



Bloom Township Trustees of Schools
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**SPECIAL SESSION MEETING AGENDA
BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026
9:00 AM**

MINUTES

The Bloom Township Trustees of Schools met on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 9:31 a.m.

Present upon roll call were:

Eric Trimberger (SD153)	Fran LaBella (SD161)
Kimberly Elmore-Perkins (SD163)	David Shrader (SD171)
Kim Nalls (SD172)	Jose Najjar (SD194)
Lawrence Cook (SD233)	

Absent upon roll call were:

Bethany Lindsay (SD167)	Rob Grossi (SD168)
Greg Jackson (SD169)	Tom Amadio (SD170)
Alicia Evans (SD206)	

Also present was Treasurer David Ricker.

No public comments were made to the Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Statement of Economic Interest

Treasurer Ricker stated the deadline to file annual Statements of Economic Interest is May 1, 2026.

FY 2025 Audit Report

Mr. Ricker reviewed the Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2025. Highlighted were total revenues of \$2,601,987, total expenses of \$3,042,439, and an ending fund balance of \$195,491. He also stated that no material weaknesses or audit findings were documented.

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

FY 2027 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for the July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, fiscal year were discussed. The proposed dates were July 13, October 5, January 11, and April 5. Additionally, the Trustees reviewed the meeting time and thought pushing them back to 2:00 p.m. versus 9:00 a.m. would be better for everyone's schedules.

Life Insurance Proposal

Mr. Ricker informed the Trustees that while his contract and the employee handbook states the office provides term life insurance, no policy is in place. He requested a quote from J.J. Doorhy, the same broker that provides workers' compensation and liability insurance plans. They quoted a rate of \$0.172 per \$1,000 of coverage and a monthly cost of \$77.40 with a two-year rate guarantee.

FY 2027 Staff Salaries

Mr. Ricker stated he spoke with a few school districts and recommended a 4% increase in salaries for the office staff for next year which is in line with others.

Account Manager Position

Mr. Ricker said the current Account Manager is retiring in early December 2026 and proposed a timeline to post the position, conduct interviews, and recommend a candidate to the Trustees. The goal is to have the new person training no later than September 1, 2026. The Trustees stated they were ok with retroactively approving the recommendation and agreed to a few months of overlap for training purposes.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion to approve the Minutes for January 5, 2026

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najjar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve bills paid by Bloom Township Trustees of Schools for January, February, and March 2026

- Accounts Payable: \$139,125.04
- Payroll: \$200,245.54

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najjar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve bills paid by Career Prep Network for January, February, and March 2026

- Accounts Payable: \$392,380.51
- Payroll: \$46,069.20

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report with total revenues of \$2,601,987, total expenditures of \$3,042,439, and an ending fund balance of \$195,491

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2027 Trustee meeting dates with a meeting time of 2:00 p.m.:

- July 13, 2026
- October 5, 2026
- January 11, 2027
- April 5, 2027

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve proposal for Life Insurance from J.J. Doorhy & Associates at a rate of \$0.172 per \$1,000 and a total cost of \$77.40 per month

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Motion to approve an increase for Fiscal Year 2027 support staff salaries as discussed

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

Upon the roll call, the vote was:

AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najar, Cook

NAY: none

Motion passed 7-0

Trustee Cook left the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Skyward Update

The Trustees reviewed how the districts are doing on Skyward, the new financial software implemented for the current fiscal year.

Trustee Nalls mentioned that paid time off is not reflected accurately on paystubs. Her payroll person is working with Skyward to fix the issue.

President LaBella said her district recently completed staff planning training for next year and recommended the other districts do that as well. She also stated that grant funded salaries automatically have benefits charged to the grant accounts and they are working through how to clean this up.

Trustee Shrader shared that the activity detail report does not include the budgeted or encumbered amounts for account numbers.

Trustee Najar said his district has had a positive experience with Skyward and they receive quick responses when submitting help tickets.

Trustee Trimberger stated details are minimal on cash receipts in the system, the salary schedule matrix does not allow for relabeling rows, and payroll encumbrances are not accurate.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

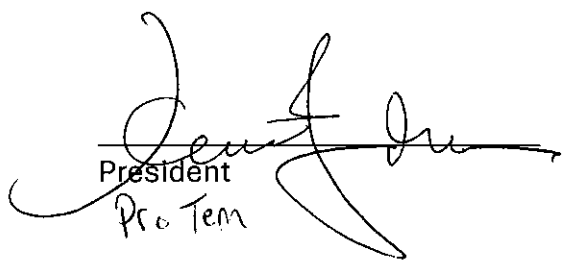
Upon the roll call, the vote was:

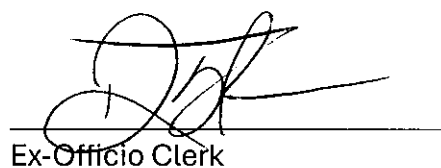
AYE: Trimberger, LaBella, Elmore-Perkins, Shrader, Nalls, Najar

NAY: none

Motion passed 6-0

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.


President
Pro Tem


Ex-Officio Clerk