



Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:00 PM
Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

I. **CALL TO ORDER 7:08 PM**

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Matt Tibble,

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

Staff: Regine Hernandez, Brian Leisering, Kaitlin Freundt, Delaney Doell, Emily Schreiber, Leticia Guerrero, Eduardo Guerrero, Karina Fernandez, Nuvia Hernandez,

Visitor(s): Amy-Jo Werenga and husband,

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Completed during Budget Hearing

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 Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Matt Tibble,

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. Recognition of Certified Staff Earning Tenure - Delaney Doell, Kaitlin Freundt, & Emily Schreiber

B. Board Awards - Karina Fernandez, Ailyn Guerrero, Eduardo Guerrero, Leticia Guerrero, Nuvia Hernandez, and Amy-Jo Weirenga

C. Strategic Plan Scorecard Update

Discussion: Our facility's long-term goal is progressing well with several projects already completed. Students are meeting and exceeding MAP growth targets in math and continue to demonstrate strong growth in reading. Beginning in the 2025–26 school year, NWEA will implement a new set of norms, which will bring some adjustments to our reporting. Both students and staff continue to strengthen their digital culture to support learning. In addition, we are expanding our school's connections through community partnerships and engagement opportunities.

D. Mandated Training for Reporting Abused and Neglected Children - Reviewed DCFS requirements for Mandated Training

E. 7:180 Bullying Policy Annual Update - Review revised district policy from June 2025

F. Efficiency in Use of Resources

G. TIF2

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 Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.

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

Absent: 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 Lynn Kammes and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

Discussion: Action currently is occurring at the Federal level. As was shared, the significant difference in the budget this year is the loss of Federal funds. The State is experiencing a range of Federal grant freezes. As a result, the State has been slow to release funds, such as Title II and reduced potential allocations. Like many organizations, it is requiring us to budget conservatively. Looking forward, the president has proposed \$6 billion in reductions, including significant cuts to Title 1 and Special Education funding. The Senate appropriations committee approved level funding (no gain, no loss) in their proposal. The House has yet to take action.

2. **Facility Updates**

Discussion: The pads and floor are installed in the primary gym. We are working to schedule the lines, writing, and logo painting. Minimally the lines will be completed over Thanksgiving break. It may be possible to do the logo and writing then also, but if not, that will occur over Winter Break. The gate to the Primary playground was repaired today. It had been hit by a delivery truck over the summer. The delivery company paid for the repairs.

Good Old Days - Winfield School District 34 will be holding an alumni gathering at the Good Old Days Beer tent on Sunday, September 7th, 2025 after the completion of the parade. Former students, staff, volunteers, and family members are invited to come, share stories, and ask questions about current learning opportunities. If there is an interest, alumni will be invited to tour the buildings.

Winfield History Book - The Winfield Historical Society is updating their Winfield History Book. It is due to come out this Winter. The Historical Society is looking for sponsors. The district could consider purchasing either the Patron level sponsorship for \$500 or the Sponsor level sponsorship for \$250 if the Board is interested.

Soccer Coach - Our soccer coach withdrew this morning. We are in the process of seeking a new soccer coach(es). We are looking both internally and externally. There is a backup plan if we cannot find a dedicated coach.

3. **PTO/WEF Update**

Discussion: First PTO/WEF meeting Wednesday 9/3 at 7pm. Ice cream social this Friday from 5:30-7 at the primary school playground. All are welcome to attend.

B. **Building Leader's Report**

In preparation for the new school year, staff engaged in a variety of meaningful learning opportunities, including Crisis Intervention Prevention (CPI) training, the PERA Committee Meeting (Performance Evaluation Reform Act), Building Leadership Team planning, new teacher mentor meetings, and early childhood screenings, all leading into our staff institute days. The theme of the institute days, the kaleidoscope, emphasized how shifting

perspectives in teaching allows us to meet the needs of staff members and students better, both by zooming in on details and zooming out to see the bigger picture. Staff also participated in goal-setting discussions, which will continue to guide our professional learning throughout the year. Special appreciation goes to Rudy for dedicating his time and talents to enhancing our school entrance with beautiful plants and landscaping, and to our custodial team for their hard work ensuring our buildings are clean, welcoming, and ready. The first day of school was filled with energy, smiles, laughter, and new learning experiences, as teachers and staff warmly welcomed students back to school.

C. Finance Report from Director of Business Services

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel

1. Approved Updated Certified Staff Evaluation Document

Action(s): I move to approve the updated certified staff evaluation document as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

2. Employment of Part-Time Paraprofessional from Elmhurst University

Action(s): I move to employ Colin Rogers as a part-time paraprofessional at a rate of \$15 per hour for the 2025-26 school year as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

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

B. First Reading of Policies Draft Update Policies:

2:80 Board Member Oath of Conduct

2:130 Board Superintendent Relationship

7:140 Search and Seizure

7:300 Extracurricular Activities

8:80 Gifts to District

Review and Monitoring:

1:10 School District and Legal Status

1:20 School District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

1:30 School District Philosophy

2:10 School District Governance

2:125 E3 - Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements

2:240 Board Policy Development

3:30 Chain of Command

4:50 Payment Procedures

4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds

4:180 Pandemic Preparedness, Management, and Recovery

5:270 Employment At Will, Compensation, and Assignment

7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Homeschool Students

7:90 Release During School Hours

7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities

7:325 Student Fundraising Activities

8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

Action(s): I move. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Matt Tibble,

C. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**

For information only, no Board approval needed.

D. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

1. David Freeman
2. 6.17.25 Public Info Access LLC - CT Mills
3. 6.18.25 Lake County Gazette - Owen Wang
4. 6.19.25 Sheri Reid - SmartProCure
5. 7.9.25 David Freeman

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

A. FOIA

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).*

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

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

Matt Tibble: Absent

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 9:59 PM. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

Matt Tibble: Absent

XV. **ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

A. None

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action(s): I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken at 10:00 PM. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

Matt Tibble: Absent

Regular Board of Education Meetings:

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Regular Thursday, August 21, 2025

Approved:



Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education



Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education

