

**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, APRIL 21, 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, April 21, 2026, and called to order at 5:00 PM by President Mark Remus.

PRESENT:

Jerry Lavin, Member	Greg Adamo, Member (5:02 PM)
Monica Yaun, Member	Megan Engelberg (5:03 PM)
Mark Remus, President	Timo Berger, Member
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary	

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

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Brittany Tjardes, Director of Fiscal Services/CSBO
Jennifer Sterpin, Executive Director of Special Education, Compliance and Grant Management
Andrew Fenton, Director of Teaching and Learning
Jennifer Parkhurst, K-8 Mathematics Coach
Elizabeth Carswell, Board Clerk

GUESTS: None

EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE

Illustrative Math Update

Andrew Fenton and Jennifer Parkhurst gave a presentation on the IM360 program update. IM360 is a Problem-based, student centered, conceptual approach based on research of best practices in mathematics education.

Key Updates include:

- Adjustments to enhance lessons in need of redesign
- Newly added formative assessments (checkpoints)
- Updated Assessment Questions
- New instructional guidance promoting math community, accessibility, & inclusion

- Improved usability of teacher guides & student consumables

A pilot was launched in the Spring of 2026 and teacher feedback has been positive. Next steps include IM360 Summer work, building math community PD and engagement and differentiation PD.

Dr. Fitzsimmons addressed questions regarding textbooks. The board asked about the rationale behind students not taking books home and where do we stand in comparison to similar districts. The purposeful decision to not allow students to bring IPADS was also addressed, with staff reassuring board members that IPADS used in school are not over used, they are used with purposeful intent.

AI Next Steps

Dr. Fitzsimmons spoke about the Portrait of a Learner reboot and how synthesized notes from the community, critical thinking and ethics, student readiness, and an education first approach will be key factors taken into account.

WORKSHOP

Open Topics/New Business

Dr. Montgomery asked the board their thoughts on changing the order of the meeting, beginning with Executive session, transitioning into the Education or Finance Committee of a Whole, ending with Workshop before going into the regular meeting.

A date was set for the board retreat of June 22, 2020. Location TBD. A board office slate discussion was also had among board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Lavin, and seconded by Ms. Engelberg, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. 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 body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Collective Negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one of more classes of employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of school personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

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

Votes were cast as follows:

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

Nays:

Absent:

The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Mr. Adamo moved, seconded by Ms. Engelberg, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, return to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

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 7:08 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL WERE:

Megan Engelberg, Vice - President
Greg Adamo, Member
Timo Berger, Member
Monica Yaun, Member

Jerry Lavin, Member
Mark Remus, President
Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary

CABINET:

Matthew Montgomery, Superintendent
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Renee Fitzsimmons, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching, Learning, and Accountability
Jordan Salus, Chief Technology Officer

ADMINISTRATION/STAFF PRESENT:

Brittany Tjardes, Director of Fiscal Services/CSBO
Chuck Walsh, Director of Safety
Elizabeth Carswell, Board Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Remus spoke on recent events that occurred at Deerpath Middle school. He expressed his concern and understanding of the situation. He as well as all board members want the community to know this matter is not being taken lightly. He also asked the community for trust from the board and the administration in their handling of this matter.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT | ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

The Superintendent's report consisted of the following topics: Educational Insights, Superintendent's Advisory Council, Spirit of 67 Grants Week, State Report Card Update, APT Family Math Presentation, Staffing Update, Joint Board Coffee, New Episodes of Beyond The Budget and Under The Hard Hat, Music Education Award, Around the District, Art in the Community and Upcoming Events. The full report can be found online at the district's website.

SPOTLIGHT

Megan Eigenrauch and Everett students gave a presentation on Portrait of a Learner and how it is incorporated into their day. Everett's mission for the week is accountability. They also presented on why focusing on and practicing District 67's competencies is important. Students shared pictures they drew regarding critical thinking, adaptability and confidence.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Recommendation to Uphold Suspension Appeal Determination

Motion: Mr. Lavin moved, seconded by Ms. Engelberg, that the Lake Forest School District 67 Board of Education, Lake Forest, Illinois approve the recommendation to uphold suspension appeal determination.

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

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

Absent:

Nay:

The motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA*

1. Approval of Monthly Financial Report - February 2026
2. Approval of Human Resources Report
 - Hires
 - Resignations/Retirements
 - Leave of Absence
 - Employment Contracts
 - Change of Assignments
3. Approval of Quest Food Management Services Renewal 2026 - 2027
4. Approval of Donation Recognition
5. Approval to Waive First Reading of Policy 5:60 - Expenses (PRESS Issue 118)
6. Approval of Second Reading of Policy 5:60 - Expenses (PRESS Issue 118)
7. Approval of 2026 - 2027 Board Meeting Calendar
8. Approval of the Consolidated District Plan 2026 - 2027
9. Minutes of an Executive Session, March 16, 2026
10. Minutes of a Regular Meeting and Workshop, March 16, 2026
11. Minutes of an Executive Session, December 16, 2025
12. Release of Executive Minutes July 2025 - December 2025

Motion: Mr. Adamo moved, seconded by Mr. Lavin, 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: Yaun, Berger, Remus, Engelberg, Lavin, Adamo, Fitzgerald

Absent:

Nay:

The motion was carried unanimously.

FOIA REQUESTS*

Ted Boborski | 1 of 1 | Completed

Parents Care | 1 of 1 | Completed

Frank McCormick | 5 of 5 | Completed

Kevin O'Mara | 1 of 1 | Completed

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

Public Participation

Several community members spoke to the board about an incident that occurred at Deerpath Middle School. A parent close to the incident spoke about how his family was affected by the incident. Other community members gave thoughts on the incident as well. Parents also expressed concern on classroom size and its effect on staff and students.

Announcements

Friday, April 24, 2026

Day of Student Attendance - Regular School
Day Due to Used Emergency Weather Day

Monday, May 4, 2026

Joint Policy Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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

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

VI. Adjournment

On Voice Vote, motion carried.

President Remus declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Mark Remus, President

Date

Lori Fitzgerald, Secretary

Date