

Minutes
Lostant Community Unit School District #425
Wednesday,
January 29, 2025
5:30 p.m. FY 25 Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – REGULAR MEETING

Greg Ruff, B.O.E. President, called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Present: Chambers, Kozak, Ruff, Cooper, Lawless

Present via Zoom: None

Present via Telephone: None

Absent: Mertel, Wiesbrock

Recording Secretary: Bob Ketcham, Superintendent

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE/RECOGNITION

Recognize Cindy Burcar and Akaye Mertes for their actions of helping a student who had a seizure while on the bus route.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Kozack to approve the January 29 agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve minutes from the December Regular Board Meeting, and Executive Session.

5.2 Approve the Treasurer's Report.

5.3 Approve Activity Account Report.

5.4 Approve Imprest Account Report.

5.5 Approve \$271,563.07 for January Disbursements.

5.6 Approve January 2025 Payroll.

5.7 Motion to approve Superintendent permission to begin the FY 26 budget

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Kozak to approve the consent agenda.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1 Fund Activity

The district is 50% through the school year. Revenues are 91.40 % and Expenditures are 51.49 %.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
10	Education	90.86 %	48.77 %
20	Operation & Maintenance	101.3 %	59.62 %
30	Debt	101.89 %	93.66 %
40	Transportation	58.89 %	42.94 %
50	Social Security & IMRF	95.55 %	44.79 %
60	Capital Projects	0.00%	0.00%
70	Working Cash	100.89 %	0.00%
80	Tort	100.94%	29.24 %
90	Fire / Health Life Safety	101.05 %	0.00%
	Total	91.40 %	51.49 %

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Cooper and seconded by Ruff to approve the financial report.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

No Discussion

6.2 Fund Transfers

Fund transfers represent ensuring that these expenditures are paid out of the correct fund.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Kozak to approve the fund transfers.

Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

7. REPORTS, UPDATES, AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Principal's Report

Mrs. Klobuchar added that our written expression benchmark was quite impressive with 93% exceeding. She highlighted various other assessment data as well. Questions included what is done with the students in the warning category as well as what grade levels went down. Mrs. Klobuchar responded that they are tier 3 students and receive extra support. Mrs. Klobuchar discussed various aspects of the school calendar for next year. She also reported that the Parent-Teacher handbook committee met and she hopes to have results to share soon.

7.2 Athletic Director's Report

Mr. Ruff highlighted various aspects of the report and fielded a variety of questions.

7.3 Employee Reports

Nothing this month.

7.4 PTO Report

Nothing this month.

7.5 Facility Usage

Nothing this month.

7.6 Committee Reports

Mr. Ketcham recommended that the closed session committee be disbanded. The management of closed session minutes will be done in executive session with the entire board starting at our February meeting.

8. Other:

8.1 Holiday Concert - Mrs. Klobuchar agreed to survey parents and get their feedback.

8.2 1st Reading of 2025-2026 Board Calendar - Discussion took place regarding holding off on approving this calendar until the new board is seated.

8.3 Rise Grant - Mrs. Klobuchar updated the board on details involving this grant. The grant writer expense will be paid by a separate grant.

9. Action Items:

9.1 Certificate of Deposit - Mr. Ketcham recommended that the CD 88088 that is coming due in February be renewed at 4.25% at Illini State Bank.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Cooper to renew CD 88088 at Illini State Bank at a rate of 4.25%
Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

9.2 Closed Session Minutes Committee - Mr. Ketcham recommended that the Closed Session Minute Committee be disbanded and the management of closed sessions be done with the whole board in closed session.

ACTION ITEM

A motion by Chambers and seconded by Lawless to disband the closed session minutes committee.
Roll call: Yea: Chambers, Ruff, Kozak, Cooper, Lawless. Aye: 5; Nay: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Cooper to adjourn to closed meeting at 6:20 pm to discuss:
Ayes 7-0.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

A motion by Lawless and seconded by Cooper to reconvene into open session at 7:20 pm. Roll call.
7-0

11. ACTION ITEMS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

12. DIRECT SUPERINTENDENT TO REPORT TO BOARD

Renew CD 88088 at a rate of 4.25%
Comparisons of schools salary schedule

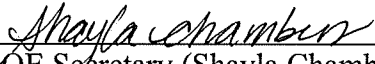
13. ADJOURN

A motion by Lawless and seconded by _ to adjourn at Kozak pm
Ayes 7-0.



BOE President (Greg Ruff)

2-27-25
Date



BOE Secretary (Shayla Chambers)

2.27.25
Date