

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 9, 2025

<i>Call To Order and Roll Call</i>	<p>The Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Community Consolidated School District 46, Lake County, Illinois was held at Frederick School, located at 595 Frederick Rd., Grayslake, IL on April 9, 2025.</p> <p>President Mack called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members Present: Stephen Mack, Kristy Braden, Tamika Nash, Jessica Albert, Jason Lacroix, Kristy Miller, and Jim Weidman. Members absent: None. Student Members Present: Elise Mckeown, Marylyn Mata, and Augustin Lagunas. Also Present: Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Amy Gluck; Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Chris Wildman; Director of Student Services, Dr. Heather Lorenzo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Chris Wolk; Director of Innovation, Amanda Pelsor; and Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety, Jose Zires.</p>
<i>Establishment of Quorum</i>	Quorum was established.
<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>	The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>	<p>President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the April 9, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motioned by Albert and seconded by Weidman for the approval of the agenda as presented. Yeas: Miller, Mack, Albert, Weidman, Braden, Lacroix, and Nash. Nays: None. Motion carried.</p>
<i>Public Comment</i>	None.
<i>Presentation(s)</i>	<p>Grayslake Middle School Way of the Panther- The Way of the Panther group at Grayslake Middle School, made up of students and educators, values leadership, productivity, and teamwork. They shared updates on their ongoing initiatives, which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Place for Hate and Anti-Bullying Activities

- Promoting better student attendance and providing support for students making up missed work
- Student-led tutoring
- Enhancements to Advisory Time
- Sensory Room update

The students continue to brainstorm new ideas to make GMS an even better place to learn and grow.

They also celebrated several achievements:

- Congratulations to Ms. Corey for 10 years of planning and facilitating the GMS St. Baldrick's event. This year, the event raised over \$6,500, received 14 hair donations, and collected 18 blood donations
- Over the past decade, the St. Baldrick's fundraiser event at GMS has raised over \$160,000
- Special recognition to Abby Mack, this year's top fundraiser, who raised \$950
- The event also supported the Avon Food Pantry and Comfort Cares Organization through donations

Additionally, a big congratulations and thank you to Mrs. Tengler for her leadership in promoting participation, sportsmanship, and success in all after-school activities. Thanks to her efforts, GMS has been awarded the 2025 Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Division Sportsmanship Award.

Social Emotional Learning Program: Evolve- District 46 launched the Evolve Program to support the whole child through social-emotional learning (SEL). Evolve helps students build important skills for success in school and in life, while creating a stronger, healthier school community.

Goals of the Program:

Build a Stronger School Community:

- Create a positive, welcoming environment for all students
- Strengthen relationships between students and staff
- Support students' emotional and academic needs

Get More Students Involved:

- Offer SEL opportunities to as many students as possible
- Include students from all backgrounds
- Create chances for leadership and peer support

Teach Life Skills:

- Help students grow skills like empathy, resilience, communication, and teamwork
- Prepare students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally

How It Works

- Students take part in regular coaching sessions focused on SEL
- Lessons are delivered through an online Learning Management System (LMS) and are customized to fit student needs
- Sessions focus on practical, real-life skills students can use right away

Support for Success

- Activities are tailored to meet different classroom needs and teaching styles
- Teachers get support and ideas to create solutions that work for their students
- Collaboration between staff and students helps make the program stronger

Making an Impact

- Builds teacher confidence and teaching skills
- Increases student engagement and academic success
- Strengthens the school community through ongoing support and growth

Through the Evolve Program, District 46 is helping every student feel valued, supported, and ready to succeed.

Multilingual Professional Development Team

Recommendations- Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, along with the Planning and Design Team (PDT), presented a comprehensive plan to support multilingual (ML) students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The plan includes a Two-Way Dual Language program and differentiated co-teaching models. The goal is to provide equitable access to high-quality education while promoting language development, academic success, and cultural inclusion. Through these targeted language development opportunities, the programs ensure that all students — regardless of their language proficiency — receive the support they need to thrive academically.

Two-Way Dual Language Program (K-8)

Objective:

- The Two-Way Dual Language program will offer a 50-50 model, with two teachers providing instruction equally in English and Spanish. The program is designed to promote bilingualism, biliteracy, and biculturalism for both native and non-native Spanish speakers

Participation:

- Non-native Spanish speakers who wish to join will enter a lottery for available spots
- Native Spanish speakers, identified through the district's screening process, will be automatically placed into the program if they choose to participate and demonstrate the necessary language skills

Grade Level Implementation:

- The program will launch with Kindergarten in the 2026–2027 school year
- During the 2026-2027 school year, students in grades 1-8 will continue with the one teacher, one-way dual language program
- It will expand to 1st grade in 2027–2028 and continue to roll up by one grade level each year through 5th grade. Once students reach 6th grade, they will participate in a Spanish Heritage course instead of the English social studies class
- This course will include all of the same social studies content, taught in Spanish, along with additional heritage-based curriculum
- Further course design decisions will be finalized as the program expands into the middle grades

Make up of classes:

- Each class will be made up of both native and non-native Spanish speakers
- Students will receive either Spanish or English instruction in the first half of their day and then swap to be taught for the second half of their day in the opposite language by a different teacher
- Parents and students must commit to staying in the program at least until 5th grade, with the intent to stay through 8th grade to ensure long-term success

What does the district need to support this:

- Provide professional development to support English and Spanish teacher pairs
- Build a schedule to support students' split days
- Create family information nights and promotion
- Develop a lottery system in case we have too many non-native Spanish speakers apply to attend

The presentation is in the Board packet.

**Board Member
Reports**

Student Board Member Marylyn Mata shared a Fine Arts update. She reported that 4th grade students who will attend Grayslake Middle School (GMS) were invited to a special showing of the school play, *The Wizard of Oz*. She also highlighted recent band activities, including competition performances, and announced that the GMS Jazz Band was invited to perform at the prestigious Jazz Showcase in Chicago, Illinois.

Student Board Member Elise McKeown shared several updates. She reported that on Sunday, June 1, 8th grade students will participate in the graduation ceremony at Grayslake North High School. Additionally, 52 8th grade students from Grayslake Middle School (GMS) and Park Campus will travel to Washington, D.C. on June 4. Elise also noted that 59 students and 4 staff members will attend the Future Quest field trip at the Lake County Tech Campus. Finally, she gave a special thank you to the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) staff for their work clearing unused items from the band room and building a new long jump pit.

Student Board Member Augustin Lagunas shared a sports update. He reported that the GMS and Frederick wrestling team advanced to the State tournament. He also noted that the Science Olympiad State tournament will take place this weekend. In bowling, the team competed at sectionals, and one member qualified for the State tournament. Lastly, Augustin shared that 187 students from GMS and Frederick will participate on the track team this season.

Mrs. Jessica Albert shared that the IASB Advocacy Ambassador Webinar is scheduled for April 25 at noon.

Mrs. Tamika Nash thanked her Board colleagues for allowing her the time to attend to personal matters. She also shared that the Grayslake Public Library will be participating in the Maker Fair this Saturday at the University Center.

Mrs. Kristy Braden welcomed Mrs. Nash back and shared that June 8th will mark the 5th year of the *Better Together Pride Parade*. She extended an invitation to anyone who would like to join her in the parade.

Dr. Stephen Mack welcomed Mrs. Nash back to the Board table and extended a warm greeting to the students from Grayslake Central High School attending the meeting.

Mrs. Kristy Miller also welcomed Mrs. Nash back and shared a book recommendation: *Educational Economics* by Marguerite

	<p>Roza. She announced that the Community Engagement Committee will host a food drive from April 21–25 to support the Avon Township Food Pantry. Additionally, she shared that the Center for Green Schools will host a free workshop on May 22 at Oakton Community College in Skokie, highlighting schools and districts that have improved energy performance and indoor environmental conditions in aging facilities.</p>
<i>Superintendent Report</i>	<p>Mrs. Amy Gluck, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, shared an update on the Kindergarten Meet and Greet that took place last week. Families had the opportunity to tour the schools and kindergarten classrooms, meet the teachers, and ask questions. She also announced that registration for the 2025–26 school year is now open, with 25% of families having already completed the process. Mrs. Gluck reminded families that the early bird discount on registration fees will end with the conclusion of the school year. She also thanked Ms. Leslie Armstrong, Communications Coordinator, for creating and placing registration signs throughout the district.</p>
<i>Consent Agenda</i>	<p>President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the consent agenda including the personnel addendum as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the following meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 19, 2025 Regular Meeting • March 19, 2025 Closed Session Meeting • Personnel Report • Exception Report as presented • Accounts Payable as presented <p>Motioned by Braden and seconded by Nash for the approval of the consent agenda including the personnel addendum as presented.</p> <p>Yeas: Braden, Nash, Lacroix, Albert, Miller, Mack, and Weidman. Nays: None. Motion carried.</p>
<i>Action Items</i>	<p>President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the Donation of \$2,500 from the Grayslake Park District.</p> <p>Motioned by Miller and seconded by Weidman for the approval of the Donation of \$2,500 from the Grayslake Park District.</p> <p>Yeas: Weidman, Miller, Mack, Nash, Braden, Lacroix, and Albert. Nays: None. Motion carried.</p> <p>President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the</p>

	<p>Purchase of Student Chromebooks, ChromeCare Warranty, and Cases.</p> <p>Motioned by Braden and seconded by Albert for the approval of the Purchase of Student Chromebooks, ChromeCare Warranty, and Cases.</p> <p>Yeas: Lacroix, Braden, Albert, Miller, Mack, Weidman, and Nash.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the Wold Fee Proposals for 2026 Media Center Renovations, 2026 Exterior Envelope Improvements Project and 2026 Site Improvements Project at Frederick School.</p> <p>Motioned by Weidman and seconded by Mack for the approval of the Wold Fee Proposals for 2026 Media Center Renovations, 2026 Exterior Envelope Improvements Project and 2026 Site Improvements Project at Frederick School.</p> <p>Yeas: Albert, Mack, Braden, Lacroix, Miller, Nash, and Weidman.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the Engagement Agreements for Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance with Gewalt Hamilton Associate and Professional Services for the 2025 Construction Projects.</p> <p>Motioned by Lacroix and seconded by Miller for the approval of the Engagement Agreements for Interim Director of Operations and Maintenance with Gewalt Hamilton Associate and Professional Services for the 2025 Construction Projects.</p> <p>Yeas: Mack, Braden, Albert, Miller, Lacroix, Weidman, and Nash.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p> <p>President Mack requested a motion for the Resolution for Non-Renewal of a First, Second, and Third Year Probationary Teacher: Maria Pilar Garcia Perez.</p> <p>Motioned by Weidman and seconded by Braden for the approval of the Resolution for Non-Renewal of a First, Second, and Third Year Probationary Teacher: Maria Pilar Garcia Perez.</p> <p>Yeas: Miller, Albert, Braden, Mack, Weidman, and Lacroix</p> <p>Abstain: Nash.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p>
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	Motion carried.
<i>Unfinished Business</i>	None.
<i>New Business</i>	None.
<i>Topics for Future Agenda Items</i>	<p>4/23/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Task Force • Park Students Leader of the Pack • Seating of New Board Members • Approval of the Assistant Principal at Frederick School • Approval of the Director of Multilingual Services • Approval of the Food Service Contract with OrganicLife • 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar <p>5/14/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GMS Way of the Panther • Board of Education Photos • Approval of the 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar • Fine Arts Presentation • Safety and Security Update <p>6/4/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability Task Force • Forward Edge Update <p>6/18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Update
<i>Public Comment</i>	None.
<i>Adjournment</i>	<p>There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, it was motioned by Miller and seconded by Braden for the adjournment of the April 9, 2025 board meeting at 7:25 p.m.</p> <p>Yeas: Lacroix, Nash, Miller, Mack, Albert, Weidman, and Braden.</p> <p>Nays: None.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>

Stephen Mack, Board President

Tamika Nash, Board Secretary