



Bloom Township Trustees of Schools  
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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA  
BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026  
9:00 AM**

**MINUTES**

The Bloom Township Trustees of Schools met on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Present upon roll call were:

Eric Trimberger (SD153)	Fran LaBella (SD161)
Kimberly Elmore-Perkins (SD163)	Greg Jackson (SD169) - virtually
Tom Amadio (SD170)	David Shrader (SD171)
Kim Nalls (SD172)	Lawrence Cook (SD233)

Absent upon roll call were:

Bethany Lindsay (SD167)	Rob Grossi (SD168)
Jose Najjar (SD194)	Alicia Evans (SD206)

Also present was Treasurer David Ricker.

The presence of a quorum was noted and the meeting declared duly convened.

No public comments were made to the Trustees.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Audit Agreement

Treasurer Ricker reminded the Trustees that Fiscal Year 2025 is the last year under the current audit agreement with GW & Associates. A proposal for a new three-year agreement with GW & Associates was received for fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028. The estimated costs are:

Unit School Districts 129, 131  
High School Districts 206, 227, 233  
Elementary School Districts 153, 159, 161, 163, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 194  
Lee, Ogle, Whiteside ROE 47 • SPEED 802 • South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4

FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED COST	% CHANGE
2026	\$34,150	3.48%
2027	\$35,350	3.51%
2028	\$36,575	3.47%

Mr. Ricker noted that two other Treasurer’s offices in the area that are smaller are paying about \$58,000 and \$70,000 for their annual audits. Based on the proposed cost and familiarity with the Trustees office staff and audit, Mr. Ricker recommended the Trustees approve the proposed three-year audit agreement with GW & Associates.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Motion to approve the minutes from October 6, 2025, and November 12, 2025

A motion was made by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Nalls.

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Jackson, Amadio, Shrader, Nalls, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 8-0

Motion to approve bills paid by Bloom Township Trustees of Schools

Payroll: \$199,242.85

Accounts Payable: \$134,780.65

A motion was made by Trustee Elmore-Perkins and seconded by Trustee Trimberger.

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Jackson, Amadio, Shrader, Nalls, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 8-0

Motion to approve bills paid by Career Prep Network

Payroll: \$46,069.20

Accounts Payable: \$263,637.19

A motion was made by Trustee Nalls and seconded by Trustee Cook.

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Jackson, Amadio, Shrader, Nalls, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 8-0

### Motion to approve audit agreement proposal

A motion was made by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Nalls.

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Jackson, Amadio, Shrader, Nalls, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 8-0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Trustees discussed how each district is doing in terms of being more acclimated with Skyward. Trustee LaBella noted that her district is navigating how to correct benefit and deduction amounts related to health insurance as a result of premium amounts changing. Trustees Jackson, Shrader, Cook, and Trimberger all mentioned their districts are limping along and regularly contacting Skyward to work through challenges. Trustee Nalls mentioned that her district's remaining budget amount available does not seem accurate and paid time off taken and remaining are not working properly. Trustee LaBella also informed the Trustees that setting custom filters has proven to be very beneficial for her staff for various reports. Finally, Trustee Shrader said his team has had a difficult time navigating Skyward's knowledge hub.

Trustee Jackson asked Mr. Ricker when W2's will be ready for calendar year 2025. Mr. Ricker said a consultant from Skyward is coming to the office the week of January 12 to go over W2's with the staff and he would follow up with the Trustees.

Mr. Ricker also reminded the Trustees that a webinar training on 1095 forms is scheduled for January 8.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Cook commented that property tax revenue came in on two separate days over winter break. A confusing email was sent by the Cook County Treasurer's Office informing school districts of the tax amount they are receiving but the email stated that sub-agencies, such as bond accounts, are not receiving funds from the distribution. The consensus from the Trustees was to deposit the tax revenue into the Education Fund. If further direction from the county is not received in the next month, they directed Mr. Ricker to speak with legal counsel on how to distribute the revenue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee Elmore-Perkins and seconded by Trustee Jackson.

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Jackson, Amadio, Shrader, Nalls, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 8-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.



President



Ex-Officio Clerk