

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Woodridge School District 68 Board of Education, DuPage County, Illinois, was held Monday, September 22, 2025, at the District Administrative Center, 7925 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, Illinois 60517 at 7:30 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Mrs. Barber, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Madden, Mrs. Hebreard, Mr Christ (arrived at 6:48 p.m.) Dr. Molina de Mesa, Mr. Vanorny

Absent:

Also Present: Dr. Broncato, Mr. Wolcott, Dr. Schmidt, Mr. Saindon

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Superits joined the open session.

CLOSED SESSION 6:45 p.m.

Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa made the motion, and Lorie Barber seconded it to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, as per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 6:46 p.m.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

Josh Christ joined the closed session at 6:48 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from the Multi-Language Program: Valentina Manaloto, Andrii Ivanets, Veronika Hyliuk, Leia Jovaisa, Rodrigo Orozco, and Vanessa Gonzalez.

DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS

- Christ the Servant Catholic Church, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge United Methodist Church, and Woodridge Rotary Club donated new backpacks with school supplies for students.
- State Senator John Curran and Mayor Gina Cunningham visited Siple and Murphy Schools, where they donated backpacks and school supplies to students in District 68.
- The Thomas Jefferson Junior High School Wolverines girls' softball team concluded their season as IESA regional champions.

CONSENT AGENDA

Josh Christ made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items A - Open Session Minutes, B - Personnel, C - Treasurer's Report, and D - Accounts Payable.

Motion Passed by roll call vote.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

- A. Minutes 8.18.2025-Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Minutes 9.2.2025 Special Meeting Board Self-Evaluation

B. Personnel Recommendations September 2025 Recommendation

APPOINTMENT(S) PROFESSIONAL

Alexander, Brianna, District Nurse, District, \$55,164 10/BA+15 (Prorated), Northern Illinois University, 10/08/25
Krefft, William, Interim Dean of Students, Jefferson JH, \$103,934 (Prorated), 1, 08/18/25
Zawodny, Alisa, Interim Principal, Edgewood, \$136,512 (Prorated) 1, 08/18/25

APPOINTMENT(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Aguilar, Yarely, Inclusion TA, Goodrich, \$21.28, 09/22/25
Alukka, Litty, Lunchroom Supervisor, Meadowview, \$15.67, 08/25/25
Borjas, Vanessa, RN, Meadowview, \$35.79, 10/08/25
De Lara Serna, Leslie, Part-time Secretary, Jefferson JH, \$20.34, 09/18/24
Dennie, Olivia, Inclusion TA, Meadowview, \$19.15, 09/22/25
Giles, Karina, Lunchroom Supervisor, Meadowview, \$15.67, 09/15/25
Grissom, Cassandra, Inclusion TA, William F. Murphy, \$19.34, 10/08/25
Herrera, Esther, Secretary, Jefferson JH, \$21.80, 09/08/25
Hyland, Jennifer, Inclusion TA, Goodrich, \$19.15, 08/25/25
Peacy-Dye, Tiernen, Early Childhood TA, John L. Siple, \$21.69, 09/17/24
Ochoa, Azucena, Nurse TBD, \$35.79, 08/25/25
Rico Susette, Custodian District Wide, \$19.57, 08/25/25
Schaefer, Jessica, Inclusion TA, William F. Murphy, \$21.69, 09/30/25
Soliman, Hanaa, MLP TA, Meadowview, \$21.28, 09/08/25
Wilson, Alaina, Inclusion TA, Jefferson JH, \$20.94, 09/08/25
Woitak, Kevin, Inclusion TA, Edgewood, \$19.72, 08/25/25

RESIGNATION(S) PROFESSIONAL

Kmiecik, Erin, District Nurse, Goodrich, 08/22/25, Personal

RESIGNATION(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Adler, Rachel, Nurse, District Wide, 08/19/25, Personal
Kalomas, Kiki, Inclusion TA, William F. Murphy, 09/05/25, Personal
Kowalewski, Stephen, Custodian, William F. Murphy, 09/03/25, Personal
Putnam, Marla, Inclusion TA, Meadowview, 08/19/25, Personal
Rico, Susette, Custodian, District Wide, 09/02/25, Personal
Subramaniam, Shanthi, Inclusion TA, William F. Murphy, 09/05/25, Personal

RETIREMENT(S) - PROFESSIONAL

Atkin, Victoria, Student Services, Coordinator, Student Services, End of the 2027-28 SY, 09/10/25
Loboda, Leslie, Gifted Services, Coordinator and Instructional Coach, Jefferson JH, End of the 2028-29 SY
09/11/25
Schade, Michelle, K-8 Math Specialist, Jefferson JH, End of the 2028-29 SY, 08/09/25

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Bell, Jennifer, ELA, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave, Intermittent
Berman, Inez, Speech Language Pathologist, John L. Siple, Family Medical Leave, Intermittent
Durkin, Laura, Grade 4, Willow Creek, Family Medical Leave, 09/16 - 09/29/25, Intermittent
Kash, Sara, Principal, Edgewood, Family Medical Leave, 08/18/25 - 01/02/26
Lieder, Jamie, Secretary, Goodrich, Family Medical Leave, 09/02 - 09/09/25, Intermittent
Sovsic, Hillary, Interventionist, William F. Murphy, Family Medical Leave, 10/10/25 - 04/03/26
Tomasevich, Sara, Gifted Specialist, Edgewood, Family Medical Leave, 08/27 - 10/08/25

C. Treasurer's Report - August 2025

D. Accounts Payable - September 2025

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Sixth Day Enrollment Report - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the Sixth Day Enrollment Report.

B. Salary & Wage Report - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented the Salary and Wage Report to the Board. The district is required to post these reports by October 1st annually.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND PRESENTATION OF OTHER COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, AND REQUESTS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Andie Trecco: Fourth-grade class size at Murphy

Monica Bullock: Class size and the Springfield trip

Dori Santarsiere: Fourth-grade field trip

PUBLIC HEARING

The Board President declared the Public Hearing for the proposed final budget open at 8:05 p.m.

A public hearing on the proposed final fiscal year 2025-2026 budget was conducted. The Board presented and approved the tentative budget on July 21, 2025. The tentative budget has been available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Business Office since that time and was posted on the district website. An advertisement was placed in the Naperville Sun on July 27, 2025, confirming approval of the tentative budget, its availability for public inspection, and the time, date, and location of the public hearing, as required by law.

The Board President asked if anyone in the audience had comments regarding the budget. No one responded. The Board President asked the Recording Secretary if any comments had been received via email. The Recording Secretary confirmed that none had been received.

The Board President declared the Budget Hearing closed at 8:06 p.m., and the Regular Meeting resumed.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AC: 25-56 Approval of the FY26 Final Budget

Donna Hebreard made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion for the Board to approve the FY26 final budget as presented.

Motion Passed by roll call vote.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

B. AC: 25-57 Approval of Wight and ICI Professional Service Contracts

Josh Christ made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion for the Board to approve the Wight and ICI Professional service contracts as presented.

Motion Passed by roll call vote.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

C. DI: 25-42 Discussion Construction Update

Mr. Saindon provided the Board with an update on summer construction activities. The final cost for Phase II is anticipated to be presented to the Board in early 2026..

D. DI: 25-43 Discussion on Illinois Together Purchasing Cooperative

Mr. Saindon presented the Illinois Together Purchasing Cooperative plan. He will return in October to seek approval of the Inter-Governmental Agreement and Master Inter-Governmental Contract Purchasing Agreement, which are required to register as a member through Bespoke and Illinois Together.

E. DI: 25-44 Discussion on Audit Services Contract Extension

Mr. Saindon recommended extending the contract with Lauterbach & Amen for audit services for an additional three-year term. The recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval at the October meeting.

BOARD REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. Schmidt presented two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the Board for review. Board members and administration shared updates on district activities and events they attended.

ADJOURNMENT

Josh Christ made a motion, and Lorie Barber seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 8:39 p.m.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

Respectfully submitted by:

10/27/2025

Kim Superits, Board Secretary

Approved by:

10/27/2025

Stuart Vanorny, President