



**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**J.B Pritzker**  
Governor

**Robert D. Vickery**  
Acting Director

**Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice School District #428  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Minutes -March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER**

- 1.0** The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Tresa D. Dunbar on Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:36 a.m. at the IDJJ Chicago Office.

**ROLL CALL**

- 1.1** The following Board Members were present: Board Member Lamont Holifield, joined at 9:54 a.m. and Board Member Briana Morales.
- Others present: Tresa D. Dunbar, Superintendent of Schools, Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Melissa Cory, Director of Special Education,

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2.0** As follows.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

- 2.1** Quorum was not confirmed. Approval of the agenda will be in the May meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES OF  
JANUARY 2025  
MEETING**

- 2.2** Quorum was not confirmed. Approval of the minutes will be in the May meeting.

**PUBLIC  
PARTICIPATION**

- 3.0** Mr. Mark Lewis, Assistant Legal Counsel for the Department of Juvenile Justice.

**PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT**

- 4.0** Acting President not in attendance. A report will be given in May.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT**

- 5.0** As follows.

<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT #428</b>  <i>Human Resources Update</i>  <b>DR. TRESA D. DUNBAR</b>	<b>5.1</b> Human Resources Update: Maya Angelou's permanent principal position is expected to be filled by June. Hiring process continues for our newest facility, Monarch Youth Center in Lincoln, IL. Facility progress updates will be shared in the May meeting. School Board will be invited to the opening of the school.  The Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum position yielded twenty-one applications. Only nine will interview. In the May meeting, the new person will be introduced.
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT #428</b>  <i>Annual Professional Retreat</i>  <b>DR. TRESA D. DUNBAR</b>	<b>5.2</b> The Annual School Retreat will take place in Urbana Champaign. Information will be sent. School Board Members are invited to see the good work we do around professional development. Ms. Serrano will share more information.
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT #428</b>  <i>School Updates: Glencliffe Academy and Maya Angelou</i>  <b>DR. TRESA D. DUNBAR</b>	<b>5.3</b> School updates Glencliffe Academy and Maya Angelou were given. Principals will be invited again to our July meeting to share updates.  Angela Cunliffe, TA Principal at Maya Angelou. Maya Angelou is in preparation for report card pick up. A database in place to address ongoing difficulties with the youth. Attendance has improved.  Cynthia Houston, Principal at Glencliffe Academy at IYC Pere Marquette. There are currently eleven students enrolled, four are special education. There have been six graduates, to this date. Four students are enrolled in Elgin College 101. Four teachers are in monthly rotation to assist with continuing education at the Department of Corrections. Despite school displacement, school has been ongoing. Glencliffe will soon onboard Delta T Substitute.
<b>SCHOOL DISTRICT #428</b>  <i>Education Updates-Funding</i>  <b>DR. TRESA D. DUNBAR</b>	<b>5.4</b> School District #428 is not impacted by the educational cuts. The Governor has been proactive on having contingency plans and moving funds so that all school districts received what they need. All the grants are in place. In late May, early June, grant applications will open. No fund changes are anticipated.
<b>ASST. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE</b>  <i>Summary February/March 2025 Curriculum Update</i>  <b>DR. BAMBI BETHEL-LEITSCHUH</b>	<b>6.0</b> Continuing with Curriculum and Instruction, Physical Education and Health teachers will meet to review core areas to implement a review of the courses to be available online to be used at IDJJ and DOC. One course will meet the needs for graduation requirements and the other to further elective opportunities.  ACT will be for Juniors and Seniors who have yet to complete. They will be held late April. The use of chrome books is still in the works.

Google classroom has identified a professional learning community representative within our district. There will be a training on April 1<sup>st</sup>, with implementation in May. It will be a piloted between April- May. Four teachers have been hired. There is a currently three sites, Pickneyville will open in April. Shawnee and Illinois Rive have has one graduate.

**DIRECTOR OF  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION**

*IDEA Grant Status  
Current Special Education  
Statistics  
Special Education at Department  
of Corrections*  
**MRS. MELISSA CORY**

**6.2** School District #428 currently has 47 Special Education students.

IDEA grant is in a good shape.

The plan for Special Education, DOC, population is to maintain the same process as IDJJ.

**CTE/ VOCATIONAL  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR**

*CTE/ Vocational  
Education Summary  
January 2025*

**MR. NOAH BOUDREAU**

**7.0** NOVA Programming is moving forward, the program will be restarting in the northern schools. The NOVA contract will expand to Harrisburg. Scheduling arrangements are in process.

Larry's barbershop has an instructor in the background process. Inspection is yet to be scheduled.

Victory XR will be at Chicago, PEACE Center, and Pere Marquette.

Tri City boxing is at the PEACE Center. Six to eight students a week take advantage of the program.

EDDR, a culinary program where students can complete sanservi certificate. It is industry certified. The program is free of cost, it benefits incarcerated students. Aftercare also has access to this program.

ECC, Elgin Community College 101 is at Pere Marquette.

D&D Solar is awaiting final signatures. The plan is to start with a small cohort.

**BOARD DISCUSSION  
ITEMS**

**8.0** None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**9.0** A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Briana Morales. Board Member Lamont Holifield then followed with a second motion. The motion passed. No Objections. Superintendent of Schools concluded the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

