

**WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 68  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

A Regular Meeting of the Woodridge School District 68 Board of Education DuPage County, Illinois, was held on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:30 PM at the District Administrative Center, 7925 Janes Avenue, Woodridge, Illinois 60517.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

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

Absent: Dr. Wright

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 Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa 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) and discuss 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).

Motion passed by roll call vote at 7:07 pm.

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

Dr. Wright joined through Zoom at 7:07 pm.

Returned to open session at 7:30 pm.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by District 68 Lifetime Students:

Timothy Kratz, Liam Hardage, Dieynaba Daufara, Mujtaba Kaleem, Justina Nosowski, Isaac Gonzalez, Mia Akins, Colton Engel, Mackenzie Everaert, Vinny Marin, Natali Cordova.

**DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Crafting for a Cause, Woodridge Park District's senior group, donated hats and scarves knitted for Woodridge 68 students.
- Students across the district wrote over 1,200 letters to soldiers stationed overseas. Woodridge VFW Post 1578 and JANO Neighborhood will ensure Operation Support our Troops receive these letters and disperse them overseas to our soldiers.
- Students from Edgewood, Goodrich Murphy, and Willowcreek choirs performed for the armed forces at a recent Chicago Wolves hockey game.
- Amy Melinder, Director of Community Engagement, received two awards from INSPRA during the Communications Contest Awards Luncheon.
- The Board of Education presented the Woodridge Education Association and Woodridge Educational Support staff with a certificate of appreciation for American Education Week.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion, to approve the consent agenda items A—Open Session Minutes, B—Personnel, C—Treasurer's Report, D—Monthly Budget and Program Report, and E—Accounts Payable.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

Dr. Joanna Wright lost connection with Zoom and was unable to return at approximately 7:35 pm

A. Minutes - 10.28.2024 Regular Minutes

B. Personnel Recommendations

**APPOINTMENT(S) PROFESSIONAL**

McGreal, Lori, Learning Resource Specialist, Meadowview, \$39,575 (Prorated) 1/MA, Dominican University 11/18/24

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

Lang, Jaki, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, Meadowview, \$18.61, 12/02/24

Meyer, Kelly, Lunchroom Supervisor, Edgewood, \$16.15, 11/01/24, Rehire

Nelson, Jamie, Lunchroom Supervisor, Meadowview, \$15.21, 11/11/24

Putnam, Marla, Inclusion Teaching Assistant, Meadowview, \$20.35, 12/02/24

**RESIGNATION(S) - PROFESSIONAL**

Amesquita, Allison, Speech Pathologist, Meadowview, 12/20/24, Personal

Cahill, Susan, Occupational Therapist, Willow Creek & Edgewood, 11/01/24, Personal

**RETIREMENT(S) - PROFESSIONAL**

Lacombe, Michelle, Art, Edgewood, End of 2027-28 SY, 10/25/24

**DISMISSAL – EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

Sanchez Jorge, Kristiana, EC Teaching Assistant, John L. Siple, 11/18/2024, Recommendation for Termination

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

Berman, Inez, Speech and Language Pathologist, John L. Siple, Family Medical Leave of Absence. Intermittent  
Dobry, Anacely, Bilingual Kindergarten, William F. Murphy, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 12/17/24 - 01/17/25  
Hartig, Gail, Physical Education, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent  
Melonides, Christina, Preschool, John L. Siple, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 11/26/24 - 01/06/25  
Pluister, Beth, MLP Teaching Assistant, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent  
Sawdo, Susan, Transition Teaching Assistant, Willow Creek, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 01/08 - 02/28/25  
Willis, Susan, Teaching Assistant, Edgewood, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 12/17 – 12/20/24

- C. Treasurer's Report - October 2024
- D. Monthly Budget and Program Report - October 2024
- E. Accounts Payable - November 2024

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

Justin Warnke, Principal; Andrew Neidlinger, Associate Principal; Alisa Zawodny, Dean of Students; Jacob Collins, Math Interventionist; and Jefferson students presented the Jefferson Jr. High School improvement update.

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

Lucy Eliopulos and Heather Veldmam submitted online public comments, both addressing the class size for Meadowview 5th grade.

**ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. AC: 24-49 Approval of Contract for Director of Buildings and Grounds**

Thomas Ruggio made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve Kyle Hansen for Director of Buildings and Grounds and the 2024-25 contract 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, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

**B. AC: 24-50 Approval of 2024 IASB Resolutions**

Scott Coley made a motion, and Josh Christ seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve IASB Resolutions as agreed.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

**C. AC: 24-51 Approval of 2024 Tentative Tax Levy**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2024 Tentative 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, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

**D. AC: 24-52 Approval of Technology Purchases**

Donna Hebreard made a motion, and Thomas Ruggio seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the technology purchases 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, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

**E. AC: 24-53 Approval of Summer 2025 Construction Contracts**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Scott Coley seconded the motion for the board of education to approve 2025 summer construction contracts 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, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

**F. DI 24-52 Preliminary Renewal Information for Comprehensive Insurance Program**

Mr. Saindon discussed the renewal and will present the final recommendation as an action item for approval at the December 2024 meeting.

**G. DI: 24-53 Notification of Posting/Publication for Annual Financial Report**

Mr. Saindon discussed posting copies of the AFR, the Audited Financial Statements, and Footnotes on our website and making hard copies available in the Business Office on or before December 16, 2024.

**H. DI: 24-54 Notification of Posting/Publication for Annual Statement of Affairs**

Mr. Saindon informed the board members that the Annual Statement of Affairs will be published in the Naperville Sun on or before December 1, 2024 and transmitted to ISBE by December 15, 2024.

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

The board and administrators discussed district and community activities they attended.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Josh Christ made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded 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, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

Adjournment 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Kim Superits, Board Secretary

12/16/2024

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Approved: Dr. Molina de Mesa, Vice President

12/16/2024