



**Winfield School District 34**  
**Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting**

Thursday, January 30, 2025 7:00 PM  
Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

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

- II. ROLL CALL** *Board of Education Members in attendance: Heather Armstrong, Dave Hempe, Lynn Kammes, Dan Krasinski, Alisa Wolfe (arrived at 8:46pm), Matt Tibble, Absent: Manuel Figueroa*  
*Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Scott Meech, Principal; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board of Education Secretary; Staff: Megan McDermott, Jen Gendel, Susan Gavin, Visitor: The Bendorf Family, The Khalilova Family*

**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 Heather Armstrong and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed.**

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

- V. PUBLIC COMMENT: Online Public Comment read aloud:** [Public Comment 1.30.25](#)

**VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

- A. Student Recognition - Sean Bendorf and Derya Khalilova  
B. School Lunch Program

**Discussion:** We are beginning the process of looking into options for our school lunch program for next year as we are not satisfied with the current company. We have identified three potential options at this time. The first option is we put it out to bid. This option would be similar to our current offering, but utilizing a different vendor. The second option is we look at partnership with nearby schools and would have food vended to us from a shared kitchen at one of the schools. The third option is self prep. Self prep would mean the district runs the operation utilizing the facilities we already have. Recently we had three audits. During those audits the state has encouraged us to look at self prep as they feel we are an appropriate school size for it. We have started to look at those pieces and see whether or not that is manageable for us.

- C. Registration fees for 2025-2026 School Year

**Discussion:** Registration fees for 2025-2026 school year will be increasing by the current capped CPI of 3.4% from the 2024-2025 fees and rounded out to a more even number.

- D. Building Usage Fees

**Discussion:** The Building usage fees for 2025-2026 school year will be increasing by a CPI of 3.4% from the 2024-2025 school year and will be rounded to a more even number. It continues our annual adjustment connected to changes in the Consumer Price Index capped at 5%.

- E. Winter Data Presentation

**Discussion:** Reviewed Winter 2025 growth data using FastBridge and NWEA MAP and referencing District Environmental Survey, K-1 paper survey, 2-5 & 6-8 Classroom Attitudes & Behaviors Survey, MS 3-2-1 Survey and 5 Essentials (January - March). Strong performances across all levels, primary, intermediate, and middle school as well as strong growth performance across the board in both reading and mathematics. In total approximately 70% of students



made their growth targets in mathematics, well above the national average. The District Climate Survey spoke to students feeling positive about the school environment and their peers as well as the facility. We continue to focus on creating a culture around tolerance and getting along.

F. 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.*

- **Legal Proceedings Update:**

- *Trial is likely to be moved to the second or third week of March.*
- *If Judge Chapman makes the ruling of a motion for summary judgment, that may negate the entire purpose of the trial.*

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Action(s):** I move to approve the minutes as presented. 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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,  
Manuel Figueroa: Absent,

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 Heather Armstrong and seconded by Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

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

**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**

**Presenter:** Matt Rich

**1. Legislative Update**

This month we have seen a turnover of leadership at the Federal level and the start of a new legislative session at the state level. At the Federal level, we have seen many things that are unusual for my career experiences and could have an impact



on us. This week we have received a variety of changing information. Payments are frozen, payments are not frozen, payments are frozen again just the budget letter is rescinded. Executive order this or that. The reality is no one knows with this level of confusion, it is going to be hard for us and for the State to actually budget and run programs. Federal monies that could be impacted by a potential freeze seem to include Medicaid reimbursement (\$38,000), school lunch funds (\$50,000), Title grants (\$79,000) and Special Education grants (\$130,000). In total, directly for us this might be an impact of approximately \$300,000. Additionally, E-Rate needs to be approved again this year. This fund covers about \$75,000 per year in technology services and spending. Congress and the president would need to approve any new legislation in this area to renew the act. There is also a significant impact on our community. We have approximately 80 students on free and reduced lunch, many of these children have other benefits such as SNAP for groceries or Medicaid for health insurance. We do know for a brief period of time the Federal government shut down the Medicaid system, but it has been turned back on. These students and families may begin seeing impacts more quickly than we do as a school. I certainly want to emphasize that there may be impacts to State priorities and budgeting as the State works to adjust its services and its revenues based on the range of potential federal decisions.

This brings us to the State legislative session. Prior to these Federal issues there were already concerns about this being the first year in which State funds will be tight. The legislature will need to make some hard decisions regarding which programs it funds and doesn't fund. There is also the Tier II pension issue that the state will need to resolve with the Tier II pensions in all pension systems not meeting the Social Security safe harbor guidelines and needing to fund this in a way that ensures the safe harbor provisions are met. In the end, this all costs money. As such, this legislative session, we are looking at a legislative session that will include both cost shifts to us and "non-financial" impacts. For example, while we always budget transportation reimbursement at 60%, it has been higher the last few years, we anticipate that this will return to 60%. We expect prorated special education reimbursement. While in the last 2 years, the legislature has approved lunch for all and halal/kosher lunches, these are if money is available, we don't anticipate funding to exist for either of these programs. Additionally, we are already seeing bills to freeze property taxes for a 5 year period which we believe will be more legislative nonsense that looks good to voters but will have no legs. Simply, the State will not have the funds to compensate for this. Two bills that may really have legs include the removal of the growth calculation from teacher evaluations and residents of school districts that do not attend public schools to be able to participate in extracurricular activities. The growth calculation piece being eliminated is fine with most school districts. Our teachers focus on their data and growth regardless of it being part of the evaluation process. The removal of this requirement may make it easier to strive for higher building goals. While our strategic plan goals are not tied to teacher evaluation, some feel a linkage to this regardless. The second bill of allowing residents to participate in extracurriculars regardless of attendance at school is something that occurs in part already. Homeschool students may participate in extracurriculars if they meet certain academic requirements. Private school students cannot. Our league is us and a lot of private schools. It will be interesting to see how they feel about this.

## **2. Facility Updates**



January was a hard month uniformly in schools with HVAC. We had some challenges in both buildings. The Central ones we were able to clean up quickly. The Primary ones have taken longer. The 2nd grade and preschool classes were able to move back to their classrooms last week. We have been working actively with Trane to get issues resolved. The valves needed to address the issues are supposed to be in on Friday and they have a technician scheduled for Tuesday to install them. We also have a tech coming out on Friday to check on a supply fan issue for the kindergarten rooms. In this meeting's agenda we have a follow up action item for the Video Surveillance system and bathroom detectors. The video system has provided many good years but is well past the end of life. We are glad to have received \$50,000 from the State Maintenance Grant program to help replace this and we are also looking into Federal security grants to help with the funding. Finally, I would like to remind everyone at home to be patient in drop off and pick up. We have a lot of students and families moving around and we don't want anyone hurt.

### 3. Joint Board Meeting - Homeless training - Tentative April 21, 2025 - 6pm CHSD 94

On Monday, April 21, we will be having our Joint Board Meeting with CHSD 94, West Chicago 33, and Benjamin 25. It will be from 6:00 to 7:30 with a focus on Homeless Students. This will cover some legal requirements for Board training on Homeless students as well as provide networking opportunities for new and veteran board members from all of the districts. I believe appetizers will be served. Also, we have an opportunity to participate in the DuPage Division meeting on Wednesday, March 5th, at Addison Trail High School at 6pm. This will include a discussion of K-12 career education for a changing job force. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

### 4. WEF Update

- Trivia Night was a success.
- Tiger Auction ends Friday, January 31st.
- Tiger Run - Next Meeting February 5th.

## B. Principal's Report

**Presenter:** Scott Meech

For January, we start by congratulating all of our teachers and students for the great improvements and growth in classrooms that have been made so far this year. We want to acknowledge all the successes made each day as we sometimes forget how much our kids are doing while they are also achieving at school. Keep up the great work!

## C. Finance Report from Director of Business Services

1. Mid-year Budget Review - budget is on track for typical expenditure allocation and revenue gathering.

## X. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Approve Preschool Fees

**Action(s):** I move to approve the tuition preschool fees for the 2025-26 school year as presented. 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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,  
Manuel Figueroa: Absent

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Seesaw Renewal

**Action(s):** I move to approve a 3 year contract with SeeSaw for \$7,975. 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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,

Manuel Figueroa: Absent

B. Commissioning of Winfield Primary HVAC

**Discussion:** *Tabled.*

C. Video System Replacement

**Action(s):** I motion to approve a contract with Imperial Surveillance for \$193,062.75 for replacement of the video camera systems at Winfield Primary and Central and the addition of bathroom detection sensors. 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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: Absent

D. Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates

*For information only, no Board approval needed.*

E. Freedom of Information Act Requests

1. David Freeman
2. Sheri Reid-SmartProcure
3. David Freeman
4. Illinois Retired Teachers Association

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

- *Commission Winfield Primary HVAC*

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). 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 a closed session. 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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: Absent

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 11:15pm. 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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: Absent

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 11:16pm. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed.**

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

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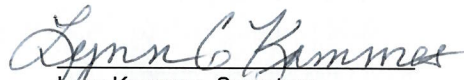
**\*Unless otherwise noted, all Board of Education Meetings are on Thursdays and begin at 7:00 PM. They are located in the Winfield Central School Cafeteria.**

Regular Thursday, January 30, 2025

**Approved:**



Dan Krasinski, President  
Board of Education



Lynn Kammes, Secretary  
Board of Education