

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	<u>79.43%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
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:**

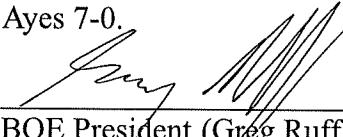
13.1 No action items as a result of executive session

**14. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD**

**15. ADJOURN**

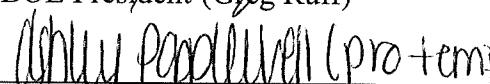
A motion by Lawless and seconded by Popplewell to adjourn at 6:27pm.

Ayes 7-0.

  
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BOE President (Greg Ruff)

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BOE Secretary (Lisa Cooper)

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