COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2026

Call To Order and Roll Call	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 **October 7, 2026** President Mack called the meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.** **Members Present:** Stephen Mack, Kristy Braden, Hillary Halverson, Maureen Heun, Kristy Miller, and Jim Weidman. **Members absent:** Tamika Nash. **Also Present:** Superintendent, Dr. Alfonso Carmona; Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Amy Gluck; Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Scott Wold; Director of Student Services, Dr. Heather Lorenzo; Director of Human Resources, Dr. Chris Wolk; Director of ML Services, Amber Bowgren; Director of Innovation, Dr. Amanda Pelsor; and Director of Operations, Maintenance, and Safety, Jose Zires. **Student Representatives:** Jackie Cuevas, Ulysses Prevoznak, and Molly Weber.
Establishment of Quorum	**Quorum was established.**
Pledge of Allegiance	The Pledge of Allegiance took place at this time.
Approval of Agenda	President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the **October 7, 2026** Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motioned by Halverson and seconded by Heun for the approval of the agenda as presented. **Yeas:** Miller, Mack, Halverson, Weidman, Braden, and Heun. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**
Public Comment	None.
Recognition	**GMS Golf Team** – The Grayslake Middle School (GMS) Golf Team made history this season as the first golf team in the school's history. Three golfers qualified for the state golf tournament, where they delivered an impressive performance, earning 7th-, 35th-, and 51st-place finishes. Their dedication,

	determination, and hard work throughout the season contributed to these outstanding accomplishments.
Presentation(s)	**GMS Way of the Panther-** The Grayslake Middle School (GMS) Way of the Panther student leadership team presented an overview of their group, its goals, and planned initiatives for the 2026–2027 school year. The students explained that the Way of the Panther is a group of GMS students and educators focused on leadership, productivity, and teamwork. The group strives to ensure every voice is heard and to make GMS a better place for current and future students. Members were selected through a Google Form completed during their seventh-grade year, which asked them to define leadership, explain their interest in joining the team, and identify ways to improve their school and community. The students shared their perspectives on leadership, emphasizing responsibility, respect, perseverance, listening to others, serving as positive role models, and making a meaningful difference in their community. The team reported holding four meetings to date and brainstorming more than 30 ideas before selecting four primary areas of focus for the school year: ● Therapy Dog Program: Researching steps to bring a therapy dog to GMS to support students and staff. ● Eighth-Grade D127 Connection: Exploring opportunities to strengthen connections and support the transition of eighth-grade students to high school. ● Feminine Hygiene Access: Working with school and district staff to ensure reliable access to appropriate products in restrooms and the health office. ● Mental Health Connections: Exploring ways to increase mental health awareness and connect students with support networks and resources. The students also discussed continuing initiatives established by previous leadership teams, including eighth-grade career exploration, lunch-and-learn opportunities, involvement in the GMS Garden, and expanding the school's No Place for Hate campaign.

	The presentation concluded with the students expressing appreciation to the Board of Education, Dr. Carmona, Mrs. Gluck, and the District 46 learning community for the opportunity to share their work. The team looks forward to providing future updates on the progress of its projects. **Tentative Tax Levy-** Mr. Scott Wold, Assistant Superintendent of Finance/Chief School Business Official, presented the proposed 2026 Tentative Property Tax Levy. The presentation reviewed the District's strategic financial goals and Board Policy 4:20, which seeks to maintain a year-end fund balance to revenue ratio of no less than 25–30%. The Board reviewed the property tax levy process and timeline, including the proposed tentative levy presentation on October 7, 2026; publication of the legal notice on November 5, 2026; the public hearing and adoption of the 2026 Final Property Tax Levy on November 18, 2026; and filing of the adopted levy with the County Clerk in December 2026. The presentation included a disclosure of the District's cash balances as required by Public Act 102-0895. The total cash balance across all funds was reported at $28,915,293, with $12,413,517 held without capital and debt service funds. Mr. Wold reviewed key property tax levy terminology, including the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL), Consumer Price Index (CPI), Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV), extension, and the distinction between the PTELL limiting rate and the property tax rate. The Board was informed that the District's EAV is projected to increase by 9.3%, or approximately $100 million, resulting in a projected decrease in the property tax rate from 4.3751 to 4.1065. An illustrative example of the impact on individual property taxes was also provided, based on an assumed 9.3% increase in EAV. The proposed levy by fund was presented as follows: Education, $35,490,000; Operations and Maintenance, $5,700,000; Transportation, $2,900,000; Working Cash, $32,000; IMRF/Social Security, $1,400,000; Tort, $352,000; SEDOL IMRF, $24,810; and Debt Service, $1,073,338, for a total proposed levy of $46,972,148. The SEDOL IMRF and Debt Service amounts were

	identified as supplemental tax levies required. Administration reported that the 2025 final extension was $44,998,106, the CPI was 2.7%, and estimated new construction was $2,018,687. The proposed 2026 levy was $45,874,000, or $46,975,981 when Debt Service and SEDOL IMRF were included. The proposed levy represented a 4.46% increase over the prior year's extension, or 4.35% when Debt Service and SEDOL IMRF were included. The Board was given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the proposed 2026 Tentative Property Tax Levy.
Board Member Reports	Mrs. Kristy Miller shared that PTOs and PTFs had been advised not to use AI to create flyers due to ADA accessibility requirements. She also announced that a districtwide Dine and Share fundraiser will be held at Pizza Ranch in Round Lake Beach on Thursday, October 29. This fundraiser, a joint venture by all school PTO/PTF organizations, will benefit the district's Early Childhood Center. Mrs. Maureen Heun shared that she attended the Portrait of a Learner session as part of the District's Strategic Plan development. She reminded attendees that the survey response deadline is October 9. She also discussed the U.S. Treasury tax credit voucher and its potential benefits for private schools compared to public schools.
Student Representative Reports	Molly Weber shared that the GMS garden flourished over the summer. She announced that GMS will host its first International Night on November 13 and that St. Baldrick's will take place on March 10, 2027. She also congratulated Ms. Amy Corey on being named a Hometown Hero recipient. Ulysses Prevoznak shared updates on GMS athletics, including golf, cross country, soccer, and softball. Tryouts for basketball, cheerleading, and dance will take place soon. Jackie Cuevas shared updates on school events, including Student of the Month, field trips, and intramurals. She announced that the musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* will take place December 11–13 and that Science Olympiad will begin

	soon.
Superintendent Report	Dr. Alfonso Carmona reminded attendees that October 8 and 9 were half-day dismissals for parent-teacher conferences. He celebrated student-athletes and encouraged the community to visit the Strategic Plan website to review meeting notes and stakeholder survey results. He emphasized that transparency remains a core commitment.
Consent Agenda	President Mack requested a motion for the approval of the consent agenda, including the personnel addendum, as follows: • Minutes from the following meetings: • September 16, 2026 Regular Meeting •Personnel Report •Exception Report as presented •Accounts Payable as presented •August Treasurer's Report •Google Contract Renewal Motioned by Weidman and seconded by Miller for the approval of the consent agenda including the personnel addendum as presented. **Yeas:** Braden, Heun, Halverson, Miller, Mack, and Weidman. **Nays:** None. **Motion carried.**
Action Items	None.
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	None.
Topics for Future Agenda Items	● Truth & Taxation Hearing ● Approval of the Levy ● Discussion of snow days
Public Comment	None.
Adjournment	There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, it was motioned by Braden and seconded by Heun for the adjournment of the October 7, 2026 board meeting at 6:52 p.m. **Yeas:** Heun, Miller, Mack, Halverson, Weidman, and Braden.

	Nays: None. **Motion carried.**

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Stephen Mack, Board President **Tamika Nash, Board Secretary**