



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

**Regular Board Meeting: May 5, 2026**

The Board of Education of School District No. 45, DuPage County, Illinois, met on the 5th day of May 2026, in regular session in the Jefferson Middle School Cafeteria, 255 W. Vermont Street, Villa Park, Illinois, at 7:00 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. Sarah Godzicki  
Mrs. Carol Klamecki, Vice President  
Dr. Allen Legutki, Secretary  
Mrs. Emily Shultz  
Mrs. Katie Wagner

**ABSENT:**

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  
Mr. Mike Pinney, Chief Information Officer  
Dr. Annetta Spsychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

**ABSENT:**

- 050526 (1) Call to Order**
- 050526 (1a) Pledge of Allegiance**
- 050526 (1b) District 45 Mission Statement**
- 050526 (1c) Student Board Representative Report**

Student Board Representatives Lily Castaldi, a student of Jackson Middle School, and November Doria, a student of Jefferson Middle School, presented a report to the Board of Education. The Board of Education and Dr. Graber recognized the students for their service to the Board.

(See official board book)

- 050526 (1d) Schafer Elementary School Presentation**

Mrs. Julie Morse, Schafer Elementary School Principal, and Mr. Chris Heath, Assistant Principal, presented alongside Lauren Wegner, Diana Wirth, Jason Sarantos, Marlene Brennan, and Gina LaBarbera, to the Board of Education an Elementary School Report. A discussion ensued.

Dr. Graber presented an award to Schafer PTA President Jennifer Weter, who was named Illinois PTA Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

(See official board book)

**050526 (2) Comments Regarding Agenda: None**

**050526 (3) Public Comments:**

Anthony Caldwell, David Morrison, Taylor Thinner, Kayla Portillo, Doris Normberger, Meg Donakowski, Amy Gelarden, Darlene Boron Ris, Sarah Steverson, Paloma Mazza, Nora Steverson, Sloane Chapman, Alexandra Leidl, Emma Mann, Mae Jahn, Cathy Walker, Antoinette Izquierdo, Julie H., Kim Pankowski, Carlos Robos, Lisa Grover, Kristin Adreani, Toni Woltherson addressed the Board regarding the referendum. The Board listened to all comments and thanked the speakers.

(See official board book)

**050526 (4) Board of Education and Superintendent Comments:**

Dr. Graber thanked everyone who came out to speak. Dr. Graber noted that the students who spoke did a phenomenal job. Dr. Graber stated that there will be a conversation about the referendum near the end of this meeting. Dr. Graber recognized the retirees and honorees. Dr. Graber expressed gratitude to the staff noting staff appreciation week. Dr. Graber highlighted many upcoming events as the school year comes to a close.

Dr. Legutki thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Dr. Legutki offered a special thanks to the students for coming and speaking at the meeting. Dr. Legutki stated that he's a District 45 grad, he attended North Elementary School and Jefferson Middle School. Dr. Legutki expressed how difficult the decisions have been to make and thanked everyone again for coming out to share their perspectives. Dr. Legutki stated that he was able to attend some concerts and commended the teachers and students.

Mrs. Cain spoke about attending the Art Show. Mrs. Cain expressed appreciation to the teachers and commended the art work.

Mrs. Godzici stated that she attended the Art Show and the concerts held at Jefferson. Mrs. Godzicki offered gratitude to all the teachers.

Mrs. Wagner expressed appreciation for everyone being here and voicing their opinions. Mrs. Wagner spoke about attending the Jackson concert held at Willowbrook High School.

Mrs. Degnan thanked everyone for the many emails she has received over the past couple of weeks. Mrs. Degnan commented that any emails she receives are shared with the rest of the board members as well. Mrs. Degnan echoed what the other board members are feeling.

(See official board book)

**050526 (5) Approval of Action Items (Discussion Agenda) None**

**050526 (6) Action Items (Consent Agenda): 6a - 6l**

Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki, to approve the Action Items as presented in Agenda Items 6a-6l.

**050526 (6a) Approve Personnel Changes**

**050526 (6a1) Approve Personnel Changes: Termination(s)/Resignation(s)**

**050526 (6a2) Approve Personnel Changes: Appointment(s)**

**050526 (6a3) Approve Personnel Changes: Leave(s) of Absence**

**050526 (6a4) Approve Personnel Changes: Resignation(s) for Purpose of Retirement**

**050526 (6b) Approve Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 14, 2026**

**050526 (6c) Approve Closed Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of April 14, 2026**

**050526 (6d) Approve Salary Adjustment(s)**

**050526 (6e) Approve School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) FY27 Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Classroom and Office Lease Agreement**

**050526 (6f) Approve School Association for Special Education in DuPage County (SASED) Summer 2026 Extended School Year (ESY) Classroom Lease Agreement**

**050526 (6g) Approve 2026-27 Salary & Benefits and Employment Guidelines for Educational Support Personnel**

**050526 (6h) Approve 2026-27 Benefits and Employment Guidelines for Permanent Substitutes**

**050526 (6i) Approve 2026-27 Salary and Benefits and Employment Guidelines for Off-Schedule Certificated Personnel**

**050526 (6j) Approve 2026-27 Salary and Benefits and Employment Guidelines for Non-Administrative Central Office Staff**

**050526 (6k) Approve 2026-27 Salary and Benefits and Employment Guidelines for HR Facilitator and Community Engagement Coordinator**

**050526 (6l) Approve 2026-27 Pay Rates for Part-Time, Temporary/Substitute and Other Support Personnel**

(See official board book for copies of agenda items 6a-6l)

**Roll Call**

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

**050526 (7) Information and Consideration**

**050526 (7a) Call for Resolutions**

Mrs. Judy Degnan, Board President, stated that school boards have been invited to submit resolutions for consideration by the 2026 IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) Delegate Assembly.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7b)**

**LEND Update**

Mrs. Deborah Cain, Board Member, reviewed LEND updates with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7c)**

**Consolidated District Plan**

Dr. Annetta Spsychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Ms. Chris Arado, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, presented the Consolidated District Plan to the Board of Education.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7d)**

**Septran Contract Renewal**

Dr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the Septran Contract Renewal. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7e)**

**2026-2027 Student Fees**

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the 2026-2027 Student Fees. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7f)**

**2026-2027 Facilities Rental Fees**

Dr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/CSBO, reviewed with the Board of Education the 2026-2027 Facilities Rental Fees. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7g)**

**March Referendum Review and Options**

Mr. Rich Carter of EO Sullivan Consulting, presented a summary analysis of the March referendum results. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

**050526 (7h)**

**2026-2027 Financial Planning and Considerations**

Dr. Brian Graber, Superintendent, reviewed with the Board of Education the 2026-2027 Financial Planning and Considerations. A discussion ensued.

(See official board book)

**050526 (8)**

**Requests under Freedom of Information Act**

Dr. Spsychalski, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, reviewed with the Board of Education the FOIAs.

(See official board book)

**050526 (9)**

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

At 10:44 p.m., Dr. Legutki moved, seconded by Mrs. Klamecki to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

**Roll Call**

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

**050526 (10)**

**Reconvene Board Meeting**

At 12:05 a.m., Mrs. Godzicki moved, seconded by Mrs. Cain, to reconvene the Board Meeting.

**050526 (11)**

**Adjournment**

At 12:05 a.m., Mrs. Godzicki moved, seconded by Mrs. Cain, to adjourn the Board Meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary