

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Blue Ridge CUSD #18

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Blue Ridge CUSD #18 was held Wednesday, July 15, 2026, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Blue Ridge High School Library
411 North John St.
Farmer City, Illinois 61842.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments/Recognition of Guests
- IV. Presentations
- V. Communication
- A. IASB Liaison Talking Points
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. Administrative Reports
- A. Superintendent 3
- 1. Quarterly Financial Report
- B. Curriculum
- C. Technology
- D. Operations and Maintenance
- E. Transportation
- VIII. Approval of Consent Items
- A. Minutes from Regular and Special Board of Education Meetings
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Bills and Payroll
- D. Resignation of District Personnel
- E. Retirement of District Personnel
- F. Board PRESS Policy 6:120-Education of Children with Disabilities
- G. District Fees 2026-2027-Revised
- H. Adoption of IRS Standard Mileage Rate of \$0.72.5 per mile per the District's Collective Bargaining Agreement
- I. PSIC Property, Casualty, Liability Insurance Renewal
- J. FY27 Handbook - Substitute
- K. Amended Calendar 26-27
- IX. New Business
- A. Change Order - BRSE Playground
- B. Change Order - 2nd Floor Insulation Project
- C. FY25 Annual Financial Review
- X. Closed Session

- A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district, and semi-annual review of closed minutes. *5ILCS 120./2(c) (1)*.
- 1. Employment
 - a. Custodian, BRSE
 - b. Bus Aide, Transportation
 - c. 1:1 Bus Aide, Transportation
 - d. Bus Aide, Transportation
 - e. Bus Driver, Transportation
 - f. Bus Driver, Transportation
 - g. Bus Driver, Transportation
 - h. Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, BRHS
- 2. Appointment
 - a. Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coach, BRHS
- 3. Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under this Act, for Semi-Annual Review of the Minutes as Mandated by Section 2.06 from December 2025-May 2026
- 4. Permission to Hire Prior to August Board of Education Meeting
- XI. Open Session
- XII. Good of the Cause Discussion
 - A. First Knight
 - B. BRSE Playground Equipment
 - C. Board Training
- XIII. Adjournment

MEMO

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: RYAN PEYTON, SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: JULY 2026
RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I hope you are all having a great summer break! Right now, our team is working hard to get our schools ready for another fantastic year. As we approach a new school year at Blue Ridge Schools, we invite our families to become or continue being an active partner in your child's education, as your ongoing involvement and support are the absolute greatest tools for their success. Whether you are staying in close contact with teachers, volunteering at events, or simply talking about the school day at home, your engaged presence shows your student that their education matters. When our families and schools work hand-in-hand, we create a powerful network that helps our Blue Ridge Knights truly thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

Here is a quick look at some upcoming dates and student health reminders.

Important Upcoming Dates

We want to make sure our families are ready for the first day of school. Here are the big events coming up:

- **Online and In Person Registration:** Online registration opens August 3rd. We will send a message to all families with easy, step-by-step instructions on how to sign up online. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and all new students to the district will register in person on August 6th.
- **First Knight:** We are planning our annual "First Knight" welcome event! This is a great chance for students to see the school, find their classrooms, and get excited for day one. Schneider Elementary and Blue Ridge High School First Knight will be Monday, August 17th and Blue Ridge Intermediate and Junior High will host families on Tuesday, August 18th.
- **New 2026-2027 Calendar:** The new school calendar will be posted on our website soon. Parents can check it out now to see holidays, breaks, and early release days. You can also click [here](#) to access the calendar.

Reminder: Physicals and Immunizations

We need every student to be ready to learn on day one without any delays.

Important Note for Parents: Please schedule and finish all required school physicals and immunizations right away. Getting these done now means your child won't miss the exciting first days of school!

[Here](#) is a letter with specific details regarding physical and immunization requirements.

Thank you for everything you do to help our students and schools!

Other Tasks:

- Panelist for New Superintendent Conference in Springfield
- Non Union Personnel Evaluations
- IASA Budget Workshop Meeting
- Otto Baum Meetings (Tuckpointing Project)
- Byrne and Jones Meeting (BRSE Playground Project)
- O&M Meeting
- IASA Weekly Mentor Collaborations
- BRFT Monthly Meeting
- IASA Monthly Meeting
- Bushue Management Meeting
- CICEO Board Meeting
- Village of Mansfield Board Meeting
- Technology Meeting
- Transportation Meeting
- Finance Team Meeting
- Stacie France Meetings for Continuous Improvement Planning
- FY27 Planning Meetings
- Red Rover Meeting (Sub Finding Tool)
- YellowFolder Meeting (Cloud Based Records)