NEW LENOX SCHOOL DISTRICT 122
102 S. CEDAR RD., NEW LENOX, IL 60451
BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 16, 2026

A. MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order
President Peltzer called the meeting to order to 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, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie, Megan Wendtland

B. NEW LENOX NOTABLES

1. Peer Buddies Recognition
Dr. Motsch highlighted the Peer Buddy Club at Haines and Oakview Schools, a program that has made a meaningful impact throughout our entire school community. She shared this recognition was inspired by a parent, Mrs. Laurie Cepkauskas, who reached out to share her family's experience and encouraged us to recognize the dedicated staff who make the club such a success. Dr. Motsch created and shared an informational video providing a historical look at the club and the impact it has had on staff and students. Mrs. Cepkauskas talked about the founders and teachers of the Peer Buddy Program, and the impact the program has had on her family. She acknowledged NLSD122 staff, Brenda Rodriguez, Samantha Soosh, Katie Beckett, Karen Phelps, Delaney Creamer, Carrie White, Michelle Hall, and Brian Laack. She thanked the District for believing in inclusion, creating opportunities for friendship, and for giving her daughter and so many of her friends something every child deserves, the chance to belong. Dr. Motsch acknowledged the students who participated in the video, MaryJane Kelsey, Juliana Ott, Nox Luna, Vincent Tweedy, Elena Muzquiz, Molly La Porte, and Emily Cepkauskas. President Peltzer presented certificates to the Peer Buddy staff and students.

2. 2026 IESA Girls State Track and Field Recognition
Dr. Motsch introduced Coach Kies who recognized the Martino Jr. High IESA Girls State Track and Field Champions. He thanked his other coaches and Dr. Groen for their support. He shared information and anecdotes on each athlete and their accomplishments. The Martino athletes included: Blake Gresky, Bailey Luby, Laney Hoff, Olivia Kinsella, Samantha Bonarek, Ruby Kimble, Harper White, Aubrey Sudkamp, Ava Zartler, Fiona Galligan, Ava Dite, Lily Decosta, Claire Dughetti, and Hailey Kaatz. He noted the 4 x 400 team was ranked number one in the country for their fastest time. He shared he was very thankful for the effort the team and coaches give all of the time. Member Haring presented certificates to the Martino athletes. Coach Hence recognized the Liberty Jr. High athletes who received medals at the IESA Girls State Track and Field meet. He shared the athlete's accomplishments. The athletes included: Reagan Muldoon, Kenzie Neubauer, Taylor Faxel, Kinzie Catellier, and Violet McCann. Member Bowie presented certificates to the Liberty athletes.

On behalf of the Board of Education, President Peltzer thanked the peer buddies and the athletes for coming to the meeting and sharing their stories and accomplishments.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Haring requested to pull item #11 (Approval of 2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook) and vote on it separately.

Action (Consent): 1. Approval of Consent Agenda Items
Resolution: Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 2-19 as presented without #11
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2026
Resolution: Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from May 19, 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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent), Minutes: 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes - May 26, 2026
Resolution: Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes from May 26, 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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 4. Approval of Treasurer's Report
Resolution: Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report - June 16, 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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 5. Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills Listed for Payment
Resolution: Motion to Authorize Treasurer to Pay Bills Listed for Payment - June 16, 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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 6. Approve Resolution Authorizing Prompt Payment of Bills (June/July 2026 Bills)
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Prompt Payment of Bills
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 7. Approval of the Personnel Report
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Personnel Report - June 16, 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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 8. Approval of Contract with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC
Resolution: Motion to Approve a Renewed Contract with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC for a Contracted School Psychologist for the 2026-2027 School Year
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 9. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Manhattan School District 114
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Manhattan School District 114 to Enroll One of their Students in our Specialized Instruction Classroom for the 2026-2027 School Year
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 10. Approval of Wage Rate Scale
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Wage Rate Scale (Effective 7/1/2026)
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, Megan Wendtland

Action: 11. Approval of 2026-2027 Parent Student Handbook
Motion to Approve the Updated 2026-2027 Parent/Student Handbook
Motion by David Rush, second by Bill Pender.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie, Megan Wendtland
Nay: Al Haring

Action (Consent): 12. Approve 2025-2026 Final School Calendar
Resolution: Motion to Approve the 2025-2026 Final School Calendar
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 13. Approval of Miscellaneous SPED and Homeless Student Routes
Resolution: Motion to Approve the One-Year Contract Extension with First Student for the 2026-2027 Miscellaneous Special Education and Homeless Student Route Contract
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 14. Approve Health and Life Safety Amendment for Martino Junior High Roof Replacement Project
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Request for Authorization to Use Fire Prevention and Safety Funds and All Related Information Related to the Request to Use the ISBE Life Safety Process to Fund the Completion of the Martino Roof Replacement in the Summer of 2027
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 15. Approve Property and Casualty Insurance Policy
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal with the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative for a Total Cost of $380,637 for the 2026-2027 School Year
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 16. Approve Workers' Compensation Insurance Policy
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal with the Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative for a Total Cost of $154,761 for the 2026-2027 School Year
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 17. FY26 Tentative Bid/Contract Renewal Schedule
Resolution: Motion to Approve the FY26 Tentative Bid/Contract Renewal Schedule
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, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 18. 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: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie, Megan Wendtland

Action (Consent): 19. Financial Update
Resolution: Motion to Approve the Financial Planning Update
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, Megan Wendtland

F. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Superintendent Report
Dr. Motsch shared each Board Member is receiving a book, *High Road Leadership*, by John C. Maxwell. She noted she will be facilitating a book study with the administrator team during the upcoming school year. She offered to do a book study with the Board, if they are interested.

Dr. Motsch reminded everyone there is no July Board meeting.

2. Communications/Announcements

3. District Events
Dr. Motsch shared ESY is underway until July 9. She added the PTO is sponsoring a 2026-2027 School Supplies sale with School Tool Box, with information available on the PTO website.

4. FOIA Report
Dr. Motsch shared there were six FOIA requests, with more detailed information in the FOIA Report in BoardDocs.

5. Administrative Update

Dr. Motsch shared a new Special Education Supervisor position had been discussed at the May Strategic meeting to oversee programs housed at Cherry Hill. She shared she was excited to announce the new Special Education Supervisor, Abigail Gorecki, a former student of ours, who student taught in the District, and is currently a diagnostician in the District.

Action: 6. Approval of One-Year Contract for Administrator - Special Education Supervisor
Motion to Approve the One-Year Contract for Administrator - Special Education Supervisor
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, Megan Wendtland

7. Other - Enrollment Report
Dr. Motsch shared the final Enrollment Report for the 2025-2026 school year is in BoardDocs.

G. BUSINESS MANAGER/CSBO REPORT

Mr. Groos shared the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget, as was presented and discussed at the May Strategic meeting is in BoardDocs. He shared he also included a copy of the Public Hearing Notice that will be published in the local paper and on our website. He noted this information will be available all summer, with the Board voting to approve the legal budget after a public hearing at the September Board meeting.

Action: 1. Approval of 2026-2027 Tentative Legal Budget and Associated Public Hearing Notice
Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget and Public Hearing Notice as Presented
Motion by Bill Pender, second by Nicole DeGrave.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie, Megan Wendtland
Nay: Al Haring

Mr. Groos shared the Summer 2027 capital projects were publicly discussed with the Board at the May Strategic Board meeting. He noted the bids will be brought to the Board for review and approval in December 2026.

Action: 2. Approval to Authorize the 2027 Capital Improvement Projects to Proceed
Motion to Approve Legat and ICI to Complete all Necessary Planning and Design Work for the Summer 2027 Capital Projects during the Months of June - December of 2026 and also Give the Team Permission to Go Out to Bid with an Expected Bid Opening Date in November of 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, Megan Wendtland

H. ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Discipline Report
Dr. Bruni shared the final Discipline Report of the school year is in the Board packet, and asked the Board to contact her with any questions.

I. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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 President Report
President Peltzer shared there will be no July Board meeting.

2. Board Representative Reports
Three Rivers:
Member Haring shared there is a Three Rivers Division meeting on June 25th at 6 pm via Zoom. He added the purpose of the meeting is to set up topics for the upcoming school year.

IASB:
Member Pender shared information on several legislative bills that have passed, and also on bills that were voted down. He added proposed resolutions for the November Joint Conference are due to him by Wednesday.

President Peltzer shared she was at a leadership conference over the weekend, and noted Dr. Motsch's book study book was referenced many times.

Dr. Motsch shared new Board policy 2:174 is a policy that addresses the evaluation of requests for property tax abatements.

Action: 3. Approval of Policy 2:174 - 2nd Reading and Adoption
Motion to Approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Policy 2:174
Motion by Megan Wendtland, second by Nicole DeGrave.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie, Megan Wendtland

L. OLD/NEW BUSINESS/COMMENTS

Member DeGrave thanked Mr. Sterritt for taking the Board on a tour of the construction project at Tyler School, adding she is always impressed with his knowledge. She shared she is so amazed with the Peer Buddies, how impactful the program is, and what it meant to the parent to present her inspiring information. She shared she was so impressed with the Martino and Liberty track athletes and their incredible accomplishments. She gave a blanketed thank you to the staff and everybody for such a wonderful school year, noting we are very grateful for our teachers and staff. She asked everyone to enjoy their summer.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 1. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting.
Motion by David Rush, second by Nicole DeGrave.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Stephanie Peltzer, David Rush, Nicole DeGrave, Al Haring, Bill Pender, Fay Bowie, Megan Wendtland

The Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

2. Next Regular Meeting
August 18, 2026 6 PM at District Office

Respectfully submitted,

LeAnne Soltys, Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Stephanie Peltzer, Board President

Nicole DeGrave, Board Secretary