

BOARD BRIEFS

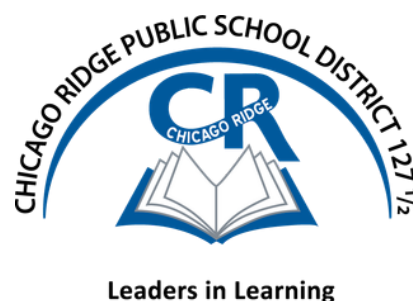
A report of items discussed and actions taken at the June 9, 2026
Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Adam Thorns, Superintendent
Mrs. Megan Nothnagel,
Curriculum Director
Mrs. Kathy Picciolini, CSBO
Mr. Cary Hillegonds, Director of
Student Services
Mrs. Karoline Burcher, Director of
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Mrs. Fran Setaro, Principal
Mrs. Leighanne Kaczmarek, Asst.
Principal
Mr. Geoff Youngberg, Principal
Mrs. Julie Bazian, Asst. Principal
Dr. Katy King, Principal
Mrs. Emily Geyer, Asst. Principal



Reports to the Board

- Dr. Thorns shared the current enrollment, explained staffing needs, and informed the Board that Mr. Geoff Youngberg and Kathy Picciolini would be the District's complaint managers for SY 26-27. He discussed the proposed E-Learning Plan and that meetings would no longer automatically be cancelled on those days. He shared that the Community mailer would be going out in the next two weeks to all mailing addresses with the District's boundaries. He ended by sharing out the FOIA's that had been received over the last month.
- Mrs. Nothnagel gave an update on the District's NWEA spring student growth. She also provided information on the new library curriculum to be implemented beginning in the 26-27 SY. She then went on to discuss the Junior High science curriculum pilot that will take place next year.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
.....**June**

- Personnel
- Recap of Summer Programs

RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the 3rd Trimester Academic Achievement Awards along with the two students at each school chosen for the Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Award.

Reports to the Board cont.

She ended by sharing a picture of the District's kite that will be hanging in the children's area at the Chicago Ridge Mall in support of their 250 Acts of Kindness initiative.

Personnel

The Board approved the hiring of:

- Joe Mendoza, Float Custodian Districtwide, eff. June 1, 2026
- Rachel Boynton, Temporary Summer Help, eff. June 8, 2026
- Vivana Calderon, Temporary Summer Help, eff. June 8, 2026
- The Board approved the resignations of two Junior High teachers and a Ridge Lawn staff member with an effective date of June 4, 2026. They also approved a Junior High teacher resignation effective June 18, 2026.

Board Action

- The Board approved the District's E-Learning Plan
- The Board approved a Resolution Authorizing the Permanent Transfer of \$900,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.
- The Board approved a resolution authorizing a transfer of \$300,000 from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.
- The Board approved the updated job descriptions.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday June 23, 2026:
Special Board Meeting at 6:30
PM in Boardroom

Tuesday, August 11, 2026:
Regular Board Meeting at 6:30
PM in Boardroom.

Board Action

- The Board appointed JoAnna Grove as the Scope Representative and Chrissi Petropulos as the alternate.
- The Board appointed Chrissi Petropulos as the IASB Delegate and Joy Labudzik as the alternate.
- The Board approved the June 23, 2026 Study Session to a Special Meeting.
- The Board approved an MOU with the Chicago Ridge Education Association (CREA) regarding a Soccer Coach Stipend.
- The Board approved a contract for the Chief School Business Official for the SY 26-27 through SY 28-29.
- The Board approved a contract for the Superintendent for the SY 26-27 through SY 30-31.
- The Board approved the release of closed session minutes and the destruction of verbatim recordings 18 months and older.