NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122
ARNOLD J. TYLER SCHOOL
511 E. ILLINOIS HWY., NEW LENOX IL 60451
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 15, 2026

A. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
President Peltzer called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

President Peltzer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Members Present:
Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Fay Bowie, Al Haring, Bill Pender
Absent:
Megan Wendtland

B. 6 PM PUBLIC HEARING - NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122 FY27 BUDGET

Action: 1. Open Public Hearing - 6:03 PM.
Motion to Open the Public Hearing Regarding the 2026-2027 New Lenox School District 122 Budget
Motion by Bill Pender, second by David Rush.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Mr. Groos projected the District's Financial Dashboard with the required Public Act 103-0394 information up on the screen.

President Peltzer asked if there were any comments from the public regarding the 2026-2027 New Lenox School District 122 Budget. There were no public comments.

Action: 2. Close Public Hearing - 6:05 PM
Motion to Close the Public Hearing
Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

C. NEW LENOX NOTABLES

1. New Lenox School District 122 PTO Executive Board Members Introduction
Dr. Cucci recognized and thanked the PTO Executive Board, noting how much time they give and their tremendous fund-raising efforts. She introduced President Jordan Tsoulos, Vice-President Jordan Carrero, Head Treasurer Adrian Segura, Secretary Danielle Ryan, and Social Secretary Nicole Nunez. She thanked them for their hard work and dedication to our schools. Mrs. Tsoulos shared a PowerPoint showing a slide on "All About PTO", noting they are trying to be more present and streamline communications. She noted the Read-A-Thon is coming up. She added they are adding Parent Partners this year to let more families be extra voices to the PTO. Mrs. Tsoulos shared the PTO's other big initiative this year is the NLSD122 PTO Community Business Sponsorship Program, where businesses can help fund the programs, events, and resources that make the District a great place to learn and grow. Mrs. Tsoulos added the first PTO meeting of the year is on September 17th at 9:30 am at Nelson Prairie School.

2. New Certified Staff Member Introduction
Dr. Bruni welcomed and introduced the new certified staff hires for 2026-2027. The new staff includes: Mallery Bellik, Speech Pathologist at Nelson Prairie/Cherry Hill; Reilly Bresnahan, 8th grade ELA at Martino; Norah Duffy, Speech Pathologist at Cherry Hill; Melanie Harenberg, 1st grade at Nelson Prairie; Maggie James, SI teacher at Oakview; Kristin Kimble, 2nd grade at Tyler; Rebecca Leyden, 2nd grade at Haines; Emma Morgan, EC teacher at Cherry Hill; Kaitlyn Morgan, nurse at Spencer Crossing; Anthony Oberlin, SI teacher at Martino; Dana Palermo, PFA family educator at Cherry Hill; Felicia Panzica, art teacher at Nelson Prairie/Ridge; Jordan Pedersen, 2nd grade at Haines; Stephanie Schoen, art teacher at Spencer Pointe/Crossing; Samantha Schroeder, art teacher at Liberty; Emily Stirtzinger, 2nd grade at Spencer Pointe; and Jennifer Zelek, BCBA at Tyler/all buildings. Dr. Bruni shared we are excited for our new staff's talents, care, and enthusiasm.

On behalf of the Board, President Peltzer welcomed and thanked the PTO Executive Board and the new certified staff.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Resolution: Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 2-12 as presented
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2026
Resolution: Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2026
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 3. Approval of Treasurer's Reports
Resolution: Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - September 15, 2026
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 4. Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills Listed for Payment
Resolution: Motion to Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills Listed for Payment - September 15, 2026
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 5. Approval of the Personnel Report
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Personnel Report - September 15, 2026
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 6. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Fairmont School District 89 for O&M
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Fairmont School District 89 for the Provison of O&M Services during the 2026-2027 School Year
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 7. Approval of Annual Compensation Report
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Annual Compensation Report
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 8. Approve Annual Miscellaneous Contract/Subscription List
Resolution: Notion to Approve the Listing of Annual Expenditures
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 9. ISBE School Maintenance Grant Application Approval
Resolution: Motion to Authorize the Administration to Apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant Application and Complete the Associated District Certification Form and Taxpayer ID Number Form, and also Reserve the Required $50,000 of Local Funds to Cover the District's Portion of the Project Costs and Certify that None of the Construction Work has Started as of September 2026
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 10. FY27 Tentative Bid/Contract Renewal Schedule
Resolution: Motion to Approve the FY27 Tentative Bid/Contract Renewal Schedule
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 11. Monthly Cash Flow Update/Dashboard Report/Investment Report
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Monthly Cash Flow Update/Dashboard Report/Investment Report
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Action (Consent): 12. Financial Update
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Financial Planning Update
Motion by David Rush, second by Fay Bowie.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

G. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Report
Dr. Motsch shared on September 11 the Tribute to Valor Foundation presented an inspiring program at the junior highs with war hero, retired U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sergeant Israel Del Toro sharing his story. She thanked Mayor Baldermann for bringing this special guest to our students. Dr. Motsch shared the students loved listening to this motivational speaker.

Dr. Motsch shared the District 122 Board of Education again received the Illinois Association of School Boards 2026 School Board Governance Recognition for excellent board governance. She added the Board would be recognized at the Three Rivers Division meeting in October. She asked the Board to let her know if anyone would like to attend the recognition meeting.

Dr. Motsch shared the Senior Breakfast is coming up on October 21 at Martino. She added this is an event to invite senior community members into our schools to get to know us better. She asked everyone to spread the word.

2. Communications/Announcements

3. District Events
Dr. Motsch shared upcoming District events: Institute Day on October 9, no school; Holiday on October 12, no school; School Improvement Day on October 30, 1/2 day of school. She shared PTO events: PTO meeting on September 17, 9:30 am at Nelson Prairie; PTO meeting on October 15, 9:30 am at the District Office; Read-A-Thon beginning on October 5, which greatly benefits the schools. She shared she recently posted a video from last year's Read-A-Thon where one of our students won a trip to Disney World.

4. FOIA Report
Dr. Motsch shared the FOIA Report with information on the 4 FOIA's received this month is in the Board packet. She added she shared information with the Board with data from other school districts on the increasing number of FOIA's, which is being shared with our legislators.

5. Administrative Update

Action: 6. Board Policy Development PRESS June 2026 - 2nd Reading and Adoption
Motion to Approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption of PRESS 2026
Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

7. Other - Enrollment Report
Dr. Motsch shared the Enrollment Report is in the Board packet, noting there is only one classroom that is over target, and it is a homeroom class.

H. BUSINESS MANAGER/CSBO REPORT

Mr. Wroble from Legat Architects shared a PowerPoint on the proposed Summer 2027 Capital Projects. The projects include: replacement of the Martino roof ($4.2M); interior painting at Cherry Hill ($262K); expansion of parking at Oakview to accommodate program relocations ($464K); and parking lot maintenance at Haines/Oakview, Tyler/Bentley, and Spencer Campus and pavement replacement at Tyler ($687K). Bids are currently expected to be released in October, opened in November, and presented to the Board for approval in December. He added based on District-wide facility needs assessment findings, several Life Safety Amendment projects have been identified that could be completed as early as summers 2027 and 2028. Proposed additional work include: Martino HVAC ($5M-$7M) and Cherry Hill Chiller ($750K-$850K). The additional proposed projects would be mostly financed by issuing Life Safety bonds. Mr. Wroble shared his team would provide an update to the Board at the October Board meeting, with Life Safety Amendments approved in December.

Action: 1. Summer 2027 Capital Project Update & Life Safety Amendment Application Approval
Motion to Authorize Legat Architects and ICI to Proceed with the Design and Planning of the Proposed Additional Work Outlined in this Board Report, Including the Preparation and Submission of any Required Life Safety Amendments to the State of Illinois
Motion by David Rush, second by Bill Pender.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

Mr. Groos shared the Board approved the FY27 Tentative Budget which was presented to the Board and community during the June 16th Board meeting, and has been posted on the NLSD122 website since June 17th. The Board will vote on the FY27 final legal budget tonight. Mr. Groos shared a PowerPoint on the District's FY27 Budget and Financial Overview. He shared information on the District's Financial Profile, Revenue ($76.6M), Expenses ($71.3M), Transportation, and Facilities. He shared we just finished our 15-Year School Facility Improvement Plan, noting it was completed in 12 years, with $36M of facility updates paid for by all cash. He noted some additional projects since then have been funded by Life Safety Bonds. Mr. Groos shared about 75% of expenses are salary and benefits, 81% of revenue is from local property taxes and 12% of revenue is from the State of Illinois. He shared information on the District's Bond Debt Repayment, CPI, and Property Tax Rates. He shared the District's Financial Philosophy: balanced budgets every year; maintain healthy cash reserves; structure programs and services accordingly in order to generate an operating surplus each year; use annual operating surpluses to pay off capital projects and reduce the need for additional new debt; and continue to pay down existing debt until fully paid off in 2032. He also shared the 2026-2027 Legal Budget Summary (67% operating fund balance ratio beginning of the year), the Critical Financial Planning assumptions, a chart showing revenue vs. expense (good cushion), and the Budget Calendar. Mr. Groos shared all information is available on the District website.

President Peltzer shared she appreciated that all the departments creatively cut back on each of their budgets as discussed at the last Strategic meeting.

Action: 2. Approve Resolution to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
Motion to Approve the Resolution to Adopt the Budget for the Fiscal year 2026-2027 and the Corresponding FY27 ISBE State Budget Form 50-36 as Presented
Motion by David Rush, second by Bill Pender.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie
Nay: Al Haring

I. ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Discipline Report
Dr. Bruni shared the year's first Discipline Report is in the Board packet. She asked to Board to contact her if they had any questions.

J. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Cucci - No Report

K. DIRECTOR REPORTS

1. Special Education
Mrs. Novotny - No Report

2. Technology
Mr. White - No Report

3. Organizational Planning & Facilities
Mr. Sterritt - No Report

L. BOARD GOVERNANCE REPORT

1. Board President Report
President Peltzer thanked Tyler School for hosting the Board meeting and letting the Board tour the building.

2. Board Representative Reports
Three Rivers:
Member Haring shared the next Three Rivers Division Meeting is on Thursday, October 22nd, registration at 5:30, meeting at 6, at Prairie Bluff. He added the topic is the Board's Role in Special Education.

IASB:
Member Pender shared everyone should have received the email with the Resolution Report. He explained which resolutions are recommended to be approved/not approved.

M. OLD/NEW BUSINESS/COMMENTS

Vice President Rush shared appreciation for the PTO and thanked them for all the programs they have funded. He welcomed the new teachers, noting how nice it is that some of them are NLSD122 grads. He thanked Mr. Groos for explaining the budget so well and for all his hard work. Vice President Rush wished the Martino golfers good luck at State.

N. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: 1. Adjourn to Closed Session
Motion to Adjourn into Closed Session to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Employees
Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie

The Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM in conjunction with going into Closed Session. President Peltzer stated the Board would not be returning to Open Session.

2. Next Regular Meeting
October 20, 2026 6 PM at District Office

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnne Soltys, Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Stephanie Peltzer, Board President

Nicole DeGrave, Board Secretary