Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 2026 7:00 PM
Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:01PM

II. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Education Members in attendance: *Lynn Kammes, Carrie Linden, Dave Hempe, Alisa Wolfe, Dan Krasinski,*

Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Melissa Doucet, Building Leader; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board Secretary;

Staff and Visitor(s): *Hannen Family, Smith Family, Sue Hempe, Jessica Peters, Rudy Czech, Lisa Napolitano and husband, Brianne Willix, Pat Smalucha, Bob Siemiemkowicz, Shona Dave and husband, Beth Nelson, Cori Nelson and husband, Robin Bescore, Sarah Brackmann, Kate Cyrus, Delaney Doell and mom, Jen Krasinski, Mary Campbell, Maty Zalatoris, Emily Alanis, Gina Christensen, Kelly Kurzer, Nuvia Hernandez and daughter, Amy-Jo Wierenga and husband, Ninely Gaeta, Bob Brown,*

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 Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comment 5.13.26

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. **Student of the Month - Will Hannen and Leona Smith**

B. **PTO and WEF Board Recognition**

C. **Staff Service Awards**

D. **Board Awards**

E. **2025 - 2026 Retirees**

F. **Wellness Committee Update:**

The Wellness Committee, consisting of staff, parents, and students, reviewed the National School Lunch Program, discussed student feedback on meal options and portion sizes, and recommended handbook updates regarding energy drinks and caffeine products at school. The committee also recommended providing families with additional information about immunization requirements and state-mandated exclusion periods for unvaccinated students exposed to certain illnesses. These updates will be incorporated into administrative procedures and the student handbook for the upcoming school year.

G. **Discipline Committee Update** - Some small language changes we need to check with attorney to see if the recommendations fit within school code. Suggested adding written notification to administrative procedure on bullying notifications which would match current district practice.

H. **Board Policies - 2nd reading - Answer Questions in policies**

The Board reviewed several PRESS policy questions and determined that current district practices already meet the policy requirements. Discussion included posting notices and agendas for special meetings, with consensus to retain the default policy language rather than adding specific references to posting at both district buildings. The Board also reviewed voting procedures and agreed to continue current practices regarding roll call votes rather than requiring roll call votes for all actions. Finally, the Board reviewed recommended language regarding NICU leave provisions for smaller districts and determined that the existing policy language remains appropriate. No policy changes were recommended at this time.

I. **TIF 2:**

The Board received an update regarding the recent court decision related to Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. It was noted that current law provides limited avenues for school districts to challenge the establishment of TIF districts, and similar decisions are occurring in municipalities across the state. The discussion referenced the District's longstanding involvement with this issue, dating back to initial conversations in 2020. While there was disappointment with the outcome, the Board acknowledged the court's ruling and the resulting impact on local tax revenues.

J. **SASED Representative, Debt Issuance, and Articles of Agreement:**

The Board discussed appointments for the district's representative and alternate representative to the cooperative governing board. Board members volunteered to serve in these roles, with appointments to be formally approved at a future meeting.

The Board also reviewed information regarding the cooperative's ongoing facility planning and financing efforts. Administration explained a proposed debt allocation model based on member district enrollment, under which the district's share would be approximately 0.38% of any future borrowing. Members discussed the cooperative ownership structure, the district's proportional responsibility for assets and liabilities, and the safeguards in place related to facility financing.

Administration noted that the cooperative remains an important and cost-effective resource for providing specialized student services while continuing to explore partnerships and alternative service delivery options when appropriate. No action was taken at this time.

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action(s): I move to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

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 Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

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**

1. **Legislative Update**:

Work continues on developing a budget in a tight fiscal year. There have been a variety of bills being worked on and we anticipate a flurry of activity over the next several days. One possible adjustment might be the removal of a 2-year world language requirement set to be implemented at the high school level beginning with the freshman class of 2027-28. Currently 67% of high school students already take at least 2 years of world language and there are significant concerns that making all students take a world language would impact other opportunities for career education. Additionally, there are simply not enough certified teachers available to fill this need. Removing this requirement seems to give students more choices in their learning.

2. **Facility Updates**:
   As the school year races to a close, we are preparing for summer cleaning and maintenance. We will be doing a fair amount of painting in our high traffic areas at Winfield Central. We are also preparing for our Health Life Safety Assessment and Mechanicals Assessment. This will provide information to our facilities committee that will begin meeting in September. The ROE security audit will take place in the Fall when we return to school.
3. **WEF Update**:
   We would like to thank the school, school families, and community members for their incredible support of PTO and WEF this year. Our Tiger Run was a great success, and we are so grateful to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and runners who participated and helped make the event possible. Thanks to your generosity and involvement, we had a successful year of fundraising, hosted many fun events for our students and families, and were able to provide valuable enrichment items for classrooms through the teacher grant program.Thank you again for your continued support and participation throughout the year!

B. **Principal's Report**: *Principal Report Presentation*

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

1. **Preliminary 26-27 Budget Review:**
   Budget and Facilities Update: Administration provided an early overview of the FY budget, noting that major capital projects completed this year included the primary building roof and security camera upgrades. These projects totaled approximately $375,000 and will not carry forward as expenditures into next year's budget. An interfund transfer is planned to move rental income into the Capital Projects Fund to support upcoming technology infrastructure upgrades, roof repairs, and Health Life Safety work. Preliminary projections indicate the District is expected to end the year with a small positive operating balance. The tentative budget will be presented and placed on public display this summer, with final approval anticipated in August.
   Roof Project Discussion: The Board discussed an unexpected request from the awarded roofing contractor for a 50% deposit prior to beginning work. Administration noted this requirement had not been previously communicated and appears to stem from a past miscommunication. Board members reviewed available options, including rebidding the project, moving to the next bidder, or proceeding with the deposit. Concerns were raised regarding precedent, procurement procedures, project timing, and potential cost increases if the project were rebid. Administration indicated the contractor has been in business for many years and that legal protections would remain in place through the contract process. The deposit payment will be included on the June bills payable list for Board approval, allowing the project to remain on schedule for summer completion. Administration also noted that future quote requests will clearly state the District's payment expectations to avoid similar issues.

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

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A. **Approve Gonzalez Services & Sealcoating, Inc. as the winning bidder at a total cost of $13,020.**
   Action(s): I move to approve Gonzalez Services & Sealcoating,inc. as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
   Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

B. **Personnel**

1. **Approve the FY27 Substitute Daily Rate**
   Action(s): I move to approve the FY27 Substitute Daily Rate as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed.**
   Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
   Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,
2. **Approve Change of Assignment - Building Engineer**
   Action(s): I move to approve the change of assignment for Eduardo Guerrero to Building Engineer at a salary of $70,000 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
   Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
   Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,
3. **Approve 2026-27 Additional Stipend Assignments**
   Action(s): I move to approve the 2026-27 additional stipend assignments as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
   Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
   Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

C. **Purchase of Additional iPads**
Action(s): I move to purchase 40 additional iPads at a cost of $13,160 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, Passed.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea, Heather Armstrong: Absent, Matt Tibble: Absent

D. **Select SASED Governing Board Representative and Alternate**
Action(s): I move to appoint Heather Armstrong as the SASED Governing Board representative and Dan Krasinski as the alternate and adopt the SASED Resolution engaging these individuals as the Winfield 34 Board of Education representatives. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

E. **Second Reading and Adoption of Policies**
Action(s): I move to adopt the board policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

F. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**
For information only, no Board approval needed.

G. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
1. Mike Powers - mpowers@smart265.org

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

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 11.*** *The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).* ***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).*

XIV. **Action(s):** I move to adjourn to closed session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

XV. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION**

XVI. **Action(s):** I move to adjourn from closed session to open session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

XVII. **ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**
A. None

XVIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

XIX. **Action(s):** I move that the Board of Education Meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken at 10:01PM. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble,

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 Thursday, May 28, 2026
Approved:

Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education

Lynn C. Kammes
Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education