



Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 7:00 PM

Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Board of Education Members in attendance: Lynn Kammes, Matt Tibble, Carrie Linden, Dave Hempe,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO;

Staff: David Brach

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 Dave Hempe and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edith Makra - TIF Lawsuit: I was so relieved when the court settled the TIF lawsuit. I am in favor of a town center redevelopment and believe this will help Winfield grow and serve all residents. I am sickened to learn the Dist 34 wants to appeal. Give it up! Move on! And work with the Village and the constituents you serve to build this community. Don't give our tax dollars to lawyers. Spend it on the kids.

Lauren Thurman - School District Lawsuit: Respectfully, I can hardly afford my taxes now. I am a teacher and value education highly, but I am not made of money. Please stop wasting money on this lawsuit. Also, we need a new police station as we grow. Please put the money there.

James Thelen - District 34 Lawsuit Re: Winfield Town Center TIF 2: The Court has ruled. Town Center TIF 2 is legal. Stop this unconscionable use of tax dollars!

Brian Clausen- Please end lawsuit: Winfield has reelected it's Village President. Please stop blocking development, the majority of tax payers do not want this. Development will benefit us all.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

A. Spring Data Presentation

Discussion: Discussion: Data from FastBridge, MAP, and IAR assessments indicate that the grade levels are showing progress in reading, with notable improvement in decoding skills across the student body. Approximately half of the students are in the top 50% for both achievement and growth, with many reaching the highest percentiles for growth. This reflects a high-growth, high-achievement group overall. Kindergarten is progressing within expected early literacy growth norms. First grade, which faced challenges in winter related to decoding and reading fluency, demonstrated significant spring improvement and is now performing within the norm; the board commends the first grade team for their efforts. Second grade remains a strong and consistent cohort. Although fourth grade showed a slight decline, it is being monitored to determine whether this is an anomaly. Primary grades performed well above average, with 75% of students meeting targets, while intermediate grades achieved average growth. In middle school, about 65% of students met reading

targets. In math, all grade levels are performing above grade-level norms with strong overall growth. Notably, 29% of students are in the top 10% and 52% are in the top quartile for math achievement. Second grade is performing one year above grade level, and fourth grade is two years ahead. Fifth grade demonstrated an outlier performance, with median students scoring at the level of the end of freshman-year math. The elevated math program continues to grow with the addition of another class this year. Only 8% of students fall in the bottom quartile for both achievement and growth, while 67% are in the 50th percentile and above—an outcome attributed to the efforts of teachers, updated resources, and instructional methodologies. This year also marked the first implementation of enhanced attendance reporting. Preliminary data reveals higher chronic absenteeism among Pre-K and Kindergarten students, though the district's overall chronic absenteeism rate has dropped to 8.459%, the lowest since before the COVID-19 pandemic. Middle school has seen an increase in tardies, but the later homeroom start has reduced instructional disruptions and improved classroom transitions. Behavioral data shows elevated incident numbers in 7th and 8th grades. The district remains focused on improving attendance and supporting student behavior across all levels.

TIF 2

- **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.
 - **Whether the D TIF/Re TIF Process is legal**
- **Legal Proceedings Update:**
 - Appellate courts apply a De Novo Standard of Review - meaning they are free to interpret the facts as they wish to.
 - The Village has pulled all of its settlement offers.
 - The only party that has a settlement offer at this time is the School District.
 - Briefing Schedule: The School Districts Brief is due 7/8/25, The Village Brief is due 8/12/25 and the School Districts Reply Brief is due 8/26/25. The School District is set to be on schedule.
 - Possible written ruling by year end.

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 Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

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 Dave Hempe and

seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

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

1. Approve Destruction of Verbatim Tapes From: *Confidential Attachments*

- a. February 23, 2023
- b. March 23, 2023
- c. April 20, 2023
- d. May 4, 2023
- e. June 22, 2023
- f. August 17, 2023
- g. August 24, 2023
- h. September 28, 2023
- i. October 5, 2023
- j. October 26, 2023
- k. December 7, 2023
- l. December 14, 2023

2. Approve Closed Session Minutes Open To the Public From: *Confidential Attachment*

- a. November 21, 2024
- b. December 12, 2024
- c. December 18, 2024
- d. January 16, 2024
- e. January 30, 2025
- f. February 27, 2025
- g. March 27, 2025
- h. April 24, 2025
- i. April 28, 2025 Part One
- j. April 28, 2025 Part Two

IX. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Legislative Update

Discussion: Governor Pritzker signed the Illinois State budget. For the most part, funding for us will remain flat from the state side. There will be less prorated funds for special education transportation, which is our largest transportation cost. We anticipate this to be at 71% of funds spent instead of the 80% we have seen in recent years. On the Federal side, we are beginning to see the negative impact for funding based on the decisions in Washington DC. Statewide, Title II funds, which supports professional development for staff, This grant provided \$3700 in funding for our school's professional learning and \$2800 for St. John's last year. We administer this grant, as well as the Title IV grant for St. John's. St. John's does not provide Title I services. Based on 2020 Census data, our Title I funding will be dramatically reduced for this school year, moving from \$34,000 to \$18,000. This number is based on students living below the poverty line in our community. I did speak with the Census office about this, since we have seen significant increases in our number of students qualifying for Free and Reduced Lunch waivers. They indicated that the poverty line that determines this number is significantly lower than the [Free and Reduced lunch line](#) (30% of income difference) and we have many individuals between the 2 lines. Additionally, we have noticed that our IDEA Flowthrough Federal Grant is allocated at \$109,000 for this

upcoming year. This is down from \$122,000 the previous year. This grant supports special education programming for students from both Winfield 34 and St. John's as we serve as the grant administrator for St. John's also with this grant. As such, the loss of these grant dollars is \$35,500, or 20% of our Federal grant funds. We do not have any information on the potential loss of Medicaid and School Lunch funds yet. These are initial allocations we receive from the State, and may change once the Federal Budget is passed and when/if the federal government releases the funds that are allocated.

2. **Facility Updates**

Discussion: Summer is here and cleaning is under way. This year the team is starting at Primary school. They are almost done with the east side of the building and will begin cleaning the west side next week. This will allow our primary teachers, who typically have the most items in their classrooms the earliest opportunity to set up their classes. We have completed installation of the security cameras and vape detectors for each building. The leadership team now has access and initial training in these new tools. This will help tremendously over the upcoming years.

B. **Principal's Report:** None

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

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Second Reading and Approval of Policies

Draft Update

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

4:15 Identity Protection

4:80 Accounting and Audits

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

5:60 Expenses

5:100 Staff Development Program

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6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

7:60 Residence

7:70 Attendance and Truancy

7:180 Preventing Bullying and Other Aggressive Behaviors

7:190 Student Behavior

7:200 Out-of-School Suspension Procedures

7:210 Expulsion Procedures

7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

7:340 Student Records

Draft Update - New

7:255 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

Draft Update - Rewritten

2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure

Action(s): I move to approve the second reading and approval of policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed.**

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Personnel**

1. Resignation - Leidy Vaca Moreno - Kitchen Manager

Action(s): I move to approve the resignation of Leidy Vaca - Moreno from the position of kitchen manager as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

2. Resignation - Delia Campos Marin - Kitchen Manager

Action(s): I move to approve the resignation of Delia Campos Marin from the position of kitchen manager as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

3. Resignation - Brittany Wozniak - Paraprofessional

Action(s): I move to approve the resignation of Brittany Wozniak from the position of paraprofessional as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

4. Transfer - Karina Fernandez to 0.6 Kitchen Staff - 0.4 Custodial

Action(s): I move to approve the transfer of Karina Fernandez to 0.6 FTE kitchen staff & 0.4 custodial as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

5. Approve Employment of Paraprofessional - Gianna Stornello

Action(s): I move to approve the employment of Gianna Stornello as a paraprofessional at an annual rate of \$23,399. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

6. Approve Contract Dr. Jennifer Gendel - Student Services Coordinator - 170 days. -\$69,307.69

Action(s): I move to approve the employment of Dr. Jennifer Gendel as 170 day student services coordinator as presented. v. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

- B. Approve Release of July Bills - July 17, 2025

Action(s): I move to approve the release of the July bills and invoices on July 17, 2025 as presented. A voice vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

- C. Approve Purchase of 3 Replacement Doors at Winfield Primary

Action(s): I move to approve the purchase of 3 replacement doors for Winfield Primary School by Door Systems ASSA ABLOY at a cost of \$6,299.40. A voice vote was taken.

This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

D. Approve Snow Removal Contract

Action(s): I move to approve the bid for snow removal from Martin and Son Landscaping for \$18,000. A voice vote was taken. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Carrie Linden: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Heather Armstrong, Alisa Wolfe,

E. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**

For information only, no Board approval needed.

F. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

1. David Freeman 5.16.25
2. Kalah Love - Postal Solutions 5.30.25
3. W - AACL 6.15.25
4. David Freeman

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action(s): I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken at 8:23pm. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

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 Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Approved:

Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education

Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education