

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday
October 29, 2025
6:00 p.m. FY 26 Regular Meeting Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Greg Ruff, B.O.E. President Ruff called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Ruff, Popplewell, Lawless, and Freitag.

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Chambers, Cooper, Mertel

Recording Secretary: Bob Ketcham, Superintendent

Audience Members: Dr. Sandra Malahy, Courtney Klobuchar, Missy Einhaus

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION.

3.1 The Illinois Principal's Association has designated Friday October 24 as Principal Appreciation Day
- Congratulations Mrs. Klobucher

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4.1 Nomination for secretary pro-temp - Ashley Freitag nominated as secretary pro-temp

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Popplewell to approve Ashley Freitag as secretary pro-temp.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Lawless, Popplewell, Freitag. Aye: 4; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Freitag to approve October 29 agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Lawless, Popplewell, Freitag. Aye: 4; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve minutes from the September Regular Board Meeting, Executive Session

5.2 Approve the Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

5.5 Approve \$227,656.59 for August Disbursements.

5.6 Approve September 2025 Payroll.

5.7 Approve CD Interest

5.8 FOIA: Owen Wang, Illinois Valley Times -Information regarding High School Students. Request granted.

5.9 FOIA: Steve Watts - Information regarding district employees. Request granted.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Popplewell and seconded by Freitag to approve the consent agenda

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Lawless, Popplewell, Freitag. Aye: 4; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 25% through the school year. Revenues are 66.47 % and Expenditures are 30.76 %.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
10	Education	63.20 %	35.03 %
20	Operation & Maintenance	78.21 %	35.69 %
30	Debt	80.93 %	0.00 %
40	Transportation	44.75 %	9.75 %
50	Social Security & IMRF	75.72 %	25.61 %
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	81.14 %	0.00%
80	Tort	80.47 %	38.36 %
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	79.43%	0.00%
Total		66.47 %	30.76 %

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Freitag and seconded by Popplewell to approve the financial report.

Roll call: Yea: Ruff, Lawless, Popplewell, Freitag. Aye: 4; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

No Discussion

6.2 Fund Transfers - No Fund Transfers

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Principal's Report

Question included what student that Mrs. Klobucher dressed up as today.

7.2 Athletic Director's Report

Mrs. Klobucher updated the board on the upcoming tournament and other relevant information.

7.3 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

7.4 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

7.5 Committee Reports

Nothing this month

7.6 Business Manager Report

Dr. Malahy reviewed information on insurance violations as well as information on leasing buses, along with updates on the gym floor and roof.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Transportation - looking to vote on a Johannes contract renewal at the November meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Gym Floor Logo

9.2 Steam Table - Mr. Ketcham reported to the board that the steam table is in need of being replaced. The board engaged in discussion on costs, and including it in the school maintenance grant.

10. OTHER DISCUSSION

10.1 School Report Card - Mr. Ketcham reported that the school summative designation was "Commendable" and would follow up by sending additional information out to the board regarding this.

10.2 FY 25 Tax Levy - Mr. Ketcham reported that he would have a tentative tax levy to present at the November 19 meeting.

11. ACTION ITEMS

11.1 No Action items this month.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

13. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

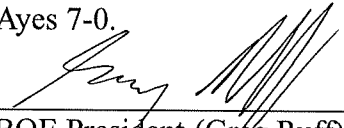
13.1 No action items as a result of executive session

14. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

15. ADJOURN

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Popplewell to adjourn at 6:27pm.

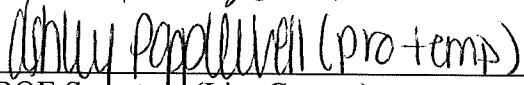
Ayes 7-0.



BOE President (Greg Ruff)

12-17-25

Date



BOE Secretary (Lisa Cooper)

12/17/25

Date