

**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, April 20, 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 7:01 pm

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Mr. Madden, Mrs. Barber, Mr. Lathrop, Mrs. Hebreard, Mr. Christ, Mr. Vanorny

Absent: Dr. Molina de Mesa

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

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Superits

CLOSED SESSION 7:00 p.m.

Josh Christ made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion to recess the Board of Education to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 7:01 pm.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea.

Dr. Molina de Mesa joined the Closed Session at 7:16 pm.

Closed Session concluded at 7:34

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Edgewood: Ruqaiyah Lakkadghat, Mateo Shultz, Zayden Pahnke, Dolly Amponsah, Ariella Hernandez

DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS

Willow Creek students had a successful food drive. Student Council representatives helped the West Suburban Community Pantry restock and fulfill online orders for local families.

CONSENT AGENDA

Josh Christ made a motion, and Lorie Barber seconded the motion to "I move that 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 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

A. Minutes - 4.14.2026 - Special Meeting Board Self-Evaluation Minutes, 4.20.2026 - Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

B. Personnel Recommendations - April 2026

Appointment(s) Professional

Duzansky, Megan, Learning Behavior Specialist, Edgewood, \$56,060 1/BA 08/10/26

Kladis, Alexandria, Position TBD, School TBD, \$56,060, 1/BA, 08/10/26

Lapacek, Gracie, Position TBD, School TBD, \$56,060, 1/BA, 08/10/26

Resignation(s) Professional

Bossler, Annalise, Grade 4, John L. Siple, 05/28/2026, Personal

Dakak, Jude, Learning Behavior Specialist, Jefferson JH, 05/28/2026, Personal

Resignation(s) Educational Support Personnel

Grissom, Cassandra, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, William F. Murphy, 03/18/26, Personal

Patarov, Sanja, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, John L. Siple, 03/16/26, Personal

C. Treasurer's Report - March 2026

C. Monthly Budget and Program Report - March 2026

D. Accounts Payable - April 2026

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. School Improvement Update

Alisa Zawodny, Interim Principal, Edgewood, provided the Board of Education with a School Improvement Update.

B. IASB Professional Service Superintendent Search Presentation

The IASB presented information to the Board regarding the costs and services associated with conducting an outside Superintendent search for the 2027 school year. The Board will reconvene at a special meeting on April 27, 2026, to vote on the matter.

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: 26-13 Approval of Resolution in Recognition of Teaching Excellence SY 2025-2026

Bob Lathrop made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Resolution in Recognition of Teaching Excellence 2025-2026, designating the week of May 4th to May 8th as Woodridge Schools' Teacher Appreciation Week.

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: 26-14 Approval of 2026-2027 District Goals

Josh Christ made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 District Goals 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

C. AC: 26-15 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement, Woodridge School District 68 and Village of Woodridge, 75th Street Corridor Increment Financing (TIF)

Donna Hebreard made a motion, and David Madden seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement, Woodridge School District 68, and Village of Woodridge, 75th Street Corridor Increment Financing (TIF) 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. AC: 26-16 Approval of Jefferson Gifted/Honors Science and Social Studies

Josh Christ made a motion, seconded by Bob Lathrop, that the Board of Education approve the implementation of Jefferson Honors Science and sustain the Gifted Social Studies program as is for School Year 2026–2027.

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

E. AC: 26-17 Approval of Non-Union Salary Increase for the 2026-2027 School Year

Lorie Barber made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Non-Union Salary Increase for the 2026-2027 School Year 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

F. AC: 26-18 Approval of Administrator Compensation and Contracts for the 2026-2027 School Year

Josh Christ made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Administrator Contracts 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

G. AC: 26-19 Approval of 2025-2026 Employee Benefits Insurance Renewal

Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded that the Board approve the 2026-2027 employee benefits insurance renewal 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

H. AC: 26-20 Approval of 2026 COSSBA Board Expenses

David Madden made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded that the Board approve the submitted board member expenses from the 2026 COSSBA Conference 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

I. DI: 26-17 Discussion on Superintendent Search

Moved to Report of the Superintendent

J. DI: 26-18 Discussion on Budget — Fund and Interest Transfer

Mr. Saindon updated the board on fund and interest transfers and will keep the board informed.

K. DI: 26-19 Discussion on Finalized Tax Levy and Extension Report

Mr. Saindon updated the board on the finalized 2025 property tax levy.

L. DI: 26-20 Discussion on Treasurer's Appointment and Surety Bond

This is required annually and will be brought back to the Board in May for approval and signatures.

M. DI: 26- 21 Discussion on Quest Contract Extension for SY 26-27

The contract with Quest will be renewed for one year; the district is not required to bring it back to the board for approval because ISBE has approved the contract.

N. DI: 26-22 Discussion on Jefferson Junior High and Murphy Elementary Energy Management System Conversion Project

Mr. Saindon requested approval of the contract at the May 2026 board meeting as part of the Capital Improvement Plan and will return in May for approval.

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

Dr. Schmidt presented five (5) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to the board. Mr. Madden chaperoned the class trip and enjoyed the experience. Mrs. Barber observed the WESS and Administrative team's negotiations and commended the comprehensive, collegial working relationship between the two sides. Mr. Lathrop commended the district for its fiscal responsibility.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 9:39 p.m.

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:

Kim Superits, Board Secretary

Approved: Stuart Vanorny, President