

# BOARD BRIEFS

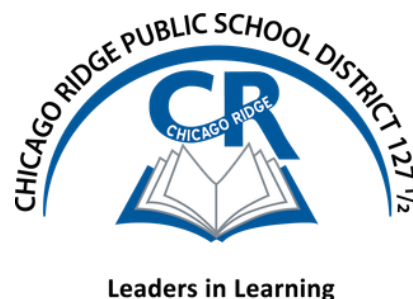
A report of items discussed and actions taken at the Aug 12, 2026  
Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Education.

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## Reports to the Board

- Dr. Thorns shared the current enrollment, explained staffing needs, and informed the Board that the PTA has a new board. The PTA will be sharing their calendar with District families soon. He discussed the upcoming Open Houses at Finley on 8/17 from 6:30-8:00 PM and at Ridge Central and Ridge Lawn on 8/18 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Dr. Thorns then talked about the Opening Day Institutes and this year's theme, "Stronger Teams, Stronger Systems, Stronger Together." He then discussed working with RJM Consulting on a new 5-year Strategic Plan beginning in January. He ended by sharing out the FOIA's that had been received over the last month.
- Mrs. Nothnagel provided the Board with a recap of the District's Summer Programs for students and the feedback the District received. She also shared the upcoming staff professional development and the 26-27 assessment calendar.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**August/September**

- Personnel
- FY 27 Budget

**Reports to the Board cont.**

- Mrs. Picciolini shared the FY27 tentative budget with the Board. She also shared out the hazardous bus routes and the school sponsored activity list. She ended her presentation by going over the summer projects and informing the Board that the District once again is applying for the COPS grant.

**Personnel**

The Board approved the hiring of:

- Madeleine Stogin, Special Education teacher at Ridge Central, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Anne Peters, Special Education teacher at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Katerina Papadopoulos, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Amanda Amador, Social Worker at Finley Jr. High and Ridge Central, eff Aug 17, 2026
- Kelsey Turek, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Ridge Lawn, eff. August 17, 2026
- Ana Barone, Math Coach at Ridge Lawn, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Kimberly Smith, Music teacher at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Karen Tritschler, Paraprofessional at Ridge Central, eff. Aug 24
- Beverly Glinsey, contractual Speech Language Pathologist at Ridge Central, eff Aug 17
- Amy Komosa, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- The Board approved the resignations of two Junior High teachers, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Ridge Lawn and a staff member at Ridge Lawn.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 25, 2026:  
Special Board Meeting at 6:30  
PM in the Boardroom

Tuesday, September 8, 2026:  
Regular Board Meeting at 6:30  
PM in the Boardroom.

## Board Action

- The Board approved the first reading of 28 policies.
- The Board approved displaying the FY27 Tentative budget.
- The Board approved changing the August 25, 2026 study session to a Special meeting.
- The Board approved Dr. Thorns and Andrea Perez as FOIA offices for the 2026-2027 school year.
- The Board approved a contract with RJM consulting in the amount of \$12,750 for Strategic Planning.
- The Board approved the hazardous walking routes for the 2026-2027 school year.
- The Board approved the school sponsored activities list.
- The Board approved a resolution to amend the District's Section 125 plan.
- The Board approved the direct hire fee for a paraprofessional in the amount of \$1,221.75.
- The Board approved an increase for the daily rate for Stand-By Substitute teachers.
- The Board approved the release of closed session minutes and the destruction of verbatim recordings 18 months and older.