

**ORION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #223**  
**1002 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**  
**ORION, ILLINOIS 61273**

**Board of Education Minutes of**  
**Tuesday, October 28, 2025**  
**SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD RETREAT**

A special meeting was held to conduct a “board retreat” session with district administration for the purpose of discussing district goals and concerns.

The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by Board President Hoftender at the District Office, 1002 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Orion, Illinois. Present were members Abbott, Berg, Drish, Hepner, Hoftender, Nightingale, and Stockton.

**ROLL CALL**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**PLEDGE**

The Board reviewed and discussed the current District Goals.

**DISTRICT GOALS**

Goal #1: Student Achievement/Curriculum ~ The Board discussed various district curriculum initiatives, including CR Hanna schedule updates and STEM program; updating textbooks and introducing Esports at middle school; updating the vocational curriculum and the development of new programs at the high school; strategies to increase math fluency across grade levels.

Goal #2: Programs and Services ~ The Board discussed the district’s mentoring program, professional development opportunities, exploring more options for workshops and teacher incentives to further support staff growth and engagement.

Goal #3: District/Community Relations ~ The Board discussed strategies to increase community involvement and plans for future Career Fairs.

Goal #4: Facilities ~ The Board discussed various facilities projects across the district, including installing lighting for the softball field at the middle school; stadium lighting and a new prep building at the high school; a hallway mural and a walking path to the playground at CR Hanna.

Goal #5: Finance ~ The Board discussed the upcoming insurance committee meeting and the levy.

Goal #6: Technology ~ The Board discussed technology initiatives, including keeping chromebooks in the classrooms at the middle school, utilizing AI tools to support teaching, and providing staff training on the new copiers in district buildings.

Motion by Nightingale, second by Berg to adjourn. Ayes: Abbott, Berg, Drish, Hepner, Hoftender, Nightingale, and Stockton. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.  
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