

Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 6:00 PM Central

Palos East Elementary School  
7700 W 127th Street  
Palos Heights, IL 60463

1. Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment
  - 4.1. Citizen's Comments Limited to Agenda Items
5. Recognition
  - 5.1. Student Awards
  - 5.2. Acceptance of Palos Park Woman's Club Community Grant
6. President's Report
  - 6.1. Report to the Board
7. Administrative Reports
  - 7.1. Superintendent Report
8. Board of Education Committee Reports
  - 8.1. Student Outcomes and Accountability Committee Report
  - 8.2. Finance and Facilities Committee Report
  - 8.3. PFA
  - 8.4. MPA
  - 8.5. Foundation
9. New Business
  - 9.1. Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$8,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2026, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
  - 9.2. Appointment of Palos West Elementary School Principal—Mr. Joel Dukett
  - 9.3. Appointment of Interim Chief School Business Official for SY 26-27— Dr. Anthony Scarsella
  - 9.4. Approval of Chief School Business Official Transition Plan
10. Secretary's Report
  - 10.1. Correspondence Received
  - 10.2. Correspondence Sent
11. Recommended for Consent Agenda
  - 11.1. Approval of Contract with Illuminate for Financial Consulting Services
  - 11.2. Appointment of School Treasurer
  - 11.3. Approval of 12-Month Gas Utility contract with Constellation Energy
  - 11.4. Approval of 12-Month Electric Utility contract with Direct Energy
  - 11.5. Approval of Library/Media Grant Report to the Board
  - 11.6. Approval of Final 2025-2026 School Calendar
  - 11.7. Approval of Personnel Report A-Certified Staff:
    - Employment:  
Nadia Joudeh, 6th-8th Grade EL/Bilingual, South;
    - Call Backs:

Stephanie Bukas, Special Education, West  
Amy Clemons, Part-Time Music, West;  
Marina Gallovitch, Part-Time Art, West;  
Kambrie Long, 5th Grade, West;  
Michelle Metzke, Part-Time Physical Education, East/West;  
Rosalie White, Part-Time Media, South;  
FMLA:  
Hanan Hamad, Speech Pathologist, South;  
Kamae Jayaweera, 7th Grade-ELA/Social Studies Teacher, South;  
Ananda Kuchinsky, Speech-Language Pathologist, West;  
Daniel DeWolf, 6th Grade Math Teacher, South;  
Martin Duggan, Physical Education Teacher, South  
Resignation:  
Justin Veihman, Chief School Business Official, Central  
Saeda Amra, EL/Bilingual Arabic, South

11.8. Approval of Personnel Report B-Classified Staff:

Alice McNulty, Paraprofessional, West

11.9. Approval of Regular Meeting and Special Meeting Minutes dated April 14, 2026, and Special Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2026, and May 5, 2026.

11.10. Approval of Payment of Bills and Payrolls-Aggregate Total: \$2,826,034.39

12. Public Comment

12.1. Citizen's Comment-Non-Agenda items

13. Closed Session

13.1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and student disciplinary cases.

14. Adjournment



## STUDENT OUTCOMES & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 2026 at 6:00 PM  
Palos Central  
8800 W. 119th St.  
Palos Park, IL

1. **Call to Order.** Jennifer Jensen, Committee Chair, called the Student Outcomes & Accountability Committee Meeting of April 28, 2026, to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Board members present: Pam Paris, Board President, Mike Pizur, Vice President, Susan Szafranski, Secretary; Dan Cox, Jennifer Jensen; Others Present: Dr. Anthony Scarsella, Superintendent of Schools; Erin Deval, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Rob Szklanecki, Director of Teaching & Learning; Terri Dodds, Assistant Director of Student Services, Dr. Huwaida Hamed, Director of EL; Brock Stein, Director of Communications; Members Absent: Dr. Tim Baker, Kevin Quinn
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment.** None
5. **Informational Items and Administrative Reports**
  - 5.1 **New ISBE Accountability System and School Ratings Overview.** Rob Szklanecki, Director of Teaching and presented a review of the new ISBE Accountability and School Ratings system and how the new framework will impact Palos District 118 schools.
  - 5.2 **Update on Student Behavior Management and Support.** Erin Deval, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, and Terri Dodds, Assistant Director of Student Services, presented an update on district-wide student behavior management and support systems. Their presentation reviewed the administrative monthly data review process used to identify students in need of Tier 2 and Tier 3 interventions and ensure consistent implementation of supports across buildings.
6. **Public Comment.** None
7. **Closed Session.** A motion was made by Mrs. Szafranski and seconded by Mr. Cox to go into closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel

for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. The roll call vote was, Aye votes: Mrs. Paris, Mr. Pizur, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Szafranski. Nay votes: None. The motion passed and the Board went into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

- 8. Adjournment.** A motion was made by Mr. Pizur and seconded by Mrs. Paris for the Board of Education to adjourn the meeting. The roll call vote was, Aye votes: Mrs. Paris, Mr. Pizur, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Szafranski. Nay votes: None. The motion passed and the Board adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

**BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**PALOS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 118**  
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
8800 WEST 119<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
PALOS PARK, ILLINOIS

May 5, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Pam Paris called the Finance Committee Meeting of May 6, 2026, to order at 6 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL.** Members Present: Pam Paris, President; Mike Pizur, Vice President, Committee Chair; Susan Szafranski, Secretary; Dr. Tim Baker, Dan Cox, Jennifer Jensen, Kevin Quinn. Others Present: Dr. Anthony Scarsella, Superintendent of Schools; Justin Veihman, Chief School Business Official; Dr. Rob Grossi, President of Illuminate. Members Absent: None
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.** There were no public comments on agenda items.
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS.**
  - 5.1 **Palos Heights Gateway TIF.** Mr. Veihman recommended the Board support the City of Palos Heights' request to extend the life of the Gateway TIF District. He informed the Committee supporting the TIF would have no significant financial impact on the school district.
  - 5.2 **Facility Use Procedures.** The Committee discussed recommended revisions to the school district's Facility Use Procedures. Administration will incorporate Committee recommendations into the proposed revisions and bring them to the Policy Committee for final consideration.
  - 5.3 **Utility Pricing.** Mr. Veihman recommended one-year contracts for the purchase of natural gas and electricity.
  - 5.4 **Financial Update.** Mr. Veihman provided an update on the upcoming Working Cash Fund Bonds sale that will be used to increase the school district's cash reserves and eliminate the need to engage in short-term borrowing to meet expenses when property tax distributions from Cook County are late. Dr. Scarsella provided an update on the school district's cost containment strategies.
6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**
  - 6.1 **Stipends.** Mr. Veihman presented a list of teacher stipends and answered questions from committee members regarding the list.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.** There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

8. **CLOSED SESSION.** No closed session.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Tim Baker and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Finance Committee adjourn the meeting. The roll call vote was, Aye votes: Mrs. Paris, Mr. Pizur, Mrs. Szafranski, Dr. Baker, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Quinn. Nay votes: None. The motion passed and the board adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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