

TENTATIVE MINUTES OF MEETING—BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4C

Clark County, Illinois

In regular session at 7:00 pm on date of Monday, September 21, 2026

- 1) Roll call. Call to order at 7:00 pm

Members present were: Clement, Fain, Gelb, Todd, and Huddlestun

Members absent were: Sharp and Fouty

- 2) A public hearing held on the proposed 2026-2027 budget.

The President opened the hearing at 7:00 pm. Superintendent, Mike Shackelford, presented and reviewed the tentative budget. The President called for public comment; there was none. The hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

- 3) Recognize visitors.

Visitors recognized were: Jennifer Harris, Lindsay Shawver, and Victoria Hollensbe

- 4) Act upon approval of the consent agenda items:

A. Minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2026;

B. Destruction of the verbatim record of those meetings 18 months and older as authorized by Board Policy 220 and 220-E1;

C. Current invoices for payment and review of the financial and budgetary reports;

D. FY 2026 Salary and Benefits Report

E. 2026-2027 Curriculum Lists

Motion by Clement, seconded by Todd, to approve the consent agenda. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Huddlestun, Clement, Fain, Gelb, and Todd. The President declared the motion carried.

- 5) To conduct the second reading and adoption of Board policy updates.

Motion by Gelb, seconded by Clement, to adopt Board policy updates. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Fain, Gelb, Todd, Huddlestun, and Clement. The President declared the motion carried.

- 6) Act upon the approval of Jr/Sr HS gym floor refinishing.

The floor required refinishing due to water damage from the flooding during the July 9 heavy rains. Mike Shackelford informed the Board that the project is being paid for from the School Facility Sales Tax revenues received from Cumberland and Coles counties.

Motion by Clement, seconded by Gelb to approve of a proposal from Haflich Hardwood Floors, Inc. to sand, seal, paint, refinish the Jr/Sr HS gymnasium floor with logos and new vent cove rubber base, at a cost of \$39,907.00. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Todd, Huddlestun, Clement, Fain, and Gelb. The President declared the motion carried.

- 7) Act upon the adoption of the FY 2027 Budget.

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Motion by Todd, seconded by Clement, to adopt the FY 2027 District Budget. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Fain, Gelb, Todd, Huddlestun, and Clement. The President declared the motion carried.

8) Administrator Reports

Monroe Principal, Kacie Rhoads, reported that First Grade had Ag in the Classroom last week. We looked at honeycombs, tasted honey, and learned how bees make honey. This great program will visit the classrooms once a month. Mrs. Davis' First Grade class has been practicing Reading Center routines all week. They were excited to try reading on their own. We have been trying to increase our reading stamina and today's goal was 15 minutes. Andy's Landscaping has donated time and materials to upgrade the memorial at Monroe honoring two fallen veterans. We greatly appreciate their work. The BRAVE fun run is October 8; Fall Pictures are September 30; 6th grade will be going on a field trip to the Capital in Springfield on October 2, and 2nd grade will be going to the Aikman Wildlife Adventure on October 7. The Lunch Buddy program is off to a great start.

Jr/Sr HS Principal, Jim Sullivan, HS Spanish teacher Dalton Veach is planning an educational travel experience to San Juan, Puerto Rico for the summer of 2028. The Gym floor refinishing is completed and looks great. Homecoming week activities were a great success. Today was the first SIP day of the school year. The staff and administration reviewed test scores and began working on School Improvement plans.

Superintendent, Mike Shackelford, reported that the IASB Wabash Valley Division meeting is October 20 at 6:00 pm in Effingham. The IASB has set the date and time for its 2026 Delegate Assembly for November 21 at 11:45 am during the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. Shane Todd will once again represent Casey-Westfield. The conversation of the County 1% School Facility Sales Tax continues to gain traction in the county. The question of whether to put it on the ballot will likely come to the Board in the next few months. The District received FOIA requests from the East Central Reporter, CT Mills, and StarBridge FOIA Files this month.

9) Addendum

Shane Todd asked about a policy that allows for free student entry into sporting events. Mr. Sullivan reported that we do not have such a policy, but we have discounts for students who participate in theme nights, etc.

10) Act upon approval to adjourn to closed session.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Huddlestun, to adjourn to executive session under c1 (employment), c10 (matters relating to students), and c21 (discussion closed meeting minutes) of section 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq. of the Illinois Open Meeting Act. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Clement, Fain, Gelb, Todd, and Huddlestun. The President declared the motion carried at 7:23 pm.

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- 11) Act upon approval to reconvene to regular session.

Motion by Todd, seconded by Clement, to reconvene to regular session. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Fain, Gelb, Todd, Huddleston, and Clement. The President declared the motion carried at 7:58 p.m.

- 12) Act upon the approval of consent agenda items.

- a) Closed session minutes of August 10, 2026.
- b) A recommendation to maintain closed session minutes as confidential.

Motion by Clement, seconded by Gelb, to approve the consent agenda. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Todd, Huddleston, Clement, Fain, and Gelb. The President declared the motion carried.

The Board acted upon the following recommendations:

- 1. Accepted an irrevocable notice of retirement from Gretchen McDonald, effective at the end of the 2029-2030 school year.**
- 2. Accepted a letter of resignation from Megan Schnetzler as Assistant Cross Country coach, effective August 13, 2026.**
- 3. Employed Chelsea Cox as Assistant Cross Country coach for the 2026-27 school year.**
- 4. Approved a request for early graduation from student #266019417 upon the successful completion of the Fall semester of 2026.**
- 5. Approved a request for early graduation from student #943582787 upon the successful completion of the Fall semester of 2026.**
- 6. Approved a request for early graduation from student #464198206 upon the successful completion of the Fall semester of 2026.**

- 13) Addendum

Tracy Gelb voiced a concern about the traffic in the Cumberland Cemetery from the JFL program parents picking up and dropping off at the cemetery. The JFL has an agreement with the District to use school property for JFL practices. The cemetery is township property and is not part of the agreement. The use of the cemetery roads to access the practice field is disrespectful. Moreover, parking on school property to access the area is also not desired. Originally, the agreement required parents to drop off and pick up their players at the tennis courts. This rule has never changed. However, over time, this stopped being a point of emphasis for District and JFL leaders. The Board directed Mr. Shackelford to re-emphasize this rule.

- 14) To adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Clement, seconded by Todd, to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, members voting yea were: Huddleston, Clement, Fain, Gelb, and Todd. The President declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.