



The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education (BOE) meetings. Agendas are posted 48 hours in advance of meetings to the website and [board packets](#) before each meeting and [board minutes](#) once approved. Regular meetings are recorded and posted to the school website within 48 hours for viewing.

NOTE: Due to Phase 4 space restrictions in a single space, in-person participation for a BOE meeting is limited to the Board of Education Members and Administration. The BOE will be conducting virtual meetings via Zoom. Information to virtually attend a meeting or to provide public comment during the meeting is posted on each meeting agenda on our website under [Meeting Documents](#) 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Kenilworth District 38 Board Briefs

Highlights from the Regular Meeting on September 21, 2020

Budget: The BOE held a Public Hearing and adopted the FY21 Budget presented by Business Manager Dr. Joe Bailey. [Dr. Bailey's budget presentation](#) included information on school revenues and expenditures, tax levy considerations, operating costs per pupil, COVID-19 related spending, and facility maintenance. Dr. Bailey also presented the monthly financial and investment statements. The FY21 Budget and monthly financial and investment reports are available for review in the [public board packet](#).

2019-2020 Parent Climate Survey: Mrs. Mia Casey Sachs presented the 2019-2020 Parent Climate Survey results. The 2019-2020 School Climate Survey was issued to families to monitor school climate and systematically collect parent feedback on a variety of topics. Across all grade levels, 85% of parents rate The Joseph Sears School excellent, very good, or good. Areas of improvement being pursued from the survey results include:

- Ensure a 'Student First' philosophy permeates the school.
- Support Diversity, Equity, and Belonging (DEB) initiatives through classroom work and school culture efforts to ensure students, faculty, and staff feel safe to be and express themselves.
- Continue and improve efforts to hire, retain, and support qualified teaching staff.
- Reinforce and better communicate the chain of command to ensure people know who to reach out to for issues.
- Focus on social-emotional learning (SEL) instruction and infusing it in all aspects of the school curriculum to prepare students to thrive now and in the future.
- Seek a deeper understanding of discipline issues and develop solutions with administrators, faculty, and parents.
- Utilize parent feedback on curricular areas of interest to the community and



areas showing a year-to-year decline.

Detailed information and results of the survey can be reviewed in the [2020 Parent Climate Survey Summary and Presentation](#).

Master Facilities Plan: During the 2019-2020 school year, District 38 began to develop a long-range Master Facilities Plan as a roadmap for the District's facilities needs for the next three to five years. The Board and Administration is committed to including stakeholder feedback throughout this process and will be sending out a Zoom meeting link to community members this week to provide input on the proposed draft of the Master Facilities Plan on Thursday, October 1, 2020. The Zoom meeting link will also be available on the district calendar. Visit our [Master Facilities planning web page](#) for more information on the project.

Policy Updates: The Board of Education has received the draft policy manual, which the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) prepared after consultation with the Policy Committee. The Committee had identified 21 policies that likely warrant a broader discussion at the Board level. Policies have been assigned to working groups to review policies and prepare comments due at the following two meetings:

October 26, 2020; 8:00 am. Discussion of Policy Series 100 – 500
November 9, 2020; 8:00 am. Discussion of Policy Series 600 – 800

The Policy Committee's goal is to provide comments on the draft policy manual to IASB by early December. At that meeting, the Committee will review the comments with the IASB team, and determine the next steps.

Calendar Review:

- October 1, 2020; Faculty/Staff Master Facilities Plan Draft Review (Virtual)
- October 1, 2020; Community Master Facilities Plan Draft Review (Virtual)
- October 19-23, 2020; Parent/Teacher Conferences (Virtual)
- October 26, 2020; BOE Policy Meeting (1 of 2 Draft Policy Manual Review Meetings)
- October TBD; Special Board Meeting
- October TBD; Building & Finance Committee Meeting
- November 9, 2020; BOE Policy Meeting (2 of 2 Draft Policy Manual Review Meetings)
- November 16, 2020; Regular Board of Education Meeting
- November 16, 2020; Public Hearing and Approval of Tax Levy (File by December 1, 2020)
- November 11, 2020; Approve Annual Statement of School District Affairs (file & post by Dec. 1)
- November 25-December 4, 2020; Thanksgiving Break

Please direct your questions or comments to the Kenilworth School District No. 38 by sending an email to listen@kenilworth38.org. All messages are sent to the Board of Education members, Superintendent, and the Board of Education Secretary, and are subject to the Freedom of Information Act. Thank you!