

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67
LFHS WEST CAMPUS, 300 S. WAUKEGAN RD, LAKE FOREST, IL 60045
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Lake Forest School District 67, County of Lake, State of Illinois was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at Lake Forest High School West Campus, and called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mr. Remus

Board members present at roll call were:

Megan Engelberg, Vice President
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary
Greg Adamo, Member
Timo Berger, member
Jerry Lavin, Member
Monica Yaun, Member

Absent: Mark Remus, President

Administration Present:

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

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Carswell, Board Clerk
Whitney Draegert, Director of Business Services
Dan Mortensen, Director of Facilities
Susan Milsch, Principal of Sheridan Elementary
Kate Cavanaugh, principal of Cherokee Elementary
Megan Eigenrauch, Principal of Everett Elementary
Vail Keiser, Director of Teaching and Learning
JoAnn Ford Halvorsen, Director of Student Services
Jenny Sterpin, Executive Director of Special Education, Compliance and Management

Guests: Laura Gutting, Community Member

Education Committee:

Vail Keiser, her team and the D67 Elementary School Principals gave an update on the highlights of the year. Vail spoke on K-4 celebrations, academics, innovation, belonging and interdependence. The Principals spoke on learning walks, which allow them to learn by observing work being done in the classrooms.

Each Principal gave an update on model Schools, the learner engagement rubric SIP focus and next steps.

Jenny Sterpin and Joann Ford Halvorsen spoke about the continuum review process, and the desired outcome for 25-26. Updates were given on structured learning supports, a continuum review and clarity on instruction and behaviour.

Board Workshop:

Matt spoke to Board members about the Starting Right Workshop and its benefit to new as well as current Board members. A date to attend will be set at the next Board meeting.

Adjourn to Executive Session:

Motion: Ms. Yaun moved, seconded by Mr. Adamo that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn to Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. to Discussion on 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)

The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Mark remus, President

The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourn from Executive Session:

Motion: Ms. Fitzgerald moved, seconded by Mr. Lavin, that the Board of Education of City of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest Illinois, adjourned Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

On voice vote, motion carried.

Re-Open Meeting:

Mr. Remus called back to order the regular meeting of the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present at roll call were:

Megan Engelberg, Vice President
Monica Yaun, Member
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary
Timo Berger, Member

Greg Adamo, Member
Jerry Lavin, Member

Absent: Mark Remus, President

Administration Present:

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

Staff Present:

Elizabeth Carswell, Board Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SPOTLIGHT

Gardening2Grow - Lisa Walsh gave the history behind Gardening2Grow as well as milestones. She explained the “why” behind the program, its community partners, the partnership with Lake Forest College, Quest Foods, Elawa Farms and Mariani Gardens Support.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mrs. Engelberg, who was subbing as President in the absence of Mark Remus, welcomed the new Board members, and thanked the D67 staff and Administration for a successful school year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Montgomery gave his report which consisted of the following topics, staff appreciation 2025, Google and Stanford visits, new school finance resources, MAP testing, DPM cafeteria renovation update, Spirit of 67 Grant Day, student voices, national music education designation, IL green school project recognition, around the District, Gardening2Grow and the DeepPath Middle School graduation. Dr. Montgomery's full report can be found online..

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

None

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None

ACTION ITEMS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda*

1. Approval of Disbursements, Payrolls, and Financial Statement, January and April, 2025
2. Approval of Human Resources Report
 - Hires
 - Resignations
 - Retirements
 - Leave of Absence
 - Change of Assignments/Additional Assignments
3. Approval of the ECRA Group for the 2025-2026 School Year
4. Approval of the Proposed Final 2024-2025 School Year Calendar
5. Minutes of an Executive Session, April 22, 2025
6. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, April 22, 2025
7. Minutes of an Organizational Meeting, May 8, 2025

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

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

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

Nays:

Absent: Mark Remus, President

The motion was carried unanimously.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):

Heather Heiden | 1 of 1 | Completed

Sarah James | 1 of 1 | Completed

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

Public Participation:

None

Announcements:

Friday May 23, 2025

½ Day Student Attendance

Monday May 26, 2025

No School - Memorial Day

Monday June 2, 2025

½ Day of Student Attendance - **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Board of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
LFHS West Campus Board Room

Adjournment:

Motion: Mr. Adamo moved, seconded by Mrs. Engelberg that the Board of Education of Lake Forest School District 67, Lake Forest, Illinois, adjourn the regular meeting.

On voice vote, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Mark Remus, President

Date _____

Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary

Date _____