APPROVED

Niles Elementary School District 71

Minutes

Regular Session

Date and Time
Tuesday September 15, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Directors Present
Georgia Chronopoulos, Jackie Jaime, Matt Glancy, Matthew Holbrook, Victoria Luz

Directors Absent
Dexi Karabatsos, Kenny Krueger

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

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 Sep 15, 2026 at 7:02 PM.

II. Presentation of New Staff

A. New Staff Members were introduced to the Board.

The new staff members included:

Carli Antuna, Amanda Garcia, Emily DeLaVega, Natalie Lasaru-Harris, Teresa Gamble, Leah Hood, Teagan Quill, Aolani Marquez, Marhawit Beraki.

III. Public Comment

A. There were no comments.

Teachers in Attendance included: Liz Lawrence, Michelle Baum, Kellie Conklin, Kim Perez and Sarah Goodrich.

IV. 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).

V. Budget Hearing

A. Call to Order

The Budget Hearing was Called to Order at 7:57 pm by Matt Holbrook, Board President.

B. Presentation of the 2026-2027 Budget

C. 2026-2027 Budget

Ken Kaufhold, CSBO , presented the 2026-2027 Budget to the Board.

D. Public Comment on Budget

There were no comments.

E. Adjourn

Budget Hearing was adjourned at 8:10pm.

VI. Acknowledging Communications to the Board of Education

A. Communications

There were magazines from IASB for the Board members.

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Matt Glancy made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Session on 08-11-26.
Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VIII. Discussion and Action Items

A. Motion to Approve Accounts Payable

Matt Glancy made a motion to Approve Accounts payable in the amount of $610, 255.63.
Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on August 11, 2026.

Matt Glancy made a motion to approve the minutes from Finance Committee Meeting on 08-11-26.
Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Kenny Krueger	Absent
Matt Glancy	Aye
Jackie Jaime	Aye
Victoria Luz	Aye
Matthew Holbrook	Aye
Dexi Karabatsos	Absent

Roll Call

Georgia Chronopoulos	Aye

C. Approval of the 2026-2027 Budget

Matt Glancy made a motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Budget.
Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approval of the IGA Reciprocal Reporting

Matt Glancy made a motion to to approve the IGA Reciprocal Reporting.
Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approval of Board Policies

Matt Glancy made a motion to Approve Board Policies as listed: 2:230, 5:40, 5:70, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:130, 8:70, 2:30, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60,3:70, 4:120, 4:175, 5:110, 5:140, 5:185, 7:30, 7:80, 7:345, 8:100.
Matthew Holbrook seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IX. Informational Items

A. NTDSE Report

Member Holbrook attended this month's NTDSE BOE meeting. The discussions were about Staff pay, Air Conditioning and the retirement of Christina Dimas.

X. Administrative Report

A. Admin Report

B. Admin Report

Strategic Plan Activities:
Advance Learning and Innovation

- **PLC**
- **HMH PD**
- **Special Education Teacher Professional Development**

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

- **Student Devices**
- **Cleartouch Panel Update**

Meet students' increasing social emotional needs.

- **Athletic/Extracurricular Update**
- **Calm Halls Update**
- **PBIS**
- **Recess**

Engage and expand community and parent resources

Community Building

- **8th Grade Car Wash**

XI. 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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Holbrook

Attest

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Board President

Attest

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Board Secretary