BONNER SPRINGS/EDWARDSVILLE

# BOARD BEAT

[An informal report from the USD 204 Board of Education regular monthly meetings. This is not meant to be used as meeting minutes.]

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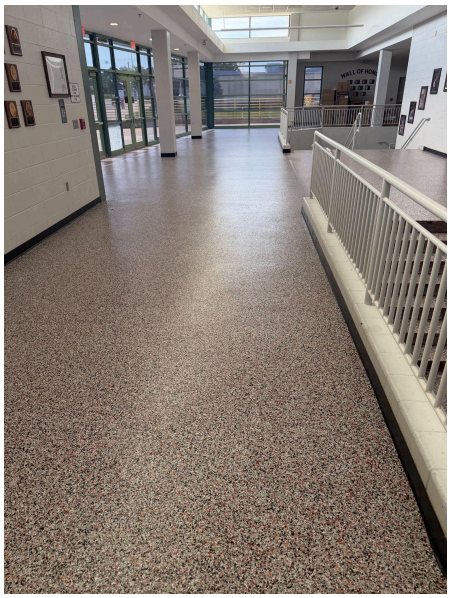
## Meeting Date: Monday, August 17, 2026 - District Office

President Kim Beets called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved the August 3rd Regular Meeting Minutes and Warrant Register and Financials.

Mr. Dave Stokka, Director of Facilities & Grounds, shared a Facilities and Grounds review, highlighting the projects the maintenance and grounds crew completed over the summer:

- Transportation and CO Building painting
- BSE Specials Area Reconfiguration
- BSE and Head Start Chimney Removals
- BSE Parking Lot Asphalt
- DRE and EDW De-escalation Rooms
- PEC/Fieldhouse Flooring
- Over 100 gallons of paint used to refresh rooms across the District



Updated PEC/Fieldhouse Flooring



BSE Chimney Removal



BSE Parking Lot Asphalt

Mr. Moulin and Dr. Porter shared an overview of the 2026-2027 budget process:

- Because we are planning to generate more property tax revenue for the 2026-2027 school year, the district is proposing a mill levy above the Revenue Neutral Rate.
- The district is proposing a slightly lower mill rate than was submitted to Wyandotte County in 2025 at 52.689 mills vs. 52.695.
- The District has continued to lower the mill rate over the past several years, from 62.36 mills in 2019-2020 to the proposed 52.689 mills for 2026-2027. Over the last few years, we have also worked to right-size the District and reduce costs.
- Mr. Moulin gave an example of how the proposed mill rate impacts patrons by sharing a real-life example of a homeowner whose property appraisal increased from $385,200 the prior year to $407,400 in the current year. Based on the proposed mill rate, the homeowner's estimated increase in property taxes for the school district would be approximately $144.74 for the year, or a little over $12 per month.
- The Revenue Neutral Rate hearing will be Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m., the Budget Hearing will take place at 6:15 p.m. and the regular meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Andaverde, Heather Campbell, and Billie Taylor from the AI Team gave an instructional update on AI in the Classroom.

- We don't want AI to replace our students' learning, so the team came up with an AI Guide.






- Our teachers are using AI Chatbots for students to use at home when they cannot get a hold of a teacher, the Chatbot guides students on how to answer homework questions without giving the answers.
- One of the legislative requirements is listing Approved Resources for Student Use, so we are making sure we are using resources that safeguard student privacy.
- Megan Turpin from KU Center for Reimagining Education added that the AI Guide our team created is being shared with other districts across the country!

Dr. Porter presented the Personnel Report.

- The Board approved the personnel report:
  - Appointments:
    - Saige White, BSE SpEd Para - Life Skills
    - Kelly Morris, McDanield Childcare Worker
    - Gracie Jarrett, CMS SpEd Para
    - Lucinda Asher, Transportation Substitute
  - Transfers:
    - Monica Molina Aguilar - EDW Lunch Aide to EDW Instructional Aide
  - Resignations:
    - David Mwatuka - District Technology Assistant

- Raniyah James - BSE SpEd Para

The Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege for a period of 20 minutes after a 5 minute break.

**The Board of Education will meet at the District Office for their RNR Hearing, Budget Hearing and next regular meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Find agendas, official minutes, and future meeting dates and times on our website.**