



Community High School District 117
Minutes of CHSD 117 Special BOE Meeting - September 30, 2026
1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa, IL 60046

Board Members present:

Mr. Wayne Sobczak, President
Mr. Bruce Pagni, Vice President
Ms. Sandy Jacobs, Secretary
Ms. Sue Dickson
Ms. Julianne Hettich
Ms. Ellen Ipsen
Ms. Jill Pritchard

Administrators present:

Dr. Jeff Feucht, Superintendent - Via Phone
Ms. Aryan Haren, Associate Superintendent/CSBO

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance:

C. Roll Call Of Members:

D. Board President's Statement:

Bullying, harassment, racism, sexism, and hate speech have NO place in Community High School District 117. Community High School District 117 is committed to creating a rich, equitable, and respectful learning environment for all. We believe in our mission statement: Ignite passion and discovery in every student. We will continue to develop ways to extend the thinking, learning, and opportunities for all of our students, staff, and families. To that end, it is critically important that we are explicit in stating that bullying, harassment, racism, sexism, and hate speech of any and all kinds are not acceptable and have NO place in our District. Please work with us to discourage, report, and address these hurtful behaviors.

2. Public Comments

A. Public Comments:

Procedure for Public Comment at Board Meetings: The opportunity to speak to the Board is provided for members of the public who have a comment to make about the business of the Board. The Board appreciates hearing from

stakeholders, and values your thoughts and questions. The Board strives to make the best decisions for the District, and public input is very helpful. The Board must protect the civility and decorum of this meeting.

Please be respectful of the duties of the Board and the democratic process in your comments tonight. Please state your name and address your comments to the Board.

Please limit your comments to 3 minutes.

Please be factual and courteous in your comments

To the extent multiple speakers are addressing a single issue, the Board President reserves the right to limit the number of speakers making public comment of a repetitive nature and/or limit the amount of time for public comment. The Board does not respond to comments or attempt to answer questions during the public comment period.

No public comments were made.

3. Closed Session

A. Adjourn to Closed Session: The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:05 pm.

Motion: It is recommended for the Board to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following exceptions to the Open Meetings Act:

A. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

B. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Moved by: Sue Dickson. **Seconded by:** Jill Pritchard.

Ayes were: Bruce Pagni, Ellen Ipsen, Jill Pritchard, Julianne Hettich, Sandy Jacobs, Sue Dickson, Wayne Sobczak.

Motion carried.

B. Employment, Performance and Compensation of Specific Employees 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1):

C. Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11): Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

D. Return to Open Session:

Motion: It is recommended to return to Open Session at 7:55 pm.

Moved by: Bruce Pagni. **Seconded by:** Sue Dickson.

Ayes were: Bruce Pagni, Ellen Ipsen, Jill Pritchard, Julianne Hettich, Sandy Jacobs, Sue Dickson, Wayne Sobczak.
Motion carried.

4. Possible Action After Closed Session

A. Possible Action:

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

The Board President read the resolution into the record. The resolution authorizes the law firms named therein to file a civil action against appropriate parties to compensate the district for damages suffered by the district and its students as a result of social media platform practices, and to seek other appropriate relief, including injunctive relief. The resolution further authorizes the Superintendent to sign all necessary contracts and related documents on behalf of the district.

Motion: It is recommended that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution and Fee Agreement authorizing litigation against social media companies, as presented.

Moved by: Sue Dickson. **Seconded by:** Julianne Hettich

Ayes were: Bruce Pagni, Ellen Ipsen, Jill Pritchard, Julianne Hettich, Sandy Jacobs, Sue Dickson, Wayne Sobczak.
Motion carried.

5. Adjournment

A. Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: It is recommended to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:04 pm.

Moved by: Sue Dickson. **Seconded by:** Bruce Pagni.

Ayes were: Bruce Pagni, Ellen Ipsen, Jill Pritchard, Julianne Hettich, Sandy Jacobs, Sue Dickson, Wayne Sobczak.
Motion carried.

President

Secretary