

# CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

JULY 24, 2024



## Getting Ready for BACK TO SCHOOL

We are gearing up to welcome everyone back to school in August! Please be aware of the following information:

### First Day of School

- Grades 1-8: Wednesday, August 21
- Kindergarten: Thursday, August 22
- Early Childhood: Monday, August 26

School supply lists are available on the District website in the [Parent Resources](#) section, or click [here](#) to view the supply lists directly. There is a wealth of other information available on the [Parent Resource](#) page as well, like links to registration, food service, before and after school care through Champions, and our virtual backpack.

Please note, breakfast and lunch menus will be updated closer to the start of school, as will our Student Handbook. Teacher assignments, schedules, and transportation information will be available on August 12, at 4:00pm in Infinite Campus. Watch for additional information to come from your child's principal. **Please remember, that teacher assignments, schedules, and transportation assignments will not be available until your registration paperwork and payment of registration fees are complete.**



Also, mark your calendars with our holidays, winter break, spring break, institute days, and late starts. In addition to our online [Calendar](#) on the district website, you can download and print these documents as well:

- [2024-2025 School Year Calendar](#)
- [2024-2025 Late Start Days](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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- August 7 - Next District Newsletter
- August 12 - Welcome New Teachers!
- August 12 - Kick Off Camp - Frederick School
- August 14 - Board of Education Meeting - FS 6:00 pm
- August 19-20 - Staff Institute Days
- August 21 - First Day of School Grades 1-8
- August 22 - First Day of School Kindergarten
- August 23 - Early Education Center Open House
- August 26 - First Day for EEC
- August 26 - Back to School Night - GMS
- August 27 - Back to School Night - GMS, PC
- August 28 - Next District Newsletter
- August 28 - Back to School Night - FS
- August 29 - Back to School Night - FS, PC

## SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

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- July 24-28 - Lake County Fair - Grayslake
- July 25, 4pm - Food Truck Thursday - Village Hall, Hainesville
- July 26, 1pm - Family Fun Fridays: Talewise Pirates Lost at Seas - RLB Cultural & Civic Center
- July 26-28 - Village-wide Garage Sales - Hainesville
- July 27, 5pm - Picnic in the Park - Lehmann Park, Lake Villa
- July 31, 3pm - Summer Farmers Market - downtown Grayslake
- July 31, 7pm - Live Music in the Parks - Parkman Pavilion, Lake Villa
- August 1, 4pm - Food Truck Thursday - Hainesville
- August 1, 5pm - Nat'l Night Out - Police Department, Townline Rd, Round Lake
- August 2, 1pm - Glowby the Bubbler RLB CCC
- August 6, 2:30pm - National Night Out - Loffredo Park, Lake Villa
- August 7, 7pm - Live Music in the Parks - Lehmann Mansion, Lake Villa



## **GROWING ELECTRONIC DEVICE DISTRACTIONS**

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Over the past few years, staff and administration have found students to be increasingly distracted from learning by a wide range of personal electronic devices. This concern was the center of discussion at this year's meetings of the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee. As per Board of Education Policy 2:150, *this committee assists in the development of student behavior policy and procedure, and provides information and recommendations to the Board. Its members are parents/guardians and teachers, and may include persons whose expertise or experience is needed.*

This past May, the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee discussed student learning distractions that come from the use of student cell phones, smart watches, and wireless headphones. The committee made recommendations regarding these devices, and those recommendations were shared at the June 26, 2024 Board of Education meeting. The changes to protocol will go into effect in the 24-25 school year, and information is shared here so that families can begin the school year with a full understanding of revised expectations for students. The changes will also be in our updated Student Handbook, which will be available prior to the start of the school year.

### **STUDENT CELL PHONES**

Parents and staff members described a myriad of difficulties that occur due to students using their cell phones during the school day, even though such usage is already prohibited through School Board Policy 7:190.

These difficulties include:

- Constant notifications (for example, one student's cell phone that was in the office received 98 notification alerts in one school day)
- Students using phones in the bathrooms and locker rooms, including taking photos

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- Students playing games in class instead of attending to instruction or assignments
- Continuous “multi-tasking”, even though current research shows the brain can only attend to one task at a time
- Students posting on social media during the school day, and using social media as communication with others in classes
- Cyberbullying
- Students calling or texting their parents/guardians and asking to be picked up from school when they don’t feel well, instead of following protocol by going to the health office for assessment
- Students taking pictures and videos and making prank phone calls on busses
- Parents texting their students throughout the day
- Students taking images of their teachers/staff/other students throughout the day
- Students video chatting with students in other classes
- Grade level/wing group chats

Due to all of these concerns, the committee came to consensus that in the 24-25 school year, students in grades 5-8 who bring cell phones to school will be required to either secure them in their lockers or check them into storage units in their classrooms at the start of each class. These storage units will be provided by the school district. A similar protocol has been adopted by Grayslake High School District 127. The district is not planning to purchase storage units for classrooms below fifth grade at this time, because although there are students at younger grades who come to school with cell phones, the younger students have generally been responsible about keeping their phones off and out of sight. Please note that if cell phone usage at the younger grades becomes a problem, the school district reserves the right to use a storage unit protocol at the elementary schools as well.

## SMART WATCHES

Some of our students have smart watches, and wearing these items at school is not in and of itself problematic. However, disruption occurs when students are using the watches for text communication during the school day, and or making or receiving phone calls on the watches. Teachers have even reported that individuals have called students on their smart watches and then attempted to “listen in” on a class.

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The Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee discussed this matter, and agreed that, just like for cell phones, students cannot use smart watches for messages or phone calls during the school day. This includes listen-in calls into classrooms, as individuals calling into classrooms through smart watches and listening causes a privacy and confidentiality concern. The school district is responsible for protecting the privacy and confidentiality of the students in accordance with the Family Educational Rights to Protection Act (FERPA) and the Illinois School Student Records Act (ISSRA).

## WIRELESS HEADPHONES

Students have been wearing wireless headphones during the school day. Often, staff members are unable to detect visually that students are wearing the headphones. This allows students to engage in content that distracts them from what is occurring in the classroom.

The Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee came to consensus that only wired headphones can be used during the school day. It is noted that such wired headphones are sometimes necessary when students are accessing some instructional programs on their Chromebooks. Student supply lists have already been updated to clarify that **only wired headphones** can be brought to school. Students who bring wireless headphones to school will be required to keep them secured in their lockers.

We look forward to removing as many distractions from our students' school day as possible so that our students can firmly focus on learning. We know that we have a lot of work ahead of us as we get our students accustomed to the new expectations, and we will appreciate the support of our families as we work together to enhance the learning environment for our students.



## ON THIS LAND - CCSD 46/HISTORICAL SOCIETY



On Wednesday, July 17, the District held a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony for the unveiling of the “On This Land” plaque located on Library Lane just outside of Grayslake Middle School. The plaque, created by the Grayslake Historical Society and the Village of Grayslake, was installed earlier this year. CCSD 46 Board of Education President Stephen Mack offered opening remarks, followed by Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent of CCSD 46.



Grayslake Historical Society member Lauri Frank, a long-time Grayslake resident and former Grayslake District 46 student, read a letter from Charlotte Renehan, the driving force behind the plaque commemorating CCSD 46. Mrs. Renehan attended Grayslake schools and taught in D46 schools for 40 years.



Also speaking at the event was CCSD 46 Board member Jim Weidman, who shared his memories of growing up in Grayslake and attending D46 schools, followed by Marcus Smith, Principal of Grayslake Middle School.



The ribbon cutting followed the remarks, led by Dr. Glickman with assistance from Miss Grayslake and Little Miss Grayslake, Breanna, and Montse. After the ribbon was cut, cupcakes were served to attendees, including Grayslake Trustees Magnosta, Waldenstrom, Vogel, and Davies, D46 staff and administration members, and community members.

We thank the Grayslake Historical Society and the Village of Grayslake for honoring the CCSD 46 educators and the school buildings that stand proudly “On This Land.”



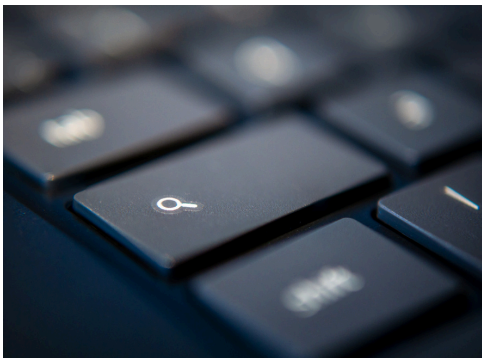
## JOIN OUR TEAM!

CCSD is currently hiring substitute teachers and paraprofessionals (program assistants) for the 2024-2025 school year. With the recent changes to the certification process by the Illinois State Board of Education, now is a great time to join our team!



Visit the [Careers page](#) on our website to apply today.

## TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



### Student Accounts

CCSD 46 will be making changes to student accounts over the summer. We will be updating students' usernames to more clearly identify student accounts from staff or teacher accounts. We will also be updating students' passwords. In August, prior to the start of school, students will be locked out of their accounts while these changes are being made. On the first day of school, students will receive their new account and password information. We will send an additional reminder in an August newsletter, but wanted to share this information with families in advance.

## WELCOME BACK STAFF



We are welcoming our new teachers to the district in early August. If your child would like to send a special message to welcome teachers back to school, please feel free to send a short video to the Communications Coordinator. We'd also love to see photos from your summer vacation if you'd like to share one.

Email photos or short videos to share to [d46webmaster@d46.org](mailto:d46webmaster@d46.org).



# CCSD 46 BOARD OF EDUCATION

## GENERAL MEETING REVIEW

CCSD 46 Board of Education Meeting Review is a brief summary of events and topics of discussion that occur at general board meetings.

We welcome you to join us at our meetings or watch our live video stream on the CCSD 46 website. We have two opportunities for public comments at our meetings. Board meeting schedules, agendas, video links, and minutes are available on the [BOE webpage](#).

### Upcoming Meetings: August 14, 2024 | September 4, 2024

All meetings are held at Frederick School, 595 Frederick Road, Grayslake.

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### GENERAL MEETING: July 17, 2024

The CCSD 46 Board of Education held a general meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, in the Falcon Room of Frederick School.

President Stephen Mack called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Six members of the Board of Education were in attendance for the meeting: Dr. Stephen Mack, Tamika Nash, Jason Lacroix, Kristy Miller, Jessica Albert, and Jim Weidman. Member Kristy Braden was absent. Also in attendance at the Board table were: Superintendent, Dr. Lynn Glickman; Assistant Superintendent, Amy Gluck; Assistant Superintendent, Chris Wildman; Director of Special Services, Dr. Heather Lorenzo; Director of Multilingual, Stephanie Diaz; and Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance, Scott Gaunky.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, and the approval of the agenda, there was an opportunity for public comment. Two staff members from Frederick School and one from Grayslake Middle School addressed the Board during the public comments section of the meeting.

Two presentations were also made to the Board of Education. The first, by Mr. Kurt Hintz from Performance Services, was a presentation on the solar energy options available to the district,

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including state and federal incentives for the three remaining schools without a solar installation - Meadowview, Woodview, and Avon Center School. The District partnered with Performance Services in 2019 to install photovoltaic systems at Frederick School, Prairieview School, Grayslake Middle School, and Park Campus.

The second presentation was made by Mr. Scott Gaunky, Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance. Mr Gaunky shared information on converting current fluorescent lighting to energy-efficient LED lighting in classrooms. The LED light conversion would provide benefits in reduced energy costs, reducing the waste and cost of disposing of the spent fluorescent tubes, improvements to the educational environment for students and staff, and meeting new Illinois energy code requirements. The return on investment of this project is relatively short.

Board members gave reports on the activities they attended and general information sharing took place. The Superintendent shared that at 5:00 pm, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in front of Grayslake Middle School for the “On This Land” plaque which was generously gifted by the Grayslake Historical Society. The plaque shares the history of the schools in CCSD 46. Assistant Superintendent Amy Gluck discussed the extensive professional development activities that are underway in the district. Dr. Stephanie Diaz, Director of Multilingual, discussed the successful recruitment efforts to bring three teachers from Spain to the United States. They will be arriving in August and welcomed to CCSD 46. Dr. Heather Lorenzo, Director of Special Services, announced that the district has submitted the required annual Restraint and Time Out (RTO) reduction plan to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for approval.

President Mack then requested a motion for the approval of the Consent Agenda, which includes Minutes from previous meetings, the Personnel Report, the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Review, the Exception Report, Accounts Payable, and the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.



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**Action Items** voted on by the Board for this meeting included:

- Approval of the purchase of ParentSquare.  
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Policy 7:190 as amended.  
Approved: 6-0
- Approval of the Revised Board of Education Meeting Calendar.  
Approved: 6-0

**Unfinished Business**, which are unresolved issues that were previously brought before the Board to be discussed further included:

- None

**New Business**, which are new issues for the Board to discuss, included the following:

- 2024-25 Miscellaneous and Substitute Wage Rates - Dr. Glickman explained that in 2021-22, the district established various pay rates for roles not covered by the Collective Bargaining Agreements. These roles, typically filled by individuals from outside the district, are not part of the bargaining units. The district has reevaluated the pay rates from 2021-22 and aims to increase them to remain competitive with surrounding districts.

As the meeting drew to a close, topics for future agenda items were discussed, and the public once again had an opportunity to address the Board of Education. There were no public comments. The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

The next scheduled Board of Education general meeting on August 14 will be held at 6:00 pm and live-streamed online. Please visit [d46.org/board-of-education](https://d46.org/board-of-education) for more information.



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