

**FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT PANEL (FOP)
FOR EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 189
Administration Building, 1005 State Street, East St. Louis, IL
June 26, 2025
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Member Granger called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Members Present

Jeffrey Collier, Sister Julia Huiskamp, Jessie Granger, Dr. Debra Moore

Members Absent

Jackie Settles

ISBE / District Staff Members / Others Present

Superintendent Arthur Culver, Chief of Schools Keisa Garrett, Chief of Staff Jennifer Brumback, Chief HR Officer Valencia Hawkins, Chief School Business Official (CSBO) Delfaye Jason, Attorney Garrett Hoerner participated via Zoom.

ISBE Regional Financial Consultant Anne Maidment participated via zoom.

Prayer

Member Collier led the prayer.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Moore, for the adoption of the Agenda giving the Oversight Panel Chair discretion to take agenda items out of order. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Recognitions

In the absence of Executive Director Sydney Stigge-Kaufman, Chief of Staff Jennifer Brumback publicly recognized the following staff members and students on their achievements:

Avant Elementary Recognized as Model School at the 2025 Model Schools Conference

James Avant Elementary School has been selected as a Model School and will be recognized at the prestigious 2025 Model Schools Conference taking place in Washington, D.C. June 22-25. Hosted by the Center for Model Schools, this event honors forward-thinking schools that drive transformation, inspire change, and implement groundbreaking strategies to improve student outcomes.

Chosen from a competitive group of schools nationwide, Avant has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to student success and innovation. By fostering a culture of collaboration, ambitious instruction, and continuous improvement, the school exemplifies excellence in education.

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As part of this distinguished recognition, Avant Elementary will present Systems for Social Emotional Learning and Behavior Management at the conference, engaging with over 5,000 educators to share insights on how to utilize systems and data to guide strategic change within a school community with limited amounts of resources. We salute the entire campus and conference presenters, including Principal Quanshanda Nicholson, Assistant Principal Audrey Jackson Luster, Dr. Antaniece Carter, Tanika Scott and Barbara Outten.

East St. Louis School District 189 Employees Earn Advanced Degrees

Congratulations to the dedicated employees of East St. Louis School District 189 who have recently earned advanced degrees—an outstanding achievement that reflects their commitment to lifelong learning, professional excellence, and the continued success of the students they serve.

By pursuing higher education, these individuals are not only advancing their own careers, but also strengthening the educational experience across our district through their expanded knowledge and leadership.

We proudly recognize the following employees for this significant accomplishment:

- Kiaundra Smith, Director of Finance and Federal and State Programs, received an Ed.S. in Education Administration with a Superintendent Endorsement.
- Sandra Dawson, Special Education Teacher at East St. Louis Senior High School, earned a graduate degree in Curriculum and Instruction.
- Dr. Roosevelt Mitchell, Special Education Supervisor, earned his Doctorate of Educational Leadership.
- Kymmond Mitchell, Custodian at Officer Elementary, earned a carpentry maintenance degree from Ranken Technical College.

We thank these staff for their dedication to growth, and for inspiring excellence throughout our school community.

School District 189 Raises over \$25,000 to Support the United Way

School District 189 leaders, administrators, and staff members supported the United Way Campaign in late 2024, helping us raise more than \$25,000 to support local non-profit organizations. Each financial contribution, regardless of size, played a vital role. Notably, our top-performing campuses each raised over \$4,000:

- Bush Alternative Center (Exceptional leadership from a small and mighty campus!)
- Younge School of Excellence
- Avant Elementary

These generous contributions directly support numerous social service programs in our community, providing essential assistance to many of our student families. We thank our dedicated staff and students for their incredible support.

School Athletic Teams Celebrate Successful Seasons

We congratulate all our student athletes and coaches for a strong season and highlight the following for their recent successes:

EAST ST LOUIS SR HIGH SCHOOL FLYERS

Boys Varsity Track & Field – IHSA Class 2A State - 2nd Place

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4x100 meter relay - **STATE CHAMPIONS** - Durand Sain, Jayden McCallum, Shamond McClain, Melvin Sledge

4x200 meter relay - **STATE CHAMPIONS** - Shamond McClain, Jayden McCallum, Zavion Brownlee, Melvin Sledge

4x400 meter relay - **STATE CHAMPIONS** - Durand Sain, Melvin Sledge, Jayden McCallum, Darius Ivy

Shamond McClain - **STATE CHAMPION** - Triple Jump

Jayden McCallum - 6th Place - 200m

Darius Ivy - 5th Place - 400m; 3rd - 800m

Tyreke Baker - 6th Place - 300m Hurdles

Tyreke Baker - 8th - Triple Jump

Girls Varsity Track & Field – IHSA Class 2A State

4x200 meter relay - 9th Place - Je'Tira Taylor, Jade Davis, Ka'Milla Tugle, Kendra Jennings

Kendra Jennings - 8th Place - 100m Hurdles

MASON/CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL – IESA 3A State Track & Field Competitors

8th Grade Girls State

4x200 meter relay - 2nd Place - Lailah Cherry, Rylee Witcher, Shykera Smothers, Raykel Bean

Izzarriah Porter - 5th Place - 100m Rylee Witcher - 5th Place - 400m

8th Grade Boys State - 3rd Place (tie)

4x100 meter relay - **STATE CHAMPIONS** - Averion Duff, Jarett Dewalt, Kingston Jones, Kevin Jobe

4x200 meter relay - 5th Place - Alex Bass, Eli Riley, Devin Jobe, Micah Douglas

4x400 meter relay - 2nd Place - Kevin Jobe, Kingston Jones, Alex Bass, Jarett Dewalt

Malik Herring - 5th Place - Shot Put

Averion Duff - 6th Place - 200m

Jarett Dewalt - 10th Place - 200m

Micah Douglas - 2nd Place - Long Jump

7th Grade Boys

4x100 meter relay - **STATE CHAMPIONS** - Amoure Hunbard, Justin Belt, Zaron Travis, Alonzo Williams

4x200 meter relay - 9th Place - Vincent Arterbridge III, Devonta Akins Jr., Julius Mosley, Cameron Spearman

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL – IESA 3A State Track & Field Competitors

8th Grade Boys State - 6th Place

4x100 meter relay - 4th Place - Deshaun Dean, Kaloni Rice, Bryce Miller, Darviontez Clark

4x400 meter relay - 3rd Place - Deshaun Dean, Kaloni Rice, Darviontez Clark, Lamarion Burton

Kaloni Rice - 2nd Place - 110m Hurdles

Deshaun Dean - 5th Place - 110m Hurdles

Trenton White - 5th Place - High Jump

7th Grade Boys State

Fredrick Higgins - 100m - 2nd Place

Fredrick Higgins - 200m - 4th Place

Kenneth Walton - 200m - 9th Place

7th Grade Girls State

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4x400 meter relay - 9th Place - Rachael Stewart, Kherionna Jenkins, Na'vy Ramirez, Khadareeasia (Kk) Clark
DaMaya Moore - 7th Place - 100m

YOUNGE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE – IESA 1A State Track & Field Competitors 7th Grade Girls State

4x100 meter relay - **STATE CHAMPIONS** - Aleeha Turner, Dalya Rodgers, Danyla Jones, Kailei Willis
Aleeha Turner - 400m - 2nd Place

Superintendent Culver congratulates the ESLSH Boys Baseball Team for winning the IHSA Regional Playoff games.

Report of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council (SSAC)

No Report

Report of the Superintendent

Superintendent Culver reported that the \$19 million appeal was granted by the judge. However, the U.S Department of Education has filed an appeal, extending the date for the release of funds. The Department of Funding and Disbursements has been contacted for correct disbursement dates. Meetings with the bonds counsel has been scheduled to discuss funding for the capital projects which are already in progress. An extension may be necessary to ensure all projects are completed by the anticipated dates.

District Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Report

Director Joseph Haskell reported that B&G is focused on the closing of work tickets and getting buildings ready for the opening of the upcoming school year. Flooring will be installed in buildings that will not host summer school. One of the main focuses is to make sure that the HVAC units are all functioning by the first week of August to prevent interruption of instructional time. The ongoing CTE project, cafeteria remodel and auditorium project are in progress. Designs have been reworked to keep cost low. A bid is out to have parking lots restriped and black topped for general maintenance. The softball and baseball fields are in the designing phase.

- Panel member asked about the sewer issue on Northside of the building.
There was a break in the water main during the CTE renovation but was covered under the contractor's insurance policy. Damages have been repaired at no cost to the district.

District Finance Report

CSBO Delfaye Jason provided a brief update on the Comparative Analysis Finance Report

- Revenue was \$121 million vs \$129 million last year.
- Expenditures \$ 120 million vs \$107 million last year.

CSBO Jason reported that 93% of the revenue has been received and used 84% of expenses has been used. Teacher salaries will reflect in the remaining balance of expenses.

ISBE Report

No Report.

Executive Session

Member Granger moved, with a second by member Collier to move to Executive Session, at 12:30pm. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

The panel reconvened in Open Session at 1:18 pm

Responses to Panel Questions

Chief of Schools Keisa Garrett reported that approximately 800 students participated in the summer school program. Other than a few absences due to extreme temperatures, summer enrollments at the high school level reached an all-time high. Other summer programs offered within the district include The PAWS Academy and the Thundercat Academy. An additional 100+ students were in participation. Both Title and District Funds have been instrumental in sustaining the summer programs. KHW, AO, MCMS, ESLHS, and GB Alternative are all in the process of receiving HVAC renovations. To make up for lost instructional time, several 6th, 7th and 8th grade students from WYSOE were able to attend the summer camp at the high school. Students also attended for enrichment, earn Algebra credit and prepare for Geometry.

- Panel member asked if the lunch programs were available throughout the summer.
Yes, but community participation is low.
- Panel member asked what measures are being taken to improve enrollment and participation with the summer programs. Enrollment is good at most facilities. There has been a significant increase of enrollments at James Avant of second language families. Multiple project homes have been eliminated and families who remain enrolled in section 8 housing are now spread over the metro east community. Various programs and activities are on the table to encourage participation in the summer activities.
- Panel member asked if SIUE Charter receives state-aid for enrollment
State aid pays up to 104 enrollments. SIUE Charter typically remains under the cap of 120

14. A. Regular Meeting of May 27, 2025

Superintendent Culver asked for a motion to approve the FOP Regular Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025.

Member Moore moved, with a second by Member Huiskamp, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

15. Approval of Consent Agenda Items (June 25, 2025 Board of Education Meeting)

Superintendent Culver asked for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 15.A. through 15.G.

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Granger, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

15. A. Finance Items: Part B - H - Treasurer's Report, Part B - Board Bills \$3,905,461.17, May Payroll \$4,008,984.35, Credit Card \$102,425.51, Payroll Wire Transfers \$2,593,093.60, A/P EFT's \$5,132.93, W/C Claims \$32,190.34, Part C Miscellaneous Cash Receipts \$6,108.99, Part D Athletics \$2,469.21, Part E Monies Returned and Miscellaneous Payments \$0.00, Part F Open A/P \$0.00, and Part H Overtime \$24,755.06, for Month of May

15. B. Payment of Invoices for Legal Services from Becker, Hoerner & Ysursa, P.C. for the Month of May 2025. Amount: \$11,620.60

15.C. Approval of a qualified bid from Barcom Security to provide Intrusion and Fire Alarm services as specified in RFB1303 Cost: \$273,514.21 Funding Source: District FY26, FY27,

FY28

15. D. Approval of an emergency quote from Hank's Excavating and Landscaping to repair the sewer on the North Side of the High School in the Drive Lane as attached.

Cost: Not to Exceed \$75,000 Source: District

15. E. Approval of Use of Premise Requests & Addendum as presented.

15. F. Approval of Professional Development Requests and Addendum(s) as presented.

Approximate Cost: \$386,960.38

15. G. Approval of Field Trip Requests and Addendums. Approximate Cost \$10,867.00

16. APPROVAL OF ACTION AGENDA ITEMS (June 25, 2025 Board of Education Meeting)

Superintendent Culver asked for a motion to approve by omnibus vote Action Items 16.A, 16.B, 16. C. 16 D. 16.E.

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Moore, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Superintendent Culver asked for a motion to approve:

16. A. Approval of Personnel Report/Addendums & Contracts.

16. B. Approval of Curriculum Action Items 7.A List and Addendums. Approximate Cost: \$206,625.00

16. C. Approval to Read All Resolutions by Reading of Heading Only

16. D. Approval of Resolution Approving & Authorizing Renewal of Charter & Charter School Agreement with SIUE Charter High School

16. E. Approval of Worker's Compensation Settlement Agreement(s).

Member Collier moved, with a second by Member Huiskamp, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

17. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

18. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Financial Oversight Panel Meeting: July 21, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

20. A. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Member Granger moved, with a second by Member Moore, to adjourn the meeting at 1:26 p.m. The motion carried on a roll call. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

FOP APPROVED JULY 21, 2025