

**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, February 23, 2026, 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 6:01 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Mrs. Barber, Mr. Lathrop, Mr. Madden, Mrs. Hebreard, Mr. Christ, 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 6:00 p.m.

Josh Christ made a motion, and Lorie Barber seconded the motion to move the Board of Education recess to Closed Session to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this ACT, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 6:03 pm

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

The board returned to open session at 7:28 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Meadowview students: Emma Moore, Konstantinos Georgopoulos, Nicolas Madde, Mackenzie Ligammari, Charlotte Whipple, Lea Hebreard, and James Cnota.

DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS

Evelyn Smith, an eighth grader at Jefferson, took top honors at the District 68 Spelling Bee.

CONSENT AGENDA

David Madden 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, D - Monthly Budget and Program Report, and E - Accounts Payable, be approved..

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 - 2.9.2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

B. Personnel Recommendations - February 2026

APPOINTMENT(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Swanson, Michelle, Bookkeeper, DAC, \$42.52/hour, 02/24/26

RESIGNATION(S) - PROFESSIONAL

Cervantes, Greta, Bilingual Resource, Jefferson JH, 02/20/26, Personal

Palubiak, Amanda, Grade 6, Meadowview, 01/30/26, Personal

RESIGNATION(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Humphrey, Ashley, Early Child TA, Goodrich, 02/27/26, Personal

RETIREMENT(S) - PROFESSIONAL

Gubser, Sharon, Language Arts, Jefferson JH, End of the 2025-26 SY, 01/13/26

RETIREMENT(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

MastAndrea, Filomena, Bookkeeper, DAC, January 30, 2026, 01/09/26

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Borrowdale, Cheryl, Gifted Specialist, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 02/17 - 02/20/26

Gonzalez, Maria, Bilingual Resource, Goodrich, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 02/17 - 02/20/26

Jovanovikj, Rosa, MLP TA, Meadowview, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 01/14 - 01/16/26

Kendra, Carrie, MLP Teaching Assistant, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 01/26 - 01/29/26

Lawrence, John, Science, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 02/23 - 03/27/26

Munguia, Aida, Grade 6, William F. Murphy, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent

Slomba, Rafal, Physical Education, Meadowview, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 03/17 - 05/28/26

Superits, Kim, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education District Office, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 02/11 - 02/20/26

Trela, Nicole, Nurse, John L. Siple, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent

Wolcott, Greg, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, DAC, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 01/29 - 02/20/26

C. Treasurer's Report - January 2026 Treasurer's Report

D. Monthly Budget and Program Report - December 2025 and January 2026

E. Accounts Payable - February 2026

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. School Improvement Update

Dr. Kelly Neylon, Meadowview Principal, provided the Board of Education with a School Improvement Update.

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

Rachel Ermel - Gifted science and social studies at Jefferson

John Sipple - Gifted science and social studies at Jefferson

Erma Eubanks - Gifted science and social studies at Jefferson

Ana Madden - Gifted science and social studies at Jefferson

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AC: 26-07 Approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar

Lorie Barber made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school calendar 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: 26-08 Approval of Closed Session Minutes and Tape-Recorded Closed Session Minutes Review

Bob Lathrop made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the reviewed closed session minutes. As required by School Code 5 ILCS 120/2.06, the Board has determined that confidentiality is required for all unreleased minutes, with the exception of August 18, 2025, and September 2, 2025. Also, the recordings from the closed session minutes for March 2024 through August 2024 should be destroyed.

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. AC: 26-09 Approval To Purchase Teacher Created Materials for Language Power English Language Development Program

David Madden made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion for the Board to approve the purchase of Teacher Created Materials for Language Power English Language Development Program 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

D. DI: 25-06 Discussion on Jefferson Gifted Science and Social Studies

At the board's request, Greg Wolcott presented options regarding Jefferson Gifted Science and Social Studies.

E. DI: 26-07 Discussion on 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

The Board reviewed the proposed 2026–2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule. No changes were requested, and approval is anticipated at the March meeting.

F. DI: 26-08 Discussion on Parent Teacher Advisory Committee

Dr. Schmidt presented documents and provided the Board with a summary of the February 3, 2026 Parent Teacher Advisory Committee meeting.

G. DI: 26-09 Discussion on Budget Update - Revenue Assumptions

Mr. Saindon provided the Board with an overview of projected revenue assumptions and expectations anticipated over the next several years.

H. DI: 26-10 Discussion on 2026-2027 Fee Schedule

Mr. Saindon provided an overview of the proposed fee schedule for the 2026–2027 school year, which includes a slight increase in school fees.

I. DI: 26-11 Discussion on Employee Benefits - EBC Preliminary 2026-2027 Renewal Update

Mr. Saindon advised the board that preliminary 2026–2027 EBC renewal meetings are underway and that a recommendation is expected to be presented at the April board meeting.

J. DI: 26-12 Discussion on Capital Improvement Plan Phase III, Year 1 Results and Year 2 Work Plan

Mr. Saindon presented a summary of the Capital Improvement Plan Phase III, Year 1 accomplishments and outlined the proposed Year 2 Work Plan.

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

Dr. Schmidt presented four Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for the Board's information. Board members and Dr. Broncato shared updates regarding recent district activities and events in which they had participated.

Dr. Broncato reported on election-related matters, noting that the district had not been informed that Jefferson Jr. High School had been designated as a voting location and had only become aware upon public notification. Dr. Broncato subsequently coordinated with the election committee and the Woodridge Police Department to relocate the voting site to the department's new building.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 9:49 pm.

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:

3.16.2026

Kim Superits, Board Secretary

3.16.2026

Approved: Stuart Vanorny, President