Stephenson Area Public Schools
School Board Meeting – August 24, 2026

School board meeting of the Board of Education of the Stephenson Area Public Schools was called to order by President Don Cugini at 6:02 p.m. on August 24, 2026.

Matthew Ives called the roll with Don Cugini, Matthew Ives, Lance Johnson, Scott Marcoe Adam Olson, Natalie Winkler, Barb Zahorik and Superintendent Jerry Sardina present. Don Cugini declared a quorum present.

Administration Present –Faye Phelps, Josh Jones

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

Guest/Public Comment –Dave St. John Varsity Softball Coach
Guidelines are printed on the backside of the agenda

Motion by A. Olson second L. Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 7-0

Student Representative – NA

Presentations-

Motion by L. Johnson second by N. Winkler approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution. Carried 7-0

Motion by A. Olson second M. Ives approve the hiring of Lucy Reynolds as kitchen staff. Carried 7-0

Motion by M. Ives second L. Johnson approve the hiring of Carly Messersmith as Girls Junior High Basketball Coach. Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Johnson second A. Olson approve the hiring of Amanda Kakuk as SPED para/teacher substitute. Carried 7-0

Motion Amended by N. Winkler second A. Olson approve hiring a temporary filing clerk. Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Johnson second A. Olson approve hiring a temporary filing clerk if deemed necessary buy Superintendent. Carried 7-0

Motion by A. Olson second L. Johnson approve closing AP bank account and moving forward with Positive Pay. Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Johnson second by A. Olson to approve going into closed session to discuss Finance Director's wage.
Roll Call Don Cugini-Y, Matthew Ives-Y, Lance Johnson-Y, Scott Marcoe -Y, Adam Olson-Y, Natalie Winkler-Y, Barb Zahorik-Y Time 6:38pm Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Johnson second A. Olson to approve going back into open session.
Time 7:57pm Carried 7-0

Motion by M. Ives second by N. Winkler to approve Finance Director's Contract.
Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Johnson second by A. Olson adjourn at 6:58pm. Carried 7-0

September School Board Meeting: September 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Board meeting held on August 24th, 2026 and that said proposed minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said hearing from and after the 28th day of September, 2026.

Secretary, Matthew Ives