

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 6:00 PM Central

Media Center
300 S Harrison
Colfax, IL 61728

Katelyn Hamlow: Present
Jeff Harris: Present
Preston McNamara: Present
Jamison Mosley: Present
Pam Rathke: Present
Brittney Van Note: Present
Chris Wyant: Present
Present: 7.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PRESENTATIONS

III.A. PERA Committee

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approval of the Consent Agenda. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

IV.A. Approval of Agenda

IV.B. Approval of Minutes

IV.C. Approval of Bills

IV.D. Approval of Treasurer's Report

IV.E. Approval of posting of FY26 Amended Budget

IV.F. Approval of football overnight team camp

IV.G. Approval of basketball overnight team camp

IV.H. Approval of FFA overnight retreat

IV.I. Approval of 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates

IV.J. Approval of College Course Requests

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANYTHING ON OR NOT ON THE AGENDA

Those wishing to speak should sign in and indicate their desire to speak. Speakers will be in the order of sign-up.

Board Policy 2:230 - Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petition to the Board

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

VI.A. Erik Young, Superintendent

VI.B. Ben Hutley, Elementary Principal

VI.C. Zach Freed, Jr/Sr High School Principal

VII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS

VII.A. Transportation/Attendance Report

VII.B. Last Day Teacher Institute - May 26, 2026

VII.C. Strategic Planning Session - May 27, 2026, 3pm-7pm

VII.D. Corn Belt Division Governing Board Meeting - May 28, 2026

VII.E. FOIA Requests

VII.E.1. 4.23.2026 - Kailey Massey, The Data Branch - Vendor Information

VII.E.2. 4.23.2026 - Sakura Kagawa, The Data Branch - Vendor Information

VII.E.3. 5.6.2026 - Élise Larochelle, The Data Branch - Vendor Information

VII.F. JAC Registration

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VIII.A. Departmentalization

VIII.B. Handbook Discussion

VIII.B.1. Elementary Handbook

VIII.B.2. Jr/Sr High School Handbook

VIII.B.3. Volunteer Handbook

VIII.C. Character Strong SEL Curriculum

VIII.D. Turf Tank

VIII.E. 911 Cellular and ID's

VIII.F. FY 27 Fees and Rates

VIII.G. 2027-2028 School Calendar

VIII.H. Discussion on Summer Projects

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

IX.A. Schedule Policy Committee

IX.B. Schedule Joint Buildings and Grounds and Finance Committee Meeting

X. BUSINESS ITEMS

X.A. Approval of Elementary Departmentalization

Chris Wyant moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Approve Departmentalization of ELA and Math for 3rd and 4th grade, as presented. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.B. Approval of 2026-2027 Elementary Handbook

Preston McNamara moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve changes to Elementary School Handbook for 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.C. Approval of 2026-2027 Jr/Sr High School Handbook

Chris Wyant moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve changes to 2026-2027 Jr/Sr High School Handbook, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.D. Approval of 2026-2027 Volunteer Handbook

Pam Rathke moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve reformatting of Volunteer Handbook, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.E. Approval of Chromebook Lease

Preston McNamara moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Approve Chromebook Lease with American Capital, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.F. Approval of IT Managed Services Agreement

Jamison Mosley moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve Renewal from Dyopath for IT Managed Services, for \$10,318.08 per month. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam

Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.G. Approval of Character Strong SEL Curriculum

Chris Wyant moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve quote for Character Strong SEL Curriculum for use at the elementary school, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.H. Approval of Turf Tank System

Preston McNamara moved and Jeff Harris seconded that the approval of Approve Turf Tank subscription, as presented. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.I. Approval of quote from 911Cellular

Brittney Van Note moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve proposal from 911 Cellular for \$8,500 for the first year. \$5,000 the following 2 years Total \$18,500 for 3 years. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.J. Approval of quote for tree removal

Chris Wyant moved and Brittney Van Note seconded that the approval of Approve proposal from Becker Tree Service for \$24,000. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.K. Approval of Natural Gas contract

Jamison Mosley moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Approve the natural gas contract with Twin City Energy Services, as presented for 36 months. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.L. Approval of Playground Construction Quote

Chris Wyant moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Table -Approve Playground Design, as presented. Vote. Tabled

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X.M. Approval of quote for building demolition

Brittney Van Note moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Table-Approve the quote from Beitz Excavating for \$13,920. Vote. Tabled
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **To discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees; Collective Negotiations Matters; Student Discipline; Matters Related to Individual Students; Litigation; and Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed pursuant to Statute Section 5 ILCS 120/2 [c] 1-12, 16, & 21** (updated 2/2026)

Jeff Harris moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Go into Executive Session at 8:19. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.A. Discussion

XI.B. Come out of Executive Session

Brittney Van Note moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Come out of Executive Session at 10:14. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI.C. Approve and Seal the minutes of the Executive Session

Jeff Harris moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve and seal the minutes. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII. ACTIONS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII.A. Terminations

XII.A.1. Dismissal of probationary employee

Brittney Van Note moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Action to dismiss Katie Gibson, a probationary employee, effective immediately. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII.B. Resignations

XII.B.1. Resignation of Bus Aide

Jeff Harris moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve resignation of Lindsey Lerman as bus aide and recess supervisor, effective May 8, 2026. Vote. Carried
Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII.C. Employment

***All new hires/volunteers are contingent upon successful completion of background investigation, employment history review, and verification/completion of proper certification and/or licensure for the position.**

XII.C.1. Employment - Freshman Class Sponsor

Brittney Van Note moved and Chris Wyant seconded that the approval of Approve the hiring of Shelley Willard as Freshman Class Sponsor at a payrate of 2%, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII.C.2. Employment - First Assistant Football Coach

Chris Wyant moved and Jamison Mosley seconded that the approval of Approve the hiring of Conor Coyle as First Assistant Football Coach at a payrate of 10%, per the negotiated agreement. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Harris moved and Preston McNamara seconded that the approval of Adjourn the meeting at 10:16pm. Vote. Carried

Katelyn Hamlow: Yea, Jeff Harris: Yea, Preston McNamara: Yea, Jamison Mosley: Yea, Pam Rathke: Yea, Brittney Van Note: Yea, Chris Wyant: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0