



## Niles Elementary School District 71

### Minutes

#### Regular Session

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 7:00 PM

**Location**

Media Center

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**Directors Present**

Dexi Karabatsos, Georgia Chronopoulos, Jackie Jaime, Kenny Krueger, Matthew Holbrook, Victoria Luz

**Directors Absent**

Matt Glancy

**Guests Present**

Debra Jordan, Erica Smolinski, John Kosirog, Katie Russ, Ken Kaufhold, Laura Guarraci

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**I. Opening Items****A. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance****B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Matthew Holbrook called a meeting of the board of directors of Niles Elementary School District 71 to order on Tuesday May 19, 2026 at 7:03 PM.

**II. Public Comment**

#### **A. Public Comment**

There were none.

### **III. Closed Session**

#### **A. Closed Session**

- Closed Session for the Discussion of minutes of the meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act as described by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- Consider the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
- Student disciplinary cases as described by 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the school board has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the school board finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

### **IV. Recall To Order of Open Session**

#### **A. Open Session**

Meeting Reconvened at 8:42 pm.

### **V. Acknowledging Communications to the Board of Education**

#### **A. Communications**

There were none.

### **VI. Additions or Changes to Agenda**

#### **A. Changes to the Agenda**

There were none.

### **VII. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda**

Matthew Holbrook made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Session on 04-21-26.

Jackie Jaime seconded the motion.

The Finance Committee Minutes from April 21, 2026 and the Consent Agenda were also approved with this vote.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VIII. Discussion and Action Items

### A. Motion to Approve Accounts Payable

Matthew Holbrook made a motion to Approve Accounts Payable in the Amount of \$872,163.81.

Kenny Krueger seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

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|----------------------|--------|
| Dexi Karabatsos      | Aye    |
| Kenny Krueger        | Aye    |
| Georgia Chronopoulos | Aye    |
| Matt Glancy          | Absent |
| Victoria Luz         | Aye    |
| Matthew Holbrook     | Aye    |
| Jackie Jaime         | Aye    |

### B. Approval of 2026-2027 Board Calendar

Kenny Krueger made a motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar.

Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Victoria Luz         | Aye    |
| Kenny Krueger        | Aye    |
| Matthew Holbrook     | Aye    |
| Georgia Chronopoulos | Aye    |
| Dexi Karabatsos      | Aye    |
| Matt Glancy          | Absent |
| Jackie Jaime         | Aye    |

### C. Approval of the Director of Business Services/CSBO Contract

Kenny Krueger made a motion to Approve the Director of Business Services/CSBO Contract.

Dexi Karabatsos seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Matt Glancy          | Absent |
| Jackie Jaime         | Aye    |
| Georgia Chronopoulos | Aye    |
| Matthew Holbrook     | Aye    |
| Dexi Karabatsos      | Aye    |
| Kenny Krueger        | Aye    |
| Victoria Luz         | Aye    |

#### **D. Approval of the Following Board Policies**

Matthew Holbrook made a motion to To approve the following Board Policies.

Kenny Krueger seconded the motion.

2:200, 2:220, 2:250, 4:165, 5:30, 5:250, 5:330, 6:65, 6:100, 6:15, 6:170, 7:20, 7:50, 7:100, 7:185, 7:240, 7:260, 7:300, 8:90, 7:220, 7:230, 7:280

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### **Roll Call**

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Matthew Holbrook     | Aye    |
| Jackie Jaime         | Aye    |
| Kenny Krueger        | Aye    |
| Victoria Luz         | Aye    |
| Dexi Karabatsos      | Aye    |
| Matt Glancy          | Absent |
| Georgia Chronopoulos | Aye    |

#### **IX. Informational Items**

##### **A. NTDSE Report**

President Holbrook attended the NTDSE BOE meeting. Items discussed included, change of meeting day and new contraxt negotiations.

#### **X. Administrative Report**

##### **A. Admin Report**

###### **Strategic Plan Activities:**

###### **Advance Learning and Innovation**

- PLC Leadership
- ELA/Math Committee
- Special Education Teacher Professional Development
- Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Special Education Staff

**Responsibly embrace technology to empower creativity, problem solving, collaboration, communication and learning.**

- Technology Student Device Collection

**Meet students' increasing social emotional needs.**

- Athletic/Extracurricular Update
- PBIS

- Recess

### **Engage and expand community and parent resources**

- 8th Grade Events

### **Community Building**

- Staff v. Student v. Alumni volleyball event
- Young Authors
- End of Year Luncheon
  - Carol Provost
  - Linda Kraus
  - Jeanette Mendez
  - Maria Radko

## **XI. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Advance Learning**

1. PD Plan 26-27
2. Committee System Reorganization 26-27

### **B. Embrace Technology**

1. Draft AI Guidelines

### **C. Meet Social Emotional Needs**

### **D. Steward Resources**

1. Insurance Committee Review
2. Addition repair Update

### **E. Engage Community**

1. FOIA Requests: There were none
2. District Enrollment

## **XII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew Holbrook

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Attest

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Board President

Attest

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Board Secretary