

# Winfield School District 34 Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2025 7:00 PM Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

#### I. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Board of Education Members in attendance:** Dan Krasinki, Lynn Kammes, Heather Armstrong, Matt Tibble, Alisa Wolfe, Carrie Linden,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Scott Meech, Principal; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board of Education Secretary; Jen Gendel, Coordinator of Student Services:

**Staff:** Melissa Doucet, Jessia Peters, Brian Leisering, Kate Cyrus, Lisa Angelacos, Ray Serbick, Jessica Peters,

Visitor: Adams Family, Garcia Family, Karen Sabados, Jen Krasinski, Mary Campbell, Kelly Kurzer, Emily Alanis, Lesey Gena, Gina Christensen, Amy-Jo Wierenga, Jo Pillai, Phil Hardy, Harold Lonks, Debbie Krygowski, Mary Zalatoris,

#### 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 Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

**Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

#### VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION

Student Recognition - Isabella Adams & Caleb Garcia

**Board Award** 

2024-2025 Winfield 34 Staff Years of Service Recognition

Recognition of Long-Term Substitute Teachers

Recognition of Winfield PTO and Winfield Education Foundation Leaders TIF 2

# • Legal Challenges Against TIF 2:

### Failure to Meet Statutory Requirements:

■ The school districts argue that TIF 2 enacted by the Village of Winfield does not meet legal criteria, including the requirement to demonstrate blight and other mandated factors.

#### Non-Contiguous Properties Issue:

- The village improperly combined several disconnected properties to create the TIF.
- A key issue involves a parking garage included in the TIF, which will remain on the tax rolls for only 20 years, shorter than the TIF's duration, leaving the school districts without long-term revenue benefits.

### Municipal vs. Economic Development Purpose:

■ The districts argue that TIF 2 is intended primarily for municipal development, with most funds directed towards a municipal center,

which will not expand the tax base for other taxing bodies.

#### • Failure to Meet the "But-For" Test:

■ The districts assert that development is already occurring without TIF funds, primarily due to a \$65-70 million investment by Central DuPage Hospital, making the TIF unnecessary for further economic growth.

# • Legal Proceedings Update:

- March 11, 2025 Judge Chapman provided a ruling on summary judgement in favor of the Village
- The schools appealed in the 3rd District Court and should be on file in June
- o It could take about 6 months to a year before decided

#### **Board Retreat**

IASB, the Leadership Team, and the Association will collaborate once again to clarify roles, engage in visioning, and collectively support forward progress at a date in October to be decided at a later date.

#### VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Action(s)**: I move to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

**Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe.

### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA (Routine matters that do not require discussion)

**Action(s):**I move to approve the Consent Agenda action items A1 and A2 (read every listed item) as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, Passed.

**Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea, Dave Hempe: Absent

### **Approval of Finance Reports**

- 1. Bill List Payable List and List of Other Payments
- 2. Treasurer/Fund Balance/Bank Reconciliation Report

#### Other Approvals

#### IX. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

# Superintendent's Report

#### 1. Legislative Update

One big development was the passing of Senate Bill 28, eliminating test scores as part of teacher eval passed the House and Senate. Bill had bipartisan support as well as support from teachers unions and school management groups, which came together to say that using student test scores as a significant factor in teacher evaluations hasn't been working and is overly burdensome for educators and school administrators. There has also been committee level discussions on the impact of AI on FOIA generation. Legislative committees are working on balancing transparency rights with ensuring the process does not become even more burdensome. We should see a lot over the next 10 days regarding the upcoming State budget. This will impact us in the arenas of grants and transportation reimbursement.

#### 2. Facility Updates

Over the past several weeks our garden club led by Mr. W has done a terrific job working to improve our landscaping in the median in front of Winfield Central. This is one of our clubs that reaches our intermediate students and has been very well received. We are grateful for their efforts. Imperial Surveillance has been working diligently each night on the video surveillance system. We are looking forward to project completion in early June. Finally, we are beginning to work to schedule our summer cleaning schedule. Each summer our custodial and maintenance team does a deep cleaning of every space including the carpets and waxing floors. We are grateful for

their work and their flexibility in supporting our partners from the Park District as we provide summer weather support for the camps.

Congratulations to our Energy Saver's Club, Mrs. Nelson and Miss Freundt on being selected again as the National Energy Education Development project's National Junior School of the Year and Illinois School of the Year. Our students are actively involved in not only supporting energy conservation but educating others in this endeavor. Many of them will be going to Washington DC this summer to continue their work and learning in this field.

Former Student Leader Update - Congratulations to Josh Janowick who was selected by the National Energy Education Development project as their Leader of the Year. Josh is a graduating Senior from West Chicago High School who will be attending University of Tennessee Knoxville next year to study Nuclear Engineering. He is a former student of ours and his work in the Energy Saver's club has blossomed into ongoing leadership with the NEED project in Washington DC.

Early Childhood Parent Night

# 3. WEF Update

Amazing Tiger Run. A big thank you to our sponsors:

Amber Leaf Animal Hospital

Brooks, Tarulis & Tibble

Culligan

Daniel and Associates Real Estate

Park Dental Care

Race Time, Inc

Tony Reyes Family Foundation

Berger Bros

Lions Panzek Martial Arts

Manbot Coffee Roasters

Wheaton Sport Center

Winfield Family Dentistry

WINFIT

iCode Glen Ellyn

Julie and Michael Michelin

The Barber Shoppe of Winfield

Costco

County Farm Bagels

Dick Pond

John B Sanfilippo & Sons -Fisher Nuts

Jewel Osco

Mariano's-Wheaton

Patrick Adams Salon

Pilates by Asha Inc.

Sugar Mama's Mini Donuts

Trader Joe's-Glen Ellyn

Westside Improv Wheaton

#### **Principal's Report**

Thank you to the board for prioritizing the new camera system. It is going to be a phenomenal asset next year!

#### Tiger Run Gratitude

- Thank you to the entire school community for a fun and energetic Tiger Run.
- Personal highlight: running with the under-five group (and feeling sore

#### afterward!).



• Congratulations to Steve Kahlfeldt, Ray Serbick, and the track team for a great season representing Winfield well.

Lunch Program - Thank you to the new lunch team and Lisa Honaker for all the work to help this project start so well. The new team has done an amazing job at stabilizing and improving the lunch situation.

# 17 Immediate Upcoming Dates

- SIP Day Friday, May 23 | Early Dismissal (K–8) at 11:45 AM
- Memorial Day Monday, May 26 | No School

#### 1st Grade Principal Lunch

- Final lunch of the year with the second-largest group to date.
- Enjoyable conversations about music, knock-knock jokes, and 3D printing.

# A Lost and (Finally) Found

- Lost and Found relocated from the basement to the Commons.
- Families encouraged to check for missing items.
- Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of the year.

# Library Reminder

• Thank you to Elissa Cooper. Not only has she been supporting the library, she has been incredibly flexible and helping in multiple areas of the school. We are lucky to have her. All library books are due Tuesday, May 20.

# A Primary News ( Mrs. Willix )

- 14 chicks hatched in the first-grade classroom.
- Students practiced math by measuring and weighing chicks.
- Chicks visited other classrooms before heading to a local farm.

# \* Intermediate Updates

• 10 story math problems. - These activities have enhanced problem-solving and real-world math discussions.

# Middle School Transition Activities

- 5th graders engaged in:
- Classroom visits with 6th grade teachers
- Peer mentoring with current 6th & 7th graders
- Hallway practice & lock combinations
- A visit from Mr. Meech to talk about middle school life
- Prep Day for incoming 6th graders scheduled for Tuesday, August 12

# Middle School Highlights

- Thank you to Steve Kahlfeldt and Melissa Doucet. Social studies debates showcased strong student engagement.
- Thank you to Cori Nelson, Kate Cyrus, and Sarah Brackmann. Collaboration with kindergarten students on solar ovens.
  - Gratitude to Señora Gaeta for planning the 8th Grade Fiesta.
- Thank you Kayla Zimmer and Regine Hernandez. Upcoming 7th Grade Field Trip to Go Ape

# 🧐 Specials and Electives Planning

• Shoutout to Mrs. Jess Honaker and Mr. Serbick for new electives like Dessert Design and Construction 101.

# **Finance Report from Director of Business Services**

#### X. OLD BUSINESS

2025 - 2026 Board Meeting Calendar

Action(s): I move to approve the 2025 - 2026 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. A

roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie

Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

#### XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Personnel

1. Approve Lease Agreements with SASED

**Action(s):** I move to approve the Lease Agreements with SASED as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea,

Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

2. Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District

**Action(s):** I move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea,

Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

Approve Change to 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar, Rescheduling June Board Meeting to June 18, 2025 at 7pm.

**Action(s):** I move to approve the change to the 2024-25 Board of Education calendar, rescheduling the June Board meeting to June 18, 2025 as presented. A voice vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**. **Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

Approve Four-Year contract with Cengage Learning for Big Ideas Math at a cost of \$20,878.00.

**Action(s):** I move to approve a 4 year contract with Cengage Learning for Big Ideas Math at a cost of \$20,878.00 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

Approve Mathematics Professional Learning Contract through University of Illinois Chicago with the Metro Chicago Math Initiative

**Action(s):** I move to approve the professional learning contract with the Metro Chicago Math Initiative through the University of Illinois - Chicago for \$16,200. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed.** 

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

Approve Change Order to Video System Installation

**Action(s):** I move to approve the change order to the video system installation at a cost of \$4945.87. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

**Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

**Approve First Reading of Policies:** 

Draft Update:

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

4:15 Identity Protection

4:80 Accounting and Audits

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

5:60 Expenses

5:100 Staff Development Program

6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction

6:235 Access to Electronic Networks

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

7:60 Residence

7:70 Attendance and Truancy

7:180 Preventing Bullying and Other Aggressive Behaviors

7:190 Student Behavior

7:200 Out-of-School Suspension Procedures

7:210 Expulsion Procedures

7:270 Administering Medicines to Students

7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

7:340 Student Records

Draft Update - New

7:255 Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

Draft Update - Rewritten

2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure

**Action(s):** I move to approve the first reading of policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie

Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

### **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**

For information only, no Board approval needed.

Administrative Procedures Update based on policy updates.

#### Freedom of Information Act Requests

#### 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 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).

**Action(s):** I move to adjourn to closed session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed.** 

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden:

Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

# XIV. ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION

**Action(s):** I move to adjourn from closed session to open session. A voice vote was taken at 10:25 PM. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

**Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

# XV. ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION

None

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

**Action(s):** I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken at 10:26 PM. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

**Voting Detail:** Heather Armstrong: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,

Absent: Dave Hempe,

# 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 22, 2025

Approved:

Dan Krasinski, President Board of Education nn Kammes, Secretary Board of Education