



Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, October 30, 2025 7:00 PM
Winfield Central Library, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

I. **CALL TO ORDER 7:00PM**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Education Members in attendance: Lynn Kammes, Carrie Linden, Dave Hempe, Alisa Wolfe, Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Melissa Doucet, Building Leader; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board Secretary;

Staff: Beth Nelson, Jennifer Gendel,

Visitor(s): Adams Family, Hlava Family, Sue Hempe,

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Action(s): With Amendments: I move to amend the agenda to remove the approval of the closed session minutes for September 25, 2025. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. **Student Recognition** - Will Adams and Maddie Hlava

B. **Fall Data Presentation Addendum & School Report Card Update- Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Illinois Science Assessment Data [Presentation](#)**
Discussion:

During the Fall Data presentation, the district reviewed results from the IAR, ISA, and MAP assessments. The IAR results continue to arrive unpredictably and show little correlation to other measures like MAP, PSAT, ACT, or SAT, so the district does not use them to guide instruction. New state scoring norms were introduced this year, changing how proficiency levels are reported. Overall, the district's ELA and math results are similar to state averages, with about half of students meeting proficiency. The science assessment remains required but provides no usable data, as the state has not released results for several years. Both schools are rated "Commendable" on the state report card, and the district will continue focusing on MAP testing as the most meaningful tool for measuring and supporting student growth.

C. **HVAC - TRANE Service Agreement**

Discussion: The board discussed the possible new service contract for managing the building's HVAC and control systems. The new contract, which costs approximately \$60,000 per year, provides support for both the primary HVAC units and all Trane units, ensuring proper operation and maintenance. While the contract locks in pricing for five years, it can be terminated at any time. The service acts as an essential extension of staff, particularly for managing computer-based controls, which require specialized expertise not available in-house. The system's complexity, especially in the older 1972 wing, necessitates this support to maintain consistent operation and address occasional issues. The board will consider moving this contract to an action item next month.

D. **Potential State Maintenance Grant FY 2026**

1. Roofing Quotes
2. Potential Swipe Door Upgrades
3. Continued Focus on Art Room Cooling

Discussion:

The state has committed to a 2026 maintenance grant, which will match up to \$50,000 of local funds, effectively supporting \$100,000 in projects. Proposed projects include replacing the roof on the 1882 one-room schoolhouse section, improving key card access to instructional and operational areas such as the art room, cafeteria, outdoor classroom, and office for safer and more efficient student movement, addressing temperature control in the art room, and upgrading door safety with panic bars where needed. These projects aim to enhance building maintenance, safety, and operational efficiency. The grant proposal will be presented for approval in November before submission to the state.

E. FY 25 Audit

Discussion:

The recent 2024–2025 audit went very smoothly, with a single auditor completing the work over three and a half days. The audit followed a familiar format and found no material weaknesses in internal controls or instances of noncompliance under government auditing standards. Financial highlights show that capital outlay expenditures dropped significantly to \$209,274, down from over \$1.3 million the previous year due to the completion of referendum projects. Fund balances remain strong, ending the year at \$6,144,008 an increase of \$454,419. The district now has only one outstanding referendum-related debt, with all previous debts fully paid or refinanced. Additionally, the audit includes a breakdown of the TRS proportion between the state and the district.

F. IASB Delegate Assembly - Resolutions

Discussion:

The board discussed the upcoming ISB Delegate Assembly resolutions. This year, there is only one major resolution up for a full vote, which concerns advocating for 100% state funding for school transportation. Members noted that, unlike past years, there are no resolutions regarding guns, safety officers, or teachers. The board reviewed the context, including budget constraints and the likelihood of limited state funding, and generally leaned toward a conservative position on the transportation reimbursement issue. Other constitutional changes will be presented on a consent agenda during the assembly. Members also acknowledged the value of existing partnerships, such as with the local police department, and noted that limited resources would make additional responsibilities challenging. This is one of the first years without charter school-related resolutions. No final recommendation was made, but discussion focused on prudence given current fiscal pressures.

G. Athletics Buses

Discussion:

The district discussed implementing buses for athletic events due to increased transportation challenges for families. With student population changes and more away games, many families struggle to get students to games, especially in distant locations. Proposed bus costs range from \$75–\$135 per hour, totaling approximately \$8,000–\$10,000 annually for all sports. The plan would start with girls' basketball in January, using a flexible scheduling system similar to field trips, with a check-out procedure for students leaving early. The initiative aims to ensure all students have equitable access to participate, address liability concerns, and provide consistent adult supervision. A detailed policy and parent communication plan will be developed, with further discussion and potential board guidance expected in November.

H. TIF 2

Discussion:

- **Legal Challenges Against TIF 2:**

- **Failure to Meet Statutory Requirements:**
 - The school districts argue that TIF 2 enacted by the Village of Winfield does not meet legal criteria, including the requirement to demonstrate blight and other mandated factors.
- **Non-Contiguous Properties Issue:**
 - The village improperly combined several disconnected properties to create the TIF.
 - A key issue involves a parking garage included in the TIF, which will remain on the tax rolls for only 20 years, shorter than the TIF's duration, leaving the school districts without long-term revenue benefits.
- **Municipal vs. Economic Development Purpose:**
 - The districts argue that TIF 2 is intended primarily for municipal development, with most funds directed towards a municipal center, which will not expand the tax base for other taxing bodies.
- **Failure to Meet the "But-For" Test:**
 - The districts assert that development is already occurring without TIF funds, primarily due to a \$65-70 million investment by Central DuPage Hospital, making the TIF unnecessary for further economic growth.

- **Legal Proceedings Update:**

Discussion: There has been limited communication from the village regarding development. Oral arguments for the appeal are scheduled for November 19, 2025, at 10:00 AM; results may be available shortly after, though timing can vary. Discussions with District 94 indicate no change in their position since the last negotiations. The Joint Review Board meeting for TIF 1 and TIF 2 is scheduled for November 24 at 10:00 and 10:15 AM, with municipalities asked to designate their representatives by November 10. Attendance is open to the public, though the meeting itself is brief and focused on procedural matters.

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action(s): I move to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA (Routine matters that do not require discussion)**

Action(s): I move to approve the Consent Agenda action items A and B (read every listed item) as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

A. **Approval of Finance Reports**

1. Bill List - Payable List and List of Other Payments
2. Treasurer/Fund Balance/Bank Reconciliation Report

B. **Other Approvals**

IX. **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

1. **Legislative Update**

We are in the middle of the veto session in Springfield. There is work being done at the committee level to address tier 2 pensions. Corrections the committee is processing include identifying funding streams, including one that will reduce existing systematic pension liabilities and solving the safe harbor challenge in relationship to social security. We also expect a floor vote on changes that will significantly limit suspensions and expulsions for K-2 students.

2. **Facility Updates**

The primary focus this month has been preparing projects to be funded in partnership with the State Maintenance Grant. However, we have a couple of projects that we are looking at in terms of future planning. First we have a couple of summer projects including replacing the sinks in the cafeteria that students use to hand wash during the lunch period. The current water/soap combination running sink needs to be reset frequently and have significant tweaks to operate. We are looking to replace these with basic sinks and soap dispensers. Second, a lot of our walls were painted over 20 years ago. Thanks to Cal, Jayden and Mr. Blake this summer we did some painting of some rooms. We will be looking at how we can extend these projects systematically throughout our system to add a fresh coat to many of the aging walls. Another project we are monitoring but will be coming sooner than later is some significant upgrades to our network infrastructure and access points. We last purchased access points in April of 2018. The switches and wireless controller are older than that. Over the next couple of years we will need to upgrade the equipment as Cisco declares these units at end of life and they are no longer able to access security patches. This, along with the regular iPad and macbook refreshes, are things we are tracking with our facilities planning. Last night Matt Tibble and I were able to attend the DuPage Illinois Association of School Boards' Division Meeting. Jim Burgett, a veteran school administrator, school board member, and speaker did a nice job walking through key aspects of being a school board member and leader within the community. There were great ideas regarding how to hear and share issues during these complicated times.

3. **WEF Update**

- a. WEF teacher grant applications were sent out recently. We will be getting the "project hope" gift giving program process started soon. New Pom Poms for the cheer team were purchased.
- b. We just had pre-K-5th grade classroom parties today and the middle school Halloween party after school.
- c. PTO/WEF meeting is Wednesday, Nov 5th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.
- d. Next Cooks night out is at Portillo's in Glendale Heights from 5-8pm on Thursday, Nov 6. Must mention fundraiser/show digital flyer when ordering

B. **Principal's Report:** [Presentation](#)

C. **Finance Report from Director of Business Services**

1. **Committee Updates**

The committee report, covering participation from July through October 15th, was reviewed. It was noted that the building's T8 light bulbs are becoming obsolete. TCL, which handled prior LED upgrades, recommended transitioning to LED bulbs by removing the existing ballasts. While LEDs have a higher upfront cost, they are longer-lasting and more consistent in color. The plan is to phase in the transition gradually as current T8 bulbs are used up, rather than purchasing all at once. Existing fixtures will not need to be replaced. This project may potentially align with the state maintenance grant, but the timeline may not match grant requirements. Currently,

about 40–45 T8 bulbs remain, which should last until 2026. The replacement work is expected to be handled internally.

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Personnel**

1. Reduce Crossing Guard Hours - Jay Dudasik

Action(s): I move to reduce crossing guard hours for Jay Dudasik as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

2. Increase Crossing Guard Hours - Amber Rowe

Action(s): I move to increase the crossing guard hours for Amber Rowe as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

3. Accept Intent to Retire Notifications

Action(s): I move to accept Intent to Retire Notifications from Kate Cyrus, Shona Dave', Lisa Napolitano, Corine Nelson, Elizabeth Nelson, and Ray Serbick as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

- B. Repair Winfield Central Gym Bleachers and Basketball Hoops

Action(s): I move to employ JD Enterprises to repair the bleachers and components of the basketball hoops at Winfield Central Gym for a cost of \$7,895 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

- C. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**

For information only, no Board approval needed.

- D. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

1. Yiran Zhang - SEIU Local 1

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

- A. Social Studies Update

XIII. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – Reason 1.** *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with [the Open Meetings Act]. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).* **Reason 12.** *Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).*

Action(s): I move to adjourn from Regular session to Closed session. A voice vote was taken at 8:54pm. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

XIV. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION**

Action(s): I move to adjourn from closed session to open session. A voice vote was taken at 9:47pm. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

XV. **ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

A. None

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action(s): I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 9:48pm. A voice vote was taken at 9:48PM. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

Regular Board of Education Meetings:

***Unless otherwise noted, all Board of Education Meetings are on Thursdays and begin at 7:00 PM. They are located in the Winfield Central School Cafeteria.**

Regular Thursday, October 30, 2025

Approved:



Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education



Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education