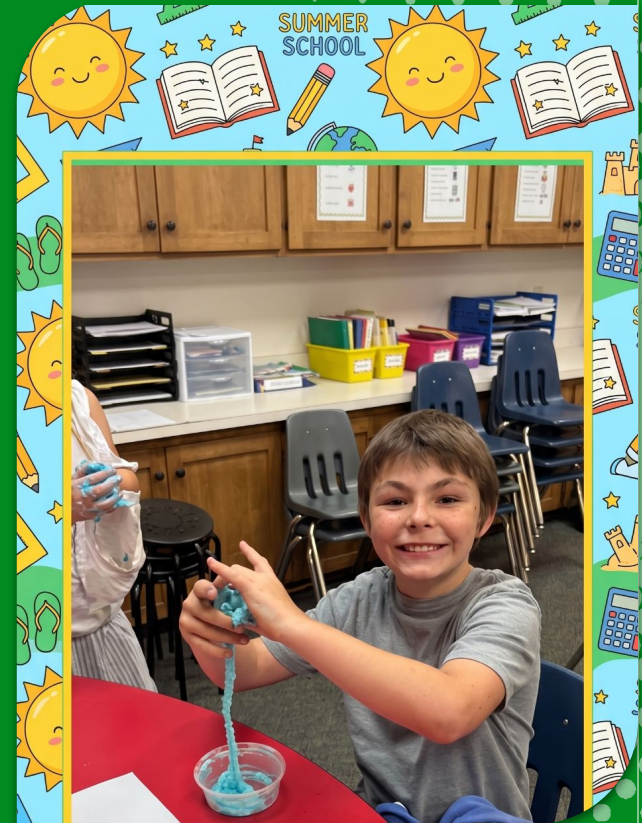
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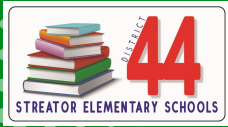
Regular Board of Education Meeting &
Amended Budget Hearing

Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time: 5:00 PM

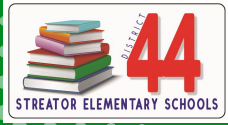
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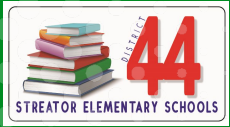


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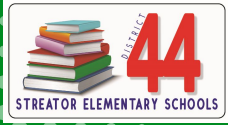


Public Hearing for the FY26 Amended Budget

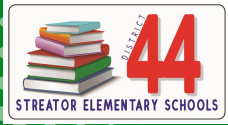


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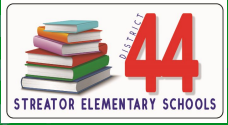
- **Public Hearing Purpose:** Serves as the official, transparent forum to review the final financial tracking updates for the 2025–2026 fiscal year prior to formal board action.
- **Operating Funds Overview:** Establishes a net operating surplus of \$268,351, bringing the total projected ending operating fund balance to \$19,192,657.
- **Non-Operating Funds Overview:** Reflects a planned net drawdown of \$174,677 for capital projects and structural obligations, resulting in a projected ending balance of \$2,275,045.
- **Process and Transparency:** Verifies that the tentative amended budget successfully fulfilled the mandatory 30-day public display period leading up to tonight's hearing.



Public Comments on the Amended Budget



Adjournment of Hearing



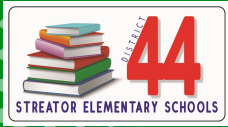
Board Salutes

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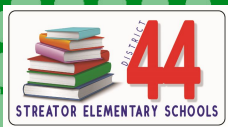


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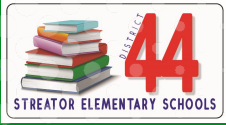




Open Forum



Action Items



Approval of Agenda

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Tuesday, June 23, 2026 6:00 PM

Northlawn Junior High School Library, 202 E. First St., Streator, Illinois
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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL 5:00 P.M.

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III. 6:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING/ROLL CALL

- A. Public Hearing for the FY26 Amended Budget**
- B. Adjournment of Public Hearing**

IV. BOARD SALUTES

V. OPEN FORUM

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Agenda**
- B. Approval of Resolution for Adoption of Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**
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VII. CONSENT AGENDA

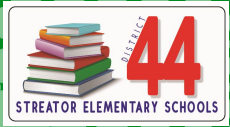
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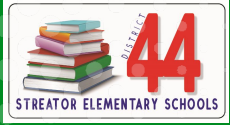
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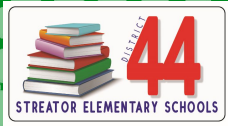
**Approval of
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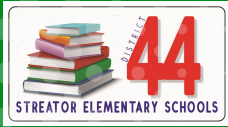
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- Board approval of this resolution satisfies the critical legal mandates outlined in Article 17-1 of the Illinois School Code.
- This formal action officially establishes the updated legal spending limits and boundaries for the 2025–2026 fiscal year.
- Passing the resolution secures our financial baselines and authorizes the final closure of our end-of-year accounting procedures.
- Final adoption triggers the statutory timeline to file the certified budget with the county clerk to protect our local tax extensions and revenue streams.

I recommend a motion to approve the fiscal year 2025–2026 amended budget and the accompanying resolution for adoption as presented.



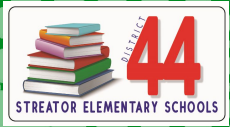
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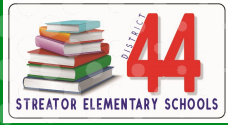
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- Board approval of this memorandum of understanding formalizes a collaborative effort with the joint committee to permanently remove the student growth component from teacher evaluations starting next school year.
- This operational transition establishes a more consistent and predictable environment by grounding all certified staff evaluations entirely on professional practice rubrics.
- The final agreement strikes all outdated evaluation requirements from the district handbook and formally incorporates the updated protocols into the collective bargaining agreement.
- This shift streamlines our administrative procedures and reflects a successful months-long partnership and open dialogue with the Streator Education Association.

I recommend to approve the memorandum of understanding between the board of education and the Streator Education Association regarding the evaluation process and removal of student growth as presented.



Approval of Contract Renewal with Presence for Virtual School Psychology Services



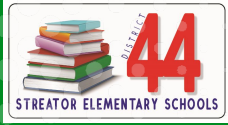
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- Board approval of this contract renewal secures necessary virtual school psychology services to ensure uninterrupted emotional and behavioral support for our students.
- This renewal allows the district to maintain full regulatory compliance with specialized student service mandates and individualized education programs.
- By continuing our partnership with Presence, the district office sustains a predictable and seamless transition of student support services heading into the upcoming school year.
- The contract terms establish a clear, process-driven framework for service delivery while maintaining consistent fiscal oversight within our departmental budget.

I recommend a motion to approve the contract renewal with Presence for virtual school psychology services as presented.



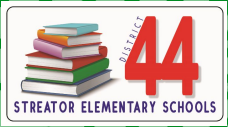
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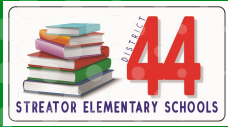
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- This contract formalizes a 36-month agreement with Ficek Electric and Communication Systems to transition the district to an integrated cloud platform.
- This operational shift resolves expired communication lines and delivers over 32,700 dollars in annual general fund relief by reducing monthly expenditures.
- The modern platform enhances safety across our school facilities by ensuring full compliance with emergency personnel dispatch location requirements.
- This upgrade includes robust cybersecurity protections and updated hardware capabilities across all administrative and classroom offices.

I recommend a motion to approve the 36-month telecommunications modernization and procurement contract with Ficek Electric and Communication Systems, Inc. as presented.



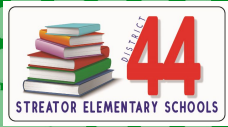
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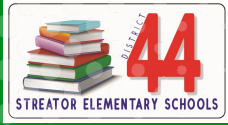
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- This contract formalizes the appointment of Dr. Tatia Beckwith as the Part-Time Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the upcoming school year.
- The collaborative selection process for this critical administrative role actively involved representatives from the teacher union leadership team on the interview panel.
- The proposed one-year agreement consists of a 120-day annual work calendar at a daily rate of 500 dollars with no insurance or medical fringe benefits.
- This leadership role provides the strategic academic oversight and principal mentorship necessary to strengthen district instructional frameworks and improve student outcomes.

I recommend a motion to approve the employment contract for Dr. Tatia Beckwith as the Part-Time Director of Curriculum and Instruction as presented.



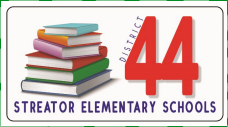
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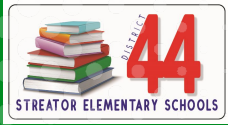
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- This administrative realignment authorizes the immediate elimination of the District Business Manager position and the concurrent creation of the District Operations Specialist position.
- This operational shift addresses critical vulnerabilities identified during a preliminary review by establishing a proper separation of financial duties and reducing audit exposure.
- The redefined position updates the qualification framework to prefer a bachelor degree in business, school finance, or accounting to ensure technical competency in municipal finance.
- The position parameters designate this role as an at-will, salaried non-exempt position tracking a 246-day annual work calendar that is completely cost neutral to the district.

I recommend a motion to approve the elimination of the District Business Manager position and approve the job description for the District Operations Specialist as presented.



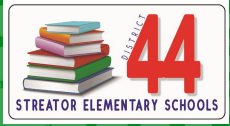
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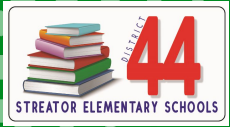
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- This authorization allows the Superintendent to immediately initiate a competitive process to solicit proposals from certified independent forensic accounting firms.
- This proactive measure transitions a routine internal review of historical financial systems into an objective, third-party analysis to maintain absolute transparency and public trust.
- The procurement and future investigative phases will strictly adhere to state and federal privacy laws by keeping specific details of the internal review confidential.
- The administrative staff will aggregate and evaluate all submitted proposals over the coming weeks to prepare a final firm recommendation for the July 2026 regular board meeting.

I recommend a motion to approve the authorization for the Superintendent to solicit proposals for an independent forensic audit as presented.



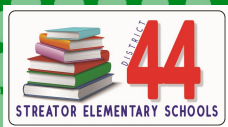
Approval of Consent Agenda



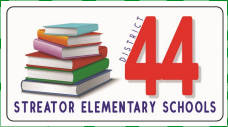
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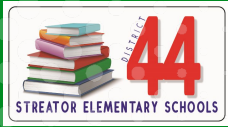
Recommendation: A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.



Informational Items



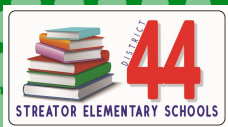
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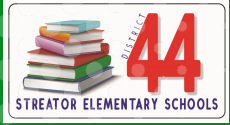
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	OPERATING FUNDS					NON-OPERATING FUNDS				
	Education	Operations & Maintenance	Transportation	Intergov	Working Cash	Total	Bond & Inve	Tort	Fee For & Serves	Total
PROJECTED BEGINNING BALANCES	18,985,098	1,217,277	1,103,570	1,319,847	1,859,385	19,185,657	233,081	1,270,753	782,241	2,275,045
PROJECTED REVENUE										
Local Sources	4,994,674	649,226	\$17,080	631,639	176,745	6,369,238	31,190	751,000	143,740	807,939
State Sources	12,940,211	-	1,960,094	58,212	-	14,258,524	-	-	-	-
Federal Sources	3,105,149	-	10,000	115,459	-	3,230,208	-	-	-	-
Total Projected Revenue	21,040,034	649,226	1,977,174	705,310	176,745	24,645,029	31,190	751,000	143,740	807,939
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES										
Salaries	11,317,018	475,305	-	822,288	-	12,614,611	-	1,255,691	-	1,255,691
Employee Benefits	4,307,186	128,709	-	-	-	4,435,895	-	-	-	4,435,895
Purchased Services	1,802,172	328,864	2,061,896	-	-	4,192,932	-	50,712	-	4,243,644
Supplies and Materials	1,151,123	89,525	207,319	-	-	1,447,967	-	1,000	-	1,448,967
Capital Outlay	186,865	39,660	-	-	-	226,525	-	17,900	10,000	254,425
Other Operating	1,930,791	-	-	-	-	1,930,791	5,100	-	-	1,935,891
Non-Capitalized Equipment	25,940	-	-	-	-	25,940	-	-	-	25,940
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Projected Expenditures	20,157,189	1,033,404	2,269,115	822,288	-	24,282,016	5,100	1,744,791	73,742	25,015,713
PROJECTED OVERS(UNDER)FIGHT	882,845	(384,178)	(162,091)	(11,841)	176,745	101,615	6,000	(993,791)	73,000	(915,786)
OTHER SOURCES(USES)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PROJECTED OVERS(UNDER)FIGHT AND OTHER SOURCES	882,845	(384,178)	(162,091)	(11,841)	176,745	101,615	6,000	(993,791)	73,000	(915,786)
PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCES	14,097,249	823,099	718,552	1,207,006	1,859,110	19,188,314	237,081	278,063	854,211	1,958,219

- This informational overview introduces the preliminary fiscal year 2026–2027 budget and establishes a comprehensive three-year strategy to proactively eliminate localized structural deficit spending.
- The initial projections show a strong ending aggregate operating fund balance despite localized shortfalls within the operations, transportation, retirement, and tort liability funds.
- The administration is committing to sustainable operational systems by strictly enforcing zero-based procurement workflows and executing a systematic staff utilization analysis across all buildings.
- Future operations and maintenance expenditures will be systematically aligned with an updated five-year facility plan to prevent unpredictable emergency infrastructure costs.
- The district will adhere to a rigorous summer schedule by placing the tentative budget on public display for thirty days and publishing all required legal notices for the formal public hearing.

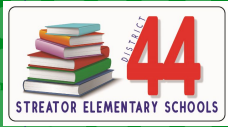


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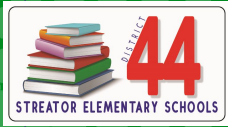


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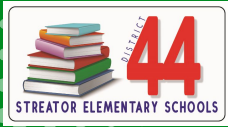
- This informational report introduces the launch of a comprehensive policy manual customization project in partnership with the Illinois Association of School Boards to systematically review and modernize our district governing policies.
- The district has allocated funds to initiate this work and transition to the full-maintenance platform to ensure local board policies remain seamlessly aligned with evolving best practices and legislative changes.
- The customization review process will follow a structured nine-step sequence including consultation sessions and a thorough review of collective bargaining agreements to deliver a completed manual for adoption during the upcoming school year.
- The administration requests one member of the board of education to volunteer to serve on the project committee and participate in the upcoming customization work sessions alongside administrators and the policy director.



FOIA Requests

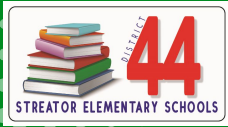


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