Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2026 7:00 PM
Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 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, Principal; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board Secretary; Jennifer Gendel, Student Services Coordinator;*

Staff: *Tina Serpico, Susan Gavin,*

Visitors: *Bob and Dona Casey, Brittany Casey, Tristan campbell,*

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Action(s): I move to approve the agenda 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

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. **Student Spotlight** - Tristan Campbell

B. IASB Resolutions

The Board reviewed three proposed IASB resolutions and discussed providing guidance on how the District's representative should vote at the upcoming IASB meeting. The resolutions addressed pension reform and the financial impact on school districts, county accountability for delays in issuing property tax bills and collecting revenue, and potential restrictions on FOIA requests to address excessive or automated submissions while maintaining public access to government records. The Board discussed the merits and potential challenges of each proposal.

C. Illinois State Report Card

The Board reviewed the Illinois School Report Card and discussed the revised state rating system, which separates the previous categories into more specific performance levels. The presentation highlighted Winfield School District 34's performance in student achievement, growth, and attendance, noting that Central School was near the threshold for the Approaching Exemplary designation, while Primary School was also approaching Exemplary. Student achievement on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) was identified as an important factor in the district's overall rating. The Board also discussed the limitations of year-to-year growth data and the importance of focusing on student proficiency and academic progress. Attendance was reviewed, with the district performing near the Exemplary level and middle-level attendance reported at approximately 95% for the current school year. Student and staff survey results were also discussed, highlighting generally positive responses and the district's collaborative school culture. The Board expressed appreciation for the revised report card format, which provides more detailed data to better understand district performance and identify areas for continued improvement.

D. Facilities Committee Update

The Facilities Committee has held three productive meetings focused on building safety, facility assessments, engineering needs, and long-term capital planning. The committee's goal is to present a 10-year capital plan to the Board by February or March.

The committee reviewed the proposed State Maintenance Grant, which would provide $50,000 in state funding with a matching $50,000 district contribution. Proposed projects include electrical improvements, replacement of aging doors and hardware to improve accessibility and security, and additional emergency lighting, signage, and smoke detectors.

The committee also discussed the importance of maintaining the district's existing buildings as long-term community assets. A significant focus was the East Wing of the Primary School, including asbestos abatement and renovations that could allow the space to be used for future classroom needs or early childhood programming. The committee is exploring cost estimates and potential job order contracting options, with additional estimates anticipated for consideration.

Additional discussion included reviewing the community survey to explore opportunities for partnerships that could expand access to mental health and therapeutic services, considering energy efficiency and ADA accessibility in future facility improvements, and incorporating findings from the upcoming security audit into the district's long-term planning.

E. Program Committee Update

The committee discussed the potential expansion of the Early Childhood program, including the Preschool for All expansion opportunity, which would provide additional funding but also involve additional requirements. The District is monitoring the availability of state grants and working with its consultant to explore this opportunity. The committee also discussed instructional environments, including classroom furniture, tables, chairs, carpeting, and tile flooring, with a focus on durability, maintenance, and supporting student learning. Additional discussion included reviewing resources and reports, as well as the possibility of establishing a separate committee to focus on preserving Winfield history, with teacher representatives involved. The committee noted the value of parent participation, emphasizing that families bring a wide range of perspectives to the discussions.

F. Potential Full Day Early Childhood Continuing Conversation - *Presentation*

***Presenters**: Dr. Matt Rich, Melissa Doucet, Lisa Honaker, Jen Gendel,*

The Board discussed the potential expansion of Winfield School District 34's early childhood program to offer a full-day preschool option. Survey results indicated strong community interest, with respondents identifying program hours, curriculum, and learning opportunities as important factors. Of the 38 respondents, 32 preferred a full-day schedule, and 31 expressed interest in the program. The discussion emphasized that a full-day option could better support working families while maintaining access to the District's existing Preschool for All program for eligible students.

The proposed expansion would provide additional time for developmentally appropriate learning, social-emotional growth, language development, gross motor skills, and early intervention services. Staff noted that a longer school day would allow teachers and specialists more opportunities to observe students, address developmental needs, and help prepare children for kindergarten. The Board also discussed the potential long-term educational and financial benefits of early intervention, including the possibility of reducing future support needs and certain outplacement costs.

The preliminary financial review indicated that the District could utilize existing classroom

space, with approximately $8,600 in additional supplies and equipment anticipated for a full-day model. Estimated staffing costs for the tuition-based portion of the program were discussed at under $100,000, with approximately 13–14 tuition-paying students needed to cover that portion of the expenses. The District also reviewed existing Preschool for All funding and noted that additional state grant funding was uncertain, as expansion opportunities had not reopened. Further consideration included tuition rates, affordability, maintaining access for eligible families, and potential before- and after-care partnerships. The discussion was exploratory, with no final decision regarding implementation. The Board reviewed survey feedback, educational benefits, program structure, and preliminary financial considerations as part of its continued evaluation of a potential full-day early childhood program.

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

A. September 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
B. September 24, 2026 Closed Session Minutes

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 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

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**

      Most State and Federal legislators are out on the campaign trail. Veto session in Illinois will be November 17-19 and December 1-3. We don't anticipate a significant amount of work in education. One thing we will be watching is whether Illinois agrees to participate in the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit. This is an optional $1700 deduction that goes dollar for dollar to schools. Most states with democratic governors/legislatures have not opted into the program as perception is that this is simply another way to push vouchers and defund public education. It would require some significant revisions to fee structures if it gets authorized. We will monitor legislative movement on this and may need a special meeting in December if it gets authorized in Illinois. IASA, IASBO, and IASB are working on ways to guide districts/collaborations if it is authorized in order to manage these types of programs. The second piece that we are following is E-Rate funding from the Federal government. The public input sessions are over. Now it is in the hands of the FCC to determine if the program is going to continue, change, or be eliminated. E-Rate partially funds part of our Internet backbone, firewalling, and network services. It also is partially funding our switch upgrades.
   2. **Facility Updates**

      We are in the process of preparing for Winter. We have a good load of salt already on site. We are also working with Trane and Artlip to ensure our HVAC equipment is prepared for our usual few blasts of frigid cold. Right now we are in the shoulder seasons, as such the days start cool or cold and heat up nicely during the day. This can be hard on buildings, especially at Central where we have boiler heat and cool that comes from centralized air. As such we do get some areas that are too hot or too cold

and end up making adjustments throughout the day and week. Unfortunately this can be pretty common at schools as my wife's rooms range from 70 to 80 depending on which parts of buildings she's working in. We encourage staff and students to bring layers as the weather changes.

3. **WEF Update**
   On Thursday, October 29th we will have our fall/Halloween classroom parties for pre-K through 5th grade. After school that day we will be hosting a middle school Halloween party from 5-7pm. Thank you to all the volunteers who help make these events possible. Our annual Lou Malnati's pizza coupon fundraiser is going on now, with orders due on 11/11. With money that PTO/WEF raises through the directory, pizza sales, Trivia Night and Tiger Run, we are able to offer a teacher grant program, host an assembly and other events throughout the year, as well as save up for larger items not covered by the school's budget. WEF is preparing for Project Hope Holiday gift-giving program. A letter and survey will be going out to families in-need soon. We will reach out to the community to fulfill the wish lists around mid-November. We always appreciate the community's support with this program

B. **Principal's Report** - *Presentation*

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

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approve 2027 State Maintenance Project Grant Application

Action(s): I move to approve the 2027 Illinois State Maintenance Grant for projects costing approximately $108,750. 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

B. **Personnel**

1. **Accept Updated Intent to Retire Notification**

   Action(s): I move to accept the updated Intent to Retire Notification from Elizabeth Nelson. 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

2. **Approve Stipend for 2 Additional Origami Clubs**

   Action(s): I move to approve the additional Stipend Assignment for David Brach of $1230 for 2 additional Origami clubs 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

3. **Approve Contract Extension for Director of Business Services/CSBO**

   Action(s): I move to approve a 4 year contract extension for Lisa Honaker as Director of Business Services/CSBO & Food Service Director of Winfield School District 34 for the 2027-28 school year through the 2030-31 beginning with a salary of $150,000 for Director of Business Services/CSBO and a $10,000 stipend for Food Service Director 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

C. Approve Asbestos Management Consultant Services

Action(s): I move to approve Intertek to provide Asbestos Management Consulting Services with fees as presented based on those accessed by the district. 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

D. **Approve 3 Year Asbestos Reinspection**

Action(s): I move to approve Intertek to complete the 3 year Asbestos Reinspections for Winfield Primary and Central Schools at a cost of $1,500. 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

E. **Approve Refrigerant Testing for Primary HVAC System 2**

With Amendments: I move to approve complete refrigerant leak testing for Primary HVAC System 2 for Winfield Primary at a cost not to exceed $15,000. 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

F. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**

For information only, no Board approval needed.

G. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

XIII. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** – ***Reason 9.*** *Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(8).*

Action(s): I move to adjourn to closed session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong 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

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

Action(s): I move to adjourn from closed session to open session. A voice vote was taken. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Dan Krasinski, **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. A voice vote was taken at 9:31PM. This motion, made by Dave Hempe 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

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 22, 2026

Approved:

Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education

Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education