

**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
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

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, February 24, 2026, and called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Vice President, Megan Engelberg.

PRESENT:

Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary	Greg Adamo, Member
Jerry Lavin, Member	Monica Yaun, Member
Megan Engelberg, Vice - President	Timo Berger, Member (5:05 PM)

ABSENT: Mark Remus, President

CABINET PRESENT:

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Brittany Tjardes, Director of Fiscal Services/CSBO
Andrew Fenton, Director of Teaching, Learning, and Accountability
Samuel Paulsen, DPM Principal
Dr. Michelle Shinn, DPM Principal
Molly Escobar, Student Services Coordinator
JoAnn Ford Halvorsen, Director of Student Services
Tiana Tolver, Board Clerk

GUESTS: None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE

Deer Path Middle (DPM) School Staffing Update

Dr. Shinn and Mr. Paulsen presented on DPM schedule and staffing considerations. An overview of the 2025 - 2026 Student Improvement Plan was presented, focus goals and the barriers in achieving them. Members of the Board asked questions, discussion ensued on the action plan and how to actionize the Portrait of a Learner.

No changes will be made until there is alignment from the Board and Administration on the best way to proceed. The Board was invited to attend the Readiness Meeting and an update will be provided at the end of the week.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Update

Dr. Fitzsimmons and Mr. Fenton provided an update on academics and discussed the MAP score growth from prior years. Members of the Board asked questions and discussion ensued.

Department of Student Services (DSS) Update

Dr. Escobar and Ms. Ford Halvorsen provided an update on Special Education, the focus goals, and timeline, and next steps. Excited to report that the MAP IEP scores have grown from prior year.

WORKSHOP

Updates provided on Board Leadership and Retreat, Portrait to Practice Event, Bidding/Procurement Process, Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence.

The Board agreed to move the June 16, 2026 Board of Education meeting to June 15, 2026.

The 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit review is being tabled to March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Adamo and seconded by Ms. Yaun that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. to discuss matters related to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony or a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 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 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Votes were cast as follows:

Ayes: Berger, Adamo, Yuan, Engelberg, Lavin, Fitzgerald

Nays:

Absent: Remus

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Adamo moved, seconded by Ms. Yaun that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, return to Open Session at 7:14 p.m.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

REOPEN REGULAR MEETING:

Vice - President Engelberg called back to order the Regular Meeting of the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois, at 7:20 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL WERE:

Megan Engelberg, Vice - President
Greg Adamo, Member
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary

Jerry Lavin, Member
Monica Yaun, Member
Timo Berger, Member

ABSENT: Mark Remus, President

CABINET: Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
Melissa Oakley, Chief Communications Officer
Renee Fitzsimmons, Assistant Superintendent for TLA
Jennifer Hermes, Chief Operating Officer/CSBO

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Tiana Tolver, Board Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT | ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Dr. Montgomery, in collaboration with Dr. Fitzsimmons presented the District Leadership report. Topics covered include AASA National Conference, Community Engagement, Beyond the Budget: Tax Levy, Learning our Portrait 2026, National Nutrition Month, District 67 Technology Working Group, Scripps Spelling Bee, Around the District, Referendum Update, and Upcoming Events.

The full presentation can be found on the District website.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

Acceptance of the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit

Motion: Mr. Berger moved, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois table the acceptance of the 2024-2025 Annual Financial Audit.

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

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

Nay: Remus

The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of Lake County School Mutual Aid Response Team (LCSMART) Intergovernmental Agreement

Motion: Ms. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Berger, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Lake County School Mutual Aid Response Team (LCSMART) Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

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

Nay: Remus

The motion was carried unanimously

Approval of the Recommendation to Approve the Bids for the D67 Summer of 2026 Roofing and HVAC Project

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois Approve the Recommendation for the D67 Summer of 2026 Roofing and HVAC Project bids.

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

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

Nay: Remus

The motion was carried unanimously

Approval of the Recommendation to approve the Siemens Building Automation System Migration to Desigo CC Platform

Motion: Mr. Lavin moved, seconded by Ms. Yaun, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the Recommendation of the Siemens Building Automation System Migration to Desigo CC Platform

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

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

Nay: Remus

The motion was carried unanimously

Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Notice of Dismissal and Reassignment of Administrator

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Mr. Adamo, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois Adopt the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Dismissal and Reassignment of Administrator

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

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

Nay: Remus

Approval of PRESS Issue 120 Second Reading

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Mr. Berger, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the second reading of PRESS Issue 120.

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

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

Nay: Remus

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA*

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

1. Approval of the 2026-2027 Student Fees
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Report
 - July 2025
 - August 2025
 - September 2025
 - October 2025
 - November 2025
 - December 2025
3. Approval of Human Resources Report
 - Hires
 - Resignations/Retirements
 - Leave of Absence
 - Stipends | Activities | Athletics Assignments
 - Change of Assignments
4. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop December 16, 2025

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

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

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

Nay: Remus

The motion was carried unanimously.

FOIA REQUESTS*

Phillipe Melin | 3 of 3 | Completed

Academy Research Group | 2 of 2 | Completed

Robert Dodson | 1 of 1 | Completed

Bo Kim | 2 of 2 | Completed

Tania Campbell | 1 of 1 | Completed

Deveraux Johnson | 2 of 2 | Completed

Parents Care | 2 of 2 | Completed

CT Mills | 1 of 1 | Completed

Alan Bailargeon | 1 of 1 | Completed

Owen Wang | 6 of 6 | Completed

**FOIA Requests will not be made available on the website until completed*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday March 5, 2026

Parent Teacher Conferences - Full Day of School

Friday, March 6, 2026

Parent Teacher Conferences - No School

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Finance Committee of a Whole - 5:00 p.m.

Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

LFHS West Campus Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adamo, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald, to adjourn the meeting.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

Vice - President Engelberg declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Mark Remus, President

Date

Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary

Date