Stephenson Area Public Schools
School Board Meeting – July 27, 2026

Public Hearing of the Stephenson Public School Board of Education was called to order by President Don Cugini at 6:00 p.m. on July 27, 2026.

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

Administration Present –Faye Phelps, Josh Jones

Motion by A. Olson second by L. Johnson adjourn at 6:00pm. Carried 7-0

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 June 22, 2026.

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

Administration Present –Faye Phelps

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 –For the Record No Public Comments
Guidelines are printed on the backside of the agenda

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

Student Representative – NA

Presentations-

Motion by L. Johnson second by A. Olson approve the Pre-approved College Courses for EMC 5th year math requirement to be added to the Stephenson Course catalog as presented by the Superintendent. Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Winkler second M. Ives approve the handbook changes and Updated Handbook
Carried 7-0

Motion by A. Olson second L. Johnson approve Chromebook Policy changes and Updated Chromebook Policy. Carried 7-0

Motion by M. Ives second S. Marcoe approve resignation from Emily Gorzinski as Elementary Teacher.
Carried 7-0

Motion by A. Olson second N. Winkler approve hiring Ben Cummins. L. Johnson abstained. Carried 5-1

Motion by A. Olson second by N. Winkler to approve going into closed session to discuss Superintendents Contract.
Roll Call Don Cugini-Y, Matthew Ives-Y, Lance Johnson-Y, Scott Marcoe -Y, Adam Olson-Y, Natalie Winkler-Y, Barb Zahorik-Y Time 6:32pm Carried 7-0

Motion by L. Johnson second A. Olson to approve going back into open session.
Time 7:08pm Carried 7-0

Motion by M. Ives second by A. Olson to approve Superintendents Contract. L. Johnson abstained
Carried 6-0

Motion by L. Johnson second by A. Olson adjourn at 7:12pm. Carried 7-0

August School Board Meeting: August 24, 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 July 27th, 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 24th day of August, 2026.

Secretary, Matthew Ives