

BOARD BRIEFS

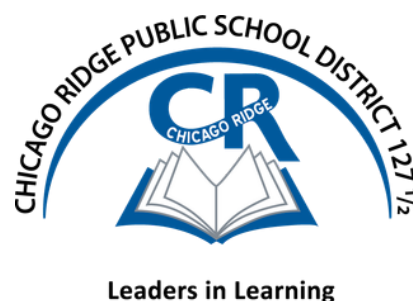
A report of items discussed and actions taken at the Aug 25, 2026
Special Meeting of the Board of Education.

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Reports to the Board

- Dr. Thorns shared out an opening report on the first week of school. He discussed the Opening Day Institutes and this year's theme, "Stronger Teams, Stronger Systems, Stronger Together." On the second Institute Day Dr. Jack Baldermann presented to the staff about the power of teams. Dr. Thorns also shared that numerous staff and parents told him what a smooth start the first few days of school had been. Dr. Thorns then discussed the District's potential purchase of the property at 10625 Ridgeland Ave. He shared that the District would use it as the administrative center and to house the Birth to 3 Program. Dr. Thorns also went on to say that if the District Office moves out of its current space, Finley Jr. High would use it to serve its growing population of students.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**September, 2026**

- Personnel
- FY 27 Budget

Reports to the Board cont.

- Mrs. Picciolini shared the PA-96-0434 Administrators' Compensation Report, the PA-97-0609 IMRF Salary Compensation Report, and the PA-97-0256 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report.

Personnel

The Board approved the hiring of:

- Samantha Colunga, Paraprofessional at Ridge Central eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Andrew Berg, 6th grade Social Studies teacher at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Jordan Brown, Paraprofessional at Ridge Central, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Alexandra Letsos, 4th grade teacher at Ridge Lawn, eff. August 17, 2026
- Amy Ayala, Lunch Hostess Float at Ridge Lawn, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Jill Jaksinick, Paraprofessional at Ridge Lawn eff. Aug 17, 2026
- Miracle Covington, Contractual Paraprofessional at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 20, 2026
- Manuel Barrera, Contractual Paraprofessional at Finley Jr. High eff. Aug 20, 2026
- Enjolique Wilson, 6th grade ELA teacher at Finley Jr. High, eff. Aug 17, 2026
- The Board approved the resignations of two paraprofessionals at Ridge Lawn

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

Board Action

- The Board approved Voucher #1038 in the amount of \$172,798.08.
- The Board approved and adopted a resolution appointing Dr. Thorns as trustee to serve on the Worth Township Trustees of Schools.
- The Board approved an updated job description for the position of Parent Liaison.
- The Board approved a pay rate of an additional \$30 for Parent Liaisons working in the role of credentialed Qualified Interpreters during IEP meetings.