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July 30, 2026

Via Electronic Mail

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RE: RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST

Dear Mr. Svoboda:

Thank you for writing to Winfield School District No. 34 ("District") with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois *Freedom of Information Act* ("FOIA"), 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*, received July 23, 2026. Your request is restated below:

"I request the following records related to the District's litigation against the Village of Winfield concerning TIF 2 (DuPage County Case No. 2021-CH-454):

1. All invoices, billing statements, billing summaries, payment requests, payment vouchers, accounts payable records, and canceled checks for legal services related to this litigation from January 1, 2021, through fulfillment of this request.
2. All payments made to Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn LLP related to this litigation.
3. All payments made to expert witnesses, consultants, economists, appraisers, engineers, court reporters, e-discovery vendors, or other third-party vendors retained for this litigation.

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4. Any summaries or spreadsheets reflecting total legal fees or litigation expenses.
5. Any Board resolutions, motions, roll-call votes, meeting minutes, or other records authorizing the filing of the lawsuit.
6. If authorization occurred in closed session, any closed-session minutes approved for public release and any public record identifying the authorization date.
7. Any records reflecting insurance reimbursements, grants, or other funding used to pay litigation expenses.”

Your request is granted in part and denied in part. See the enclosed records. No responsive records exist for requests #6 or #7. The District did not interpret request #1 as seeking detailed attorney time narratives, which would require extensive individualized redactions under FOIA Sections 7(1)(f) and 7(1)(m). Additionally, payments made to third-party vendors related to this litigation were paid by legal counsel and passed through to the District as expenses on the monthly invoices for legal services. The Board of Education discussed this litigation matter at nearly every Board meeting, whether in open session or closed session, since May 2020. All board meeting agendas and minutes since 2012 are publicly available on the District’s website, located at the following link:

<https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1425>. Though readily available at the aforementioned link, the District has identified the certain Board meetings at which the following actions were taken responsive to your request:

- June 18, 2020 – TIF Land Planner Contractual Services ([Agenda with contract](#)) ([Minutes](#))
- July 29, 2021 – Approve Joint Review Board Representative ([Agenda](#)) ([Minutes](#))
- August 26, 2021 – Board Resolution on TIF 2 ([Agenda with resolution](#)) ([Minutes](#))
- October 8, 2021 – Approval of litigation ([Agenda](#)) ([Minutes](#))

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- November 18, 2021 – Approval of IGA ([Agenda with IGA](#)) ([Minutes](#))

Furthermore, links to the videos for each Board meeting since March 2020 can be found at the following link:

<https://www.winfield34.org/board/agendas-briefs-minutes-and-vid eos> All closed session minutes approved for public release during the relevant time period can be found on the District's website, located at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GlsEc2glds8TJ-D1f7hiTeaBBwAATC2X>

You have a right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396

E-mail: public.access@ilag.gov

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your partial denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

As the District's FOIA Officer, I am responsible for the District's response to your request. If I have misunderstood your request in any way, please clarify your request in writing to me.

Sincerely,
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