MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSHOP
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67
300 SOUTH WAUKEGAN ROAD, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045
OCTOBER 28 , 2025

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, County of Lake, State of Illinois, was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, and called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President, Mark Remus.

PRESENT: Mark Remus, President
Megan Engelberg, Vice - President
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary
Greg Adamo, Member
Monica Yaun, Member
Jerry Lavin, Member

ABSENT: Timo Berger, Member

CABINET PRESENT:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Phil Georgia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Renee Fitzsimmons, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Accountability
Jordan Salus, Chief Technology Officer

GUESTS: Laura Gutting, Community Member

FINANCE AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE

Dr. Hermes and Mrs. Tjardes presented along with administration on current finance and operations topics. The topics covered were Construction Update, the Tentative tax levy and the Tentative 5 year projections

While Dr. Hermes gave the construction update. Mrs. Tjardes spoke about the levy and draft 5-year projection. Members of The Board asked questions and discussion ensued.

WORKSHOP

The public opinion survey results were given by Paul Fallon, he spoke on methods used to determine data, and how interviews and surveys are used.

Renee Fitzsimmons and Jordan Salus gave the board an update on the Illinois report card and where the district stands. The results show strong district numbers.

A mini Board retreat will be held sometime in January to discuss Board goals. Mark spoke briefly on shared services.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Hermes presented a discussion on Tier II. A discussion ensued with Board members.

REOPEN REGULAR MEETING:

President Remus called back to order the Regular Meeting of the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois, at 7:31 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL WERE:

Mark Remus, President
Megan Engelberg, Vice - President
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary
Greg Adamo, Member
Monica Yaun, Member
Jerry Lavin, Member

ABSENT: Timo Berger, Member

CABINET: Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Erin Lenart, Assistant Superintendent/LFHS Principal
Phil Georgia, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Carswell, Board Clerk
Brittany Tjardes, Director of Fiscal Services

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and members of the community recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Remus spoke on test scores, and how the teachers are the biggest component on the success of the students and the district

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT | ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Dr. Montgomery, in collaboration with Renee Fitzsimmons, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning, and Accountability, reported on the IL report card, the Fallon Survey, Grateful Market, Joint Board Coffee, the District 115 Strategic Update and Learning Walk and Upcoming Events
The full presentation can be found on the District website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Professional Services Proposal from Hutchinson Design Group LTD

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Professional Services Proposal from Hutchinson Design Group LTD

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Adamo, Yaun, Engelberg, Fitzgerald, Lavin, Remus

Nay:

Absent: Berger

The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Professional Services Proposal from Mechanical Services Associates Corporation

Motion: Ms. Engelberg moved, seconded by Ms. Yaun, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Professional Services Proposal from Mechanical Services Associates Corporation

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Yaun, Remus, Engelberg, Lavin, Adamo, Fitzgerald

Nay:

Absent: Berger

The motion was carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA*

**Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board Member.*

1. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statements October 2025
2. Approval of Human Resources Report
   - Hires
   - Resignations
   - Retirements
   - Leaves of Absence
   - Changes of Assignments
   - Stipends | Activities | Additional Assignments
3. Approval of Administrator/Teacher Salary and Benefits Report
4. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, September 23, 2025
5. Minutes of an Executive Session, September 23, 2025
6. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, October 28, 2025
7. Minutes of an Executive Session, October 28, 2025

Motion: Mr. Lavin moved, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented.

Votes were taken by roll call. Votes were cast as follows:

Aye: Engelberg, Fitzgerald, Adamo, Yaun, Lavin, Remus
Nay:
Absent: Berger

The motion was carried unanimously.

FOIA REQUESTS*
Frank McCormick | 3 of 3 | Completed
Michael Rost | 1 of 1 | Completed
Janie Jordan | 1 of 1 | Completed
Owen Wang | 3 of 3 | Completed
Jared Peperbrink | 1 of 1 | Completed
Jeff Brincat | 2 of 2 | Completed
Academy Research Group | 1 of 1 | Completed
Ted Boborski | 1 of 1 | Completed
**FOIA Requests will not be made available on the website until completed*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, November 7, 2025	No Student Attendance - Institute Day
Thursday, November 13, 2025	Finance Committee of a Whole
Thursday, November 13, 2025	**Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** **LFHS West Campus Board Room**

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made by Ms. Yaun, seconded by Ms. Engelberg to adjourn the meeting.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

President Noble declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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Mark Remus, President Date Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary Date