

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, December 16, 2024, at the District Administrative Center, 7925 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, Illinois 60517, at 7:30 PM.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

Absent: Dr. Wright, Mr. Vanorny

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

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Superits joined open session

**CLOSED SESSION 7:00 p.m.**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion that the Board of Education recess to Closed Session 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).

The motion was passed by roll call vote at 7:03 pm.

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

Dr. Wright joined by phone at 7:03 pm.

Resumed open session at 7:30 pm.

Dr. Wright joined the open session via Zoom.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Sofija Ciziunaite, Abby Chapai, Mia Maciukas, and Ruby Chapai, students from Goodrich School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Woodridge 68 “Grandma Jean” knitted 40 sets of hats and scarves for students across the district
- Siple students' artwork was on display at Woodridge Public Library in November.
- Woodridge Community Recognition Award Program recognized three people from District 68
  - Employee of the Year: Dan Wolf, Literacy Coordinator
  - Youth Citizen of the Year: Lian Hardage, Jefferson 8th grader
  - Youth Citizen of the Year: Peyton Micheli, Jefferson 8th grader
- Jefferson Singers will perform at Woodridge Public Library on December 19 at 7:00 pm

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Thomas Ruggio seconded the motion to approve 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.

Motion Passed by roll call vote.

Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Thomas Ruggio: Yea, Dr. Joann Wright: Yea

Absent: Scott Coley

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Personnel Recommendations - December 2024

**APPOINTMENT(S) PROFESSIONAL**

Kirkwood, Elizabeth, Occupational Therapist, Willow Creek and Edgewood, \$37,950, OT Schedule (Prorated), North Central College 01/06/25

**APPOINTMENT(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

Abusaleh, Dina, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, Edgewood, \$20.15, 12/02/24

Ryskamp, Xochitl, EC Teaching Assistant, John L. Siple, \$21.09, 12/16/24

## RETIREMENT(S) – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Kelzer, Mary, Student Services Secretary, DAC, June 30, 2025, 11/01/2024

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Bator, Emily, Grade 1, Goodrich, Parental Leave of Absence, 02/20 – 05/30/25

Carlson, Keith, Band, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 11/21 – 12/06/24

Laxgang, Kelly, Learning Behavior Specialist, Meadowview, Parental Leave of Absence, 02/16 – 05/30/25

West, Katlin, Learning Behavior Specialist, John L. Siple, Parental Leave of Absence, 02/05 – 05/30/25

- A. Treasurer's Report - November 2024
- B. Monthly Budget and Program Report - November 2024
- C. Accounts Payable - December 2024

Scott Coley returned to the meeting.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. School Improvement Update was presented by Paul Scaletta, Principal of Goodrich School

B. Representative from Lauterbach & Amen and Curt Saindon, Assistant Superintendent for Business presented the finalized Annual Financial Report.

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

Kyle Wegner, a Woodridge parent, expressed concern about potential changes to special education funding under the upcoming administration, citing worries about how policy shifts could impact vital services for students with disabilities.

## ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AC: 24-54 Approval of 2024 Final Property Tax Levy

Josh Christ made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion for the Board to approve the 2024 Final Property Tax Levy 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, Dr. Joann Wright: Yea

B. AC: 24-55 Approval to Renew Comprehensive Insurance Program through Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool.

Thomas Ruggio made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the Board to approve the renewal of the district's Comprehensive Insurance Program through the Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool 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, Dr. Joann Wright: Yea

C. AC: 24-56 Approval of Board Expenses from the 2024 Joint Conference

Scott Coley made a motion, and Dr. Joann Wright seconded the motion for the Board to approve the expense reimbursement requests from the 2024 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, Dr. Joann Wright: Yea

D. DI: 24-55 Discussion of E-Rate Purchase Plan Update

Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the E-Rate Purchase plan to update technology devices for the 2025-2026 school year. The plan will be returned for approval at next month's meeting.

E. DI: 24-56 Discussion of Solar Phase II Update

Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the progress of Solar Phase II planning. The initial site assessments and financial modeling have been completed and will return in January with an amendment to the previous contract approved by the Board.

F. DI: 24-57 Discussion of CIP II Wrap-Up and CIP III Update

Mr. Saindon updated the board on Capital Improvement Plans II and III. CIP-Phase II projects have been completed and closed out, and CIP-Phase III planning for 2025-2029 is moving forward.

G. DI: 24-58 Discussion of 2024 Board Policy Review

Dr. Schmidt briefed the board on the December 2, 2024, Policy Committee meeting and recommended that changes be added where needed for approval at the January 2025 meeting to ensure compliance.

H. DI: 24-59 Discussion on Annual Review of Board Policy 5200 Attendance, Absence, Truancy and Tardiness

Board policy requires an annual review and will be brought for approval at the January 2025 meeting to ensure compliance.

I. DI: 24-60 Discussion on Annual Review of Board Policy 6130 Wellness

Board policy requires an annual review and will be brought for approval at the January 2025 meeting to ensure compliance.

J. DI: 24-61 Discussion on Annual Review of Board Policy 6420 Acceptable Use Standards (AUS)

Board policy requires an annual review and will be brought for approval at the January 2025 meeting to ensure compliance.

K. DI: 24-62 Discussion District Head Custodian/ Jefferson Jr. High Custodian Job Description

Dr. Schmidt discussed updating the District Head Custodian/Jefferson Jr. High Custodian job description and be brought back to the board for approval in January.

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

Dr. Schmidt presented one FOIA received in December. The board and administrators discussed district events they attended.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed by roll call vote.

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

Adjournment at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Kim Superits, Board Secretary

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Approved: Stuart Vanorny, President