

**NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122  
102. S. CEDAR RD., NEW LENOX, IL 60451  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
March 18, 2025**

**A. MEETING OPENING**

**1. Call to Order**

Vice President Rush called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Rush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender (via phone), Nicole Swallow

Member Absent:

Rhonda Starklauf

**B. NEW LENOX NOTABLES**

**1. Primary Math Presentation**

Dr. Cucci shared this year the District is implementing the enVision Math curriculum, which promotes problem-based and visual learning for an engaging, inquiry-driven experience. She added the new curriculum includes hands-on activities and flexible differentiation to meet students' needs. She introduced Mrs. White, Haines Interventionist, who presented a video which gave an overview and highlighted key components of enVision. Vice President Rush thanked Mrs. White on behalf of the Board.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no Public Comments

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session at this time.

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Resolution: Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 2-14 as presented.

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - February 18, 2025**

Resolution: Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2025

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 3. Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Resolution: Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - March 18, 2025

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 4. Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills Listed for Payment**

Resolution: Motion to Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills Listed for Payment - March 18, 2025

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 5. Approval of the Personnel Report**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Personnel Report - March 18, 2025

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 6. Approval of FY25 ISBE Per Capita Library Grant**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the ISBE Per Capita Library Grant for FY25

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 7. Approve Renewal of Special Education Transportation Contract**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Extension with LW843 for Special Education Transportation Services Through the 2027-2028 School Year.

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 8. Approve Renewal of Printer Maintenance Contract**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Three-Year Contract Extension with Xerox Business Solutions Midwest for Printer Service and Maintenance Through the 2027-2028 School Year

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 9. Approve Renewal of Milk Contract**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the One-Year Contract Extension with Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. for the Supply of Lunch and Snack Milk for the 2025-2026 School Year

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 10. Approve Renewal of Plumbing Services Contract**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the One-Year Contract Extension with Calumet City Plumbing for Plumbing Contractor Services

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 11. Approval of Renewal of HVAC Services Contract**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the One-Year Contract Extension with Precision Controls for HVAC Repair and Maintenance Contractor Services

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 12. Approval of Statement of Completion for Non FPS Funded Work**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Statements of Completion for Non-FPS Funded Work

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 13. FY25 Tentative Bid/Contract Renewal Schedule**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the FY25 Tentative Bid/Contract Renewal Schedule

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**Action (Consent): 14. Monthly Cash Flow Update/Dashboard Report/Investment Report**

Resolution: Motion to Approve the Monthly Cash Flow Update/Dashboard Report/Investment Report

Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

**F. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT****1. Superintendent Report****2. Communications/Announcements**

Dr. Motsch congratulated the Board of Education for receiving the IASB Board Governance Award at the March 4th Three Rivers Division Meeting. She thanked the Board for everyone attending the event. She also congratulated Members Starklau, Swallow, Rush, Haring and Pender for receiving the IASB Established Board Leader Recognition, for completing a substantial amount of professional development.

**3. District Events**

Dr. Motsch shared District Events: Spring Break, March 31-April 4; Holiday on April 18, no school; Institute day on April 21, no school; Online Registration opens for new kindergarten and current K-7 students on April 7; ESY, June 10 - July 10; and iCanBike on June 23-27, volunteers needed. Dr. Motsch congratulated the PTO on another successful Read-A-Thon, raising \$80,340 and reading 256,956 minutes. PTO Events include: PTO Meeting on March 20 at Tyler; Dine & Donate on March 26, Tom Kelly's; Dine & Donate on April 9, Lou Malnati's; PTO Meeting on April 17 at the District Office; and You Are Enough 5K Walk/Run on May 3.

**4. FOIA Report**

Dr. Motsch shared there were 4 FOIA requests this month: current milk contract; current contracts for copiers and printers; construction and maintenance work for this year; and vendor and contract expenditures for 2004, 2014, 2024.

## **5. Administrative Update**

Dr. Motsch shared she sent an email to the Board earlier today regarding a sewer issue in the lower level at Oakview. Mr. Sterritt gave an update on what was going on, and shared he was getting quotes for the repairs. He added the District plans to make the repairs over Spring Break.

## **Action: 6. Approval of One-Year Contracts for Administrators**

Dr. Motsch shared we are very fortunate to have an extremely talented group of assistant principals in our District.

Motion to Approve the One-Year Contracts for Administrators 2025-2026.

Motion by Stephanie Peltzer, second by Nicole Swallow.

## **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Nicole Swallow

Abstain: Bill Pender

## **7. Other - Enrollment Report**

Dr. Motsch shared the current Enrollment Report is included in the Board packet.

Dr. Motsch shared information on the addition of playground equipment at the Haines/Oakview playgrounds. She shared this initiative is near and dear to our hearts and emphasizes our commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for our students. She added we had many Task Force meetings on choosing inclusive playground equipment that can be experienced by students with disabilities alongside their general education peers. Mr. Wroble, architect at Legat, presented a PowerPoint on the proposed playground accessibility improvements. He shared drawings of the overall site plans, and pictures of the new equipment which included: inclusive whirl; sensory wall with rain sounds and bongo panels; sway-fun-glider; image panel; and an augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) board. He shared the plan is for a Summer 2025 installation.

## **G. BUSINESS MANAGER/CSBO REPORT**

### **Action: 1. Approve Playground Proposal**

Motion to Approve an Expansion of the Haines & Oakview Playgrounds for a Total Estimated Cost of \$257,582

Motion by Al Haring, second by Nicole DeGrave.

## **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

## **2. Financial Planning Update**

Mr. Groos shared his report included an updated upcoming budget timeline and highlighted key points that are either new or really important to go back over. He added we are now in "budget season."

## **H. ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **1. Discipline Report**

Dr. Bruni shared the March Discipline Report is included in the Board packet. She added if anyone has questions, to please contact her or Dr. Motsch.

### **2. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Notice of Non-Renewal of Certified Personnel**

Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing Notice of Non-Renewal of Certified Personnel

Motion by Nicole Swallow, second by Nicole DeGrave.

## **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

## **I. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

1. Dr. Cucci - No Report

## **J. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

### **1. Special Education**

Mrs. Novotny - No Report

### **2. Technology**

Mr. White - No Report

### **3. Organizational Planning & Facilities**

Mr. Sterritt - No Report

## **K. BOARD GOVERNANCE REPORT**

### **1. Board Representative Reports**

Three Rivers:

Member Haring shared the Three Rivers Division has the Governing Board Planning Meeting on Tuesday, June 3rd at 5:30, and it is virtual.

IASB:  
Member Pender shared there were a few bills passed out of committee: HB 2503 establishing a State Instructional Technology Advisory Board; HB2711 expands benefits for Tier II members in TRS; plus other bills that are in an email sent out on Friday.

## **2. Board President Report**

Vice President Rush reminded everyone the next Board/Reorganization Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 30, 6 PM.

### **L. OLD/NEW BUSINESS/COMMENTS**

Member Swallow shared the math video was cute, noting she liked the 100's chart. She congratulated Vice President Rush on his team's wrestling championship, adding he did a good job as president tonight. She shared she really liked the Haines Oakview playground layout, noting it will be really good once it is done.

Member Peltzer shared she is a big fan of the enVision math curriculum, noting she has a child at each level and really appreciates it as a parent. She congratulated the PTO and the participants on their successful Read-A-Thon and on how much money they raised. She wished everyone a nice spring break.

Member DeGrave gave kudos to the playground improvements, the video, and the PTO's Read-A-Thon. She shared she is so impressed with the art events and amazing programs we offer in the District.

Member Haring shared he hoped everyone had a nice Pi Day and a nice St. Patrick's Day. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote on April 1st. He added he enjoyed the math presentation. He shared he is really excited about the new playground equipment at Haines and Oakview, noting it looks fun for all kids, and is glad we could get this done.

Member Pender shared good job to the PTO. He added the playground equipment is great. He also congratulated Vice President Rush on his team's wrestling championship.

Vice President Rush shared he was happy with the enVision math curriculum. He wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day, thanking all the teachers who had fun events on that day. He wished everyone a great spring break and hoped everyone enjoyed their time off.

### **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **Action: 1. Adjourn to Closed Session**

Motion to Adjourn into Executive Session to Discuss the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Employees

Motion by Stephanie Peltzer, second by Bill Pender.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Aye: David Rush, Stephanie Peltzer, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Nicole Swallow

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:34 PM.

Vice President Rush stated the Board would not be returning to Open Session.

## **2. Next Regular/Reorganization Meeting**

April 30, 2025 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,

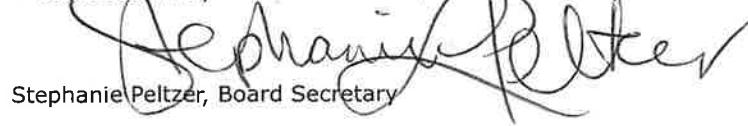


LeAnne Soltys, Recording Secretary

Approved by,



Rhonda Starklauf, Board President



Stephanie Peltzer, Board Secretary