

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #61
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA

Regular Meeting
Keil Administration Building
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street
Decatur, IL 62523
1st Floor Board Room

May 07, 2025
4:30 PM Open Session
Closed Session Immediately Following
5:15 PM Open Session Reconvened for
Sine Die & Reorganization Meetings

Legend: AI = Action Item

DI = Discussion Item

IO = Information Only

Strategic Plan Mission:

The mission of Decatur Public Schools, the destination district of our community, is to unlock students' unique and limitless potential to achieve their personal aspirations as fully prepared, contributing citizens in a global society through learning experiences distinguished by:

- *commitment to the whole person resulting in student growth and confidence*
- *relevant, innovative, personalized academic pathways that promote passion and pride*
- *a learning environment that fosters curiosity and the thirst for achievement and discovery*
- *a culture of diversity, adaptability, and resilience*
- *meaningful and lasting relationships*
- *extraordinary school and community connections*

The Board of Education Parameters that Guide Our Work:

- We will make decisions in the best interest of all students.
- We will treat all people with dignity and respect.
- We will seek input and collaboration throughout our diverse community.
- We will practice responsible stewardship of all our resources.

AI 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Education will meet in Closed Executive Session to discuss a special education due process matter regarding an individual student, other matters relating to the individual student and possible imminent (settlement) litigation.

Roll Call

IO 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AI 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR SINE DIE MEETING, MAY 07, 2025

IO 4.0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

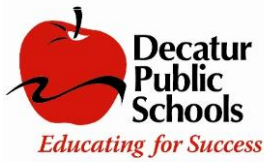
AI 5.0 ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

A. Action to Approve Settlement Agreement regarding Special Education Due Process Matter

B. Approval of the Canvass of Votes from the April 01, 2025 School Board Election

IO 6.0 BOARD DISCUSSION

AI 7.0 ADJOURNMENT (SINE DIE)



Board of Education Decatur Public School District #61

Date: May 07, 2025	Subject: “Canvass” Abstract of Votes
Initiated By: Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary	Attachments: Abstract of Votes and Certifications
Reviewed By: Dr. Rochelle Clark, Superintendent	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Consolidated Election for the Board of Education was held this year on April 01, 2025. Outgoing candidates whose terms expired this year included four (4) members: Alana Banks, Kevin Collins, Jason Dion and Al Scheider.

Candidates, whose names appeared on the ballot (in this order) for these four (4) positions, were as follows: Karen Lauritzen, Jason Dion, Anthony “Tony” Albertina, Kevin R. Hale, Christina Tyus and Devon Martinez Joyner.

Jason Dion was the only incumbent that ran for the April 2025 election.

CURRENT CONSIDERATIONS:

On Tuesday, April 15, 2025, Josh Tanner, County Clerk of Macon County, certified the Abstract of Votes as he canvassed the returns of the Consolidated Election held on Tuesday, April 01, 2025. This certification was US mailed and received by Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary, on Monday, April 28, 2025. Mr. Tanner proclaimed that a total of 4,867 voters requested and received ballots, and certified that the following list of candidates each received the number of votes recorded:

CANDIDATES	VOTES
Karen Lauritzen	2618
Jason Dion	2089
Anthony “Tony” Albertina	1878
Kevin R. Hale	3091
Christina Tyus	2880
Devon Martinez Joyner	2125

On Tuesday, April 15, 2025, Josh Tanner, Macon County Clerk, further certified and confirmed that the above was a true and completed Abstract of Votes for Decatur Public School District 61 Board of Education.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration/Board Secretary respectfully requests the Board of Education accept the “Canvass” Abstract of Votes as presented that were certified and confirmed by Josh Tanner, Macon County Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- ☒ Approval
- ☐ Information
- ☐ Discussion

BOARD ACTION: _____

ABSTRACT OF VOTES

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF MACON) ss.

I, Josh Tanner, County Clerk of Macon County, do hereby certify that on April 15th, 2025, I canvassed the returns of the Consolidated Election held on April 1st, 2025, and do proclaim that a total of 4867 voters requested and received ballots and I do further certify that the following list of candidates each received the number of votes recorded to him or her for the office listed below.

DECATUR PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 61 BOARD MEMBER

CANDIDATE	VOTES
Karen Lauritzen	2618
Jason Dion	2089
Anthony "Tony" Albertina	1878
Kevin R. Hale	3091
Christina Tyus	2880
Devon Martinez Joyner	2125
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I further certify that the above is a true and complete Abstract of Votes and was confirmed in my presence this 15th day of April, 2025.

JOSH TANNER, MACON COUNTY CLERK

*To see a report of the returns (votes received) by precinct, please refer to the Statement of Votes Cast-Final Canvass.

NOTE: "Each local canvassing board shall immediately transmit a signed copy or original duplicate of its complete Abstract of Votes to each election authority having jurisdiction over any of the respective political subdivision, and to the State Board of Elections..." (10 ILCS 5/22-18)

