

Caucus Committee Meeting Minutes



September 1, 2026
Stuart Room, Gorton Center

Call to Order: Scott Nehls, President of the Lake Forest Caucus, called the meeting of the Caucus Committee to order at 7:03 p.m. A quorum was in attendance.

Approval of meeting minutes: Mr. Nehls welcomed everyone to the meeting and raised the matter of approval of the Committee meeting minutes of August 27, 2026. There being no discussion, on motion by Charlie Notarus, seconded by Steve Gongola, the minutes were approved as presented by acclamation without dissent.

General Comments of President: Mr. Nehls briefly reviewed the meeting agenda and the upcoming Committee calendar and interviewing process.

Fundraising Discussion: Fundraising Chair Bert Carstens led a brief discussion on upcoming fundraising activities and invited the Committee to submit additional ideas.

Interviewing Tutorial: Former Caucus Committee member Cindy Davidson conducted an interviewing tutorial to aid the committee in applying best practices to the upcoming slate of interviews the Committee is conducting. She concluded with a Q&A session.

School Board Presentation: Superintendent Matt Montgomery and District 115 School Board President Dan Noble conducted a detailed discussion on the current "state of the union" of the D67 and D115 school systems and described the role and ideal attributes of School Board members. A Q&A discussion was included throughout the presentation.

Adjournment: There being no further business and after final comments, Mr. Nehls called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Steve Gongola, seconded by Ann Lyon and approved by the Committee members by acclamation, without opposition. The meeting was concluded at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Craigmile, Secretary.