

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LA GRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 105
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the District 105 Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Lopez at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 23, 2024.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sheila Bryck, Amy Flaherty Hartman, Elias Lopez, Candice Mares, Robert Sherman, Bryan White, Kelly Young; Late: None, Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION

The closed session of the regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Lopez, at 6:02 PM on Monday, September 23, 2024 in the Library Learning Center of Gurrie Middle School, 1001 S. Spring Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

The Board met in closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, performance, and/or dismissal/resignation of personnel, and a matter relating to an individual student.

Ms. Mares moved to return to general session, seconded by Mr. White. The motion carried with a voice vote. The Board returned to general session at 7:00 PM on September 23, 2024..

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the resignations for the following:

On roll call, members voting AYE: Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

BUDGET HEARING – FY25

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 open the Budget Hearing for FY25.:

On roll call, members voting AYE: Hartman, Lopez; Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Mr. Steven Smidl presented the 2024-25 Budget to the Board for approval. After approval, the original signed copy is to be sent to the County Clerk and West 40. It is also to be submitted to ISBE electronically and must be provided by September 30, 2024. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 close the Budget Hearing for FY25:

On roll call, members voting AYE: Lopez; Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ganan thanked the D105 Foundation for hosting a successful Back to School Family Night. He thanked the student volunteers, community volunteers, and all of the families that came out to participate in this event. Dr. Ganan shared that the D105 Preschool Program has once again received the Gold Circle of Quality in ExceleRate Illinois. This recognition is based on a preschool monitoring visit. He congratulated all of the Preschool Programming Team.

Celebrations at each of the schools include: Hodgkins: Hodgkins students have been working on establishing classroom routines and the new math curriculum. Ideal: The staff hosted their annual Books and Bagels event. The library hosted families to enjoy some breakfast and reading time with each other. Seventh Avenue: Seventh Avenue students have been focusing on the three Bs – Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Here and Ready and what it looks like in the classroom and other settings like lunch, recess, hallways, and morning assembly. Spring Avenue: Due to the weather, the Spring Avenue Block Party was cancelled for this year. Thank you to the PTO for all their efforts in the planning for this event. Gurrie: The Gurrie PBIS kickoff was a huge success! Students learned about Gurrie’s core expectations: Being Ready, Respectful, and Safe. Students also attended a leadership workshop facilitated by community member Dr. Kris Lonsway.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Mr. Lopez read the following policy on public comment procedures.

“The Board understands the importance of public comments as a means of direct communication between our community and the school board. We share a passion for decision making that best educates our students while keeping them safe. To that end, let's remember to keep this portion of the meeting functioning with mutual respect. Here are some guidelines to keep in mind for our public comments portion of the agenda:

- Each person will be allotted 3 minutes for their comments.
- You must state your full name when making a public comment.
- The audience will respect the speaker and the board by remaining silent until it is their turn to make a public comment.
- You should not expect an immediate verbal response from the Board during public comments.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sixth Day Enrollment Presentation – Dr. Brian J. Ganan

Dr. Ganan presented the Sixth Day Enrollment Summary to the Board.

K-8 Sixth Day Enrollment Summary (includes Students Enrolled In District, but placed outside of District)

School	6th Day FY 25	% Change from 6th Day FY 2024	With Early Childhood
Hodgkins	107	5.3% (113)	161/161 (0%)
Ideal	255	3.2% (247)	N/A
Seventh	192	1.0% (194)	N/A
Spring	311	1.9% (317)	N/A
Gurrie	277	1.8% (272)	N/A
Total	1142 1196 with Pre-K	.09% (1143)	N/A

K-8 Sixth Day Enrollment Trends (without Early Childhood)

SY	K-8 6th Day Enrollment
FY14	1,372
FY15	1,373
FY16	1,370
FY17	1,325
FY18	1,284
FY19	1,274
FY20	1,251
FY21	1,234
FY22	1,173
FY23	1,131
FY24	1,143
FY25	1,142

K-8 Sixth Day Enrollment for FY25 is 1,142.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

D105 Member Appointment to the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools Governing Board

On August 9, 2024, Governor Pritzker signed House Bill 0305. This bill provides school districts will the opportunity to elect either a school board member or district administrator to the Township of Schools' Governing Board. D105 should now have a member on the Lyons Township Treasurer's Office (LTTO) Board. Tonight the Board will be asked to approve Mr. Steven Smidl, Director of Business Services, to the LTTO Board.

Air Conditioning Project Update

Steven Smidl presented the following:

The air conditioning project is closer to completion at Hodgkins, Ideal, And Spring/Gurrie.

Updates on each building are below:

Hodgkins The second floor within the original building provided issues of calibration as cool air was inconsistent with the main level. The district continues to address other issues with calibration and temperature consistencies. AC throughout the building continues to go through its calibration process to identify areas that are not producing the same quality as expected through the system. After the first week of school, the landscaping at Hodgkins completed the project with the larger bushes to cover the new transformer and sod installed around the planted flowers.

Ideal The project team continued to identify areas of the building that showed inconsistencies with air flow. Currently, there are less than 4 rooms to address with updates from the project team where there is more humidity and less cool air. The district continues to monitor is calibration and clear out the uninvent filters to focus on potential blockages of air coming into the classrooms and office spaces.

Spring/Gurrie During this month, there were issues with the chiller that focused on the system controls based on the watt usage. This affected the chiller during the first week of school with the extremely hot temperatures. The district addressed these concerns, so the chiller does not shut down along with a thorough evaluation of the system and unit. Both Spring and Gurrie uninvents are providing consistent air flow with calibration continuing focus on parity within classrooms and hallways.

As of now, we have used 20% of our allocation of reserves. With the project concluding, we are addressing any of the smaller projects that were missed from the original scope of work.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. - Approval of Minutes, Regular, General, and Special –August 19, 2024

B. - Administrative Reports

- 1.) Curriculum/Instruction/Professional Development
- 2.) Business and Finance
- 3.) Technology
- 4.) FOIA

C.- Approval of Payment of Bills/Payroll

D.- Approval of Substitute List

On roll call, members voting AYE: Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

ACTION ITEMS

Expulsion of Student

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the resolution of the expulsion of student.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2024, an expulsion hearing was held to address allegations of gross disobedience and misconduct against Student 2024-1. The hearing was conducted by the Board of Education's Hearing Officer;

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer's report describes gross disobedience and misconduct that in the opinion of this Board warrants the expulsion of Student 2024-1.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Education of LaGrange School District 105, Cook County, Illinois resolves:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 5/10-22.6 of the Illinois School Code, Student 2024-1 is hereby expelled from LaGrange School District 105 effective September 23, 2024.

Section 2. The term of the expulsion is for two calendar years, expiring on September 22, 2026. Provided, however, if the parent/guardian of Student 2024-1 presents evidence in August 2025 that Student 2024-1 is enrolling in another school district to attend 9th grade, the expulsion will be suspended to allow Student 2024-1 to begin high school for the 2025-26 school year in another school district.

Section 3. If Student 2024-1 fails to enroll in high school for the 2025-26 school year, or if he enrolls but later withdraws or is expelled, the expulsion will resume in full effect without further action by the Board of Education.

Board Member Mrs. Young moved adoption of this resolution and
Board Member Dr. Robert Sherman seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote the members voted as follows:

AYE: Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares
NAY: None

On roll call, members voting AYE: Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Employment

Motion by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

- 1) Marie Conforti, Lunchroom Monitor at Spring Avenue School, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective August 26, 2024;
- 2) Diana Flores, Lunchroom Monitor at Seventh Avenue School, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective September 9, 2024;
- 3) Donna Johnson, Paraprofessional at Hodgkins School CD Program, at an hourly rate of \$15.25, pending background check results;
- 4) Phanapha Ravenna, Paraprofessional at Ideal Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$15.25, effective September 3, 2024;
- 5) Jelica Savicevic, Lunchroom Monitor at Seventh Avenue School, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective September 23, 2024; and
- 6) Tatjana Zlatanovic, Paraprofessional at Ideal Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$16.25, effective September 5, 2024.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Resignation

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the resignations for the following:

- 1) Luciana Garcia, Paraprofessional at Gurrie Middle School, effective May 31, 2024;
- 2) Ashley Mongardo, Paraprofessional at Hodgkins Elementary School, effective August 22, 2024; and
- 3) Biljana Savicevic, Lunchroom Monitor at Seventh Avenue School, effective May 31, 2024..

On roll call, members voting AYE: Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Leave of Absence Request

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the FMLA Leave of Absence Request for the following:

- 1) Amanda Adducci, Math Interventionist for Seventh Avenue and Spring Avenue Schools, effective December 19, 2024 through April 4, 2025;
- 2) Ivona Pedzinska-Browne, STEM/Math Teacher at Gurrie Middle School, effective September 12, 2024 through approximately October 18, 2024;
- 3) Robin Petrak, Teacher at Seventh Avenue School, effective September 23, 2024 through November 5, 2024; and
- 4) Gisela Solis, Paraprofessional at Gurrie Middle School, effective September 19, 2024 through October 3, 2024.

On roll call, members voting AYE Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of FY25 Budget

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the annual school district budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck. Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report for FY24 as presented.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of the Adoption of the Resolution Appointing D105 Member to the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools Governing Board

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the adoption of the resolution appointing D105 member Steven Smidl to the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools Governing Board effective September 23, 2024.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Appointment of FOIA Officer for School District 105

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 appoint Director of Business Services, Steven J. Smidl, as one of the FOIA officers for School District 105.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Adoption of Red Ribbon Proclamation

Motion by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. White that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the Red Ribbon Campaign Proclamation Resolution.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- School Maintenance Project Grant
- Hodgkins School Student Presentation
- Second Reading and Adoption of Press Policy 115
- Next School Board Meeting will be held at Hodgkins Elementary School on October 28, 2024

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Sherman moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. White. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM on Monday, September 23, 2024.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Board President

Board Secretary