

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, January 22, 2024, at the District Administrative Center, 7925 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, Illinois 60517, at 7:30 PM.

Closed Session at 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Mrs. Hebreard, Mr. Christ, Mr. Coley, Mr. Ruggio, Dr. Molina de Mesa, Mr. Vanorny

Absent: Dr. Wright

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

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Superits joined the open session

CLOSED SESSION 6:30 p.m.

To discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

Josh Christ made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the Board of Education recess to Closed Session.

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 6:31 p.m.

Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea,

Out of closed session at 7:23 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:31 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from Willow Creek led the Pledge of Allegiance: Camden Hendricks, Joseph Selking, Mia Putnam, Wyatt Schaubroeck

DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS

- Downers Grove Roadrunners Soccer Club donated new coats, snow pants, snow boots, hats and mittens to the students of Woodridge 68.
- District administrators continued the holiday reading tradition and read to over 80 elementary classrooms in the two weeks leading up to winter break.
- Willow Creek Elementary students donated 41 pounds of non-perishable food to Willow Creek families and West Suburban Community Pantry.

CONSENT AGENDA

Josh Christ made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion for the consent agenda items A - Open Session Minutes, B - Personnel, C - Treasurer's Report, D - Monthly Budget and Program Report, and E - Accounts Payable to be approved.

Motion Passed by roll call vote.

Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

A. Minutes 12-18-2023 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

B. Personnel Recommendations - January 2024

APPOINTMENT(S) PROFESSIONAL

Manolis, Gabrielle, Kindergarten, Willow Creek, \$26,339 (prorated), 1/BA, Moreland University, 01/10/24

APPOINTMENT(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Griffin, Marcheon, Winter Break Custodian, Jefferson JH, \$14.52, 12/26/23 – 01/05/24

Gosewisch, Herb, MLP Teaching Assistant, Meadowview, \$20.00, 01/17/24

Ritacco, Elaine, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, Goodrich, \$20.69, 12/18/23

Wilkes, Jamie, MLP Teaching Assistant, Meadowview, \$21.23, 01/17/24

RESIGNATION(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Couropmitree, Nancy, Bilingual EC Teaching Assistant, Edgewood, 01/12/24, Personal

Mueller, Andrea, Lunchroom Supervisor, Edgewood, 12/22/23, Personal

Ritacco, Elaine, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, Goodrich, 01/12/24, Personal

Wolkotte, Eric, Custodian, District Wide, 01/05/24, Personal

RETIREMENT(S) - PROFESSIONAL

Dudenas, Lydia, ESL, Meadowview, 2026-27 SY, 12/18/23
Durkin, Laura, Grade 4, Willow Creek, 2026-27 SY, 12/13/23

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Andresen, Brooke, Debate and Discourse, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent
Baxter, Jennifer, Language Arts, Jefferson JH, Child Birth Leave of Absence, 03/15 – 05/22/24
Heggie, Ana, Bilingual Inclusion TA, William F. Murphy, General Leave of Absence, 01/08 – 01/12/24
Jacobsen, Maureen, Health Aide, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent
Lloyd, Aynna, Occupational Therapist, Jefferson JH, Child Birth Leave of Absence, 03/18 – 05/22/24
Reynolds, Mary, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, Goodrich, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 01/08/ - 01/19/24

- C. Treasurer's Report - December 2023
- D. Monthly Budget and Program Report - December 2023
- E. Accounts Payable - January 2024

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. School Improvement Update was presented by Kurt Kramer, Principal

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

None

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. AC: 24-01 Approval of Board Policies
Scott Coley made a motion, and Thomas Ruggio seconded the motion for the Board to approve the recommended board policy amendments, adoptions and deletions as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- B. AC: 24-02 Approval of Policy 5200 Attendance, Absence, Truancy and Tardiness
Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion for the Board to approve Policy 5200 Attendance, Absence, Truancy and Tardiness as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- C. AC: 24-03 Approval of Policy 6130 Wellness Board
Josh Christ made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the Board to approve the Policy 6130, Wellness as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- D. AC: 24-04 Approval of Board Policy 6420 Acceptable Use Standards (AUS)
Thomas Ruggio made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion for the Board to approve Policy 6420, Acceptable Use Standards as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- E. AC: 24-05 Approval of Goodrich Roof Bid Recommendation
Josh Christ made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion for the Board to approve the bid recommendation for the Goodrich Roof as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- F. AC: 24-06 Approval of Electric Switchgear Recommendation
Scott Coley made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion for the Board to approve the recommendation for Electric Switchgear as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- G. AC: 24-07 Approval of Board Expenses from the 2023 Joint Conference
Thomas Ruggio made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the Board to approve member expense reimbursement requests from the 2023 Joint Annual Conference as presented.
Motion Passed by roll call vote.
Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea
- H. DI: 24-01 Discussion of 2024-2025 School Calendar

Dr. Schmidt discussed the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar. The calendar will be brought back to the Board as an action item for approval in February.

- I. DI: 24-02 Five-Year Financial Projection
Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the five-year plan.
- J. DI: 24-03 Budget Timeline Update
Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the budget timeline.
- K. DI: 24-04 Demand-Response Contract Update
Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the Demand-Response contract with NRG Energy.
- L. DI: 24-05 Interest Income & Return on Investment Update
Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the interest and investment program.
- M. DI: 24-06 Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation
President Vanorny discussed the steps to complete the Superintendent evaluation process.

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

Dr. Schmidt presented one FOIA to the Board. The Board discussed events they attended and participated in. Dr. Broncato updated the board on the Elearning days.

ADJOURNMENT

Josh Christ made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the adjournment of the meeting.

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 8:48 p.m.

Josh Christ: Yea, Scott Coley: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Superits, Board Secretary

Approved: Stuart Vanorny, President