



Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, April 24, 2025 7:00 PM

Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

I. **CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM**

II. **ROLL CALL**

Board of Education Members in attendance: Dave Hempe, Lynn Kammes, Heather Armstrong, Manuel Figueroa, Alisa Wolfe - arrived at 7:09 PM

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Matt Tibble,

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: Regine Hernandez, Emily Schreiber,

Visitor: Sabados Family, Nava Family,

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 Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Matt Tibble, Alisa Wolfe,

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Online Public Comment read aloud: [Public Comment 4.24.25](#)

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. Student Recognition - Michael Sabados and Jimmy Nava

B. Recognition of Service - Board Member Manuel Figueroa

C. [Odell Showalter & Board Awards](#)

D. FOIA

A brief explanation to help understand [FOIA's](#) was presented.

E. 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar

F. TIF 2

• **Legal Proceedings Update:**

- We are still determining next steps and reviewing options and discussing potential directions.

VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, Matt Tibble,

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

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

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,

Absent: Dan Krasinski, 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:

We are in the middle of the Bill swap process. Bills that passed through the House or the Senate now go to the other body to be worked on. These bills are assigned to committees for review and many are already being processed by these committees. There are currently 106 bills our lobbyists LEND are watching in this phase. Some items we are monitoring include the potential removal of the student growth requirements from teacher evaluations, potential limitations to student cell phones in school settings (which our handbook and procedures already do), and potential limitations on K-2 suspensions. I anticipate that by our May meeting we will have a pretty good idea on where the legislature is at on these as well as pension modifications and perhaps next year's State budget.

2. Facility Updates:

Imperial surveillance was on site today scouting locations and specific needs for the external cameras. Work begins Monday on this project. We are continuing to work through the scheduling process for the flooring and wall pads for the primary gymnasium this summer. Currently there are no concerns regarding the timing or completion. The contractor is aware that our last day is June 5th and they may begin any time after that. We walked through the east side of the building with SASSED earlier this month to identify any facility needs there. There are a couple of doors that have degraded over time that we will be replacing, some painting of cabinets that have not been done in decades, and three classrooms need projection solutions. We will be adding TVs with HDMI cords to do this. In recent years, with the lower costs of large screen TVs, school districts have been installing these instead of the projectors. This will be a good opportunity to see this solution in action.

Historical Society - Working on updating the 1978 book about Winfield. We are hoping Lynn and I can sit down with them in the next week or 2 and share stories about the district over the past 47 years.

3. WEF Update:

The Winfield Education Foundation and PTO are preparing for our next big event, the May 18th Tiger Run. This is a great opportunity for adults and children to come together and run/walk. It's always a lot of fun. Families and community members are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

B. Principal's Report

It has been another busy and exciting month at Winfield!

A big thank you goes out to Coach Melsa, Coach Hempe, and all the volleyball players for a great season. Their effort, teamwork, and growth this year made a real difference.

The track team, led by Mr. Kahlfeldt and Mr. Serbick, was back in action today with a meet. Updates on today's results will be shared soon — but the athletes continue to show great hard work, positive energy, and commitment.

Mr. W and the Gardening Club also deserve recognition for their efforts. Their work is already starting to bloom around the school grounds, bringing color, care, and pride to the community.

Showcase Night, themed “Unmasking Our Superpowers,” was simply phenomenal. Students and staff truly went all out — from the Wax Museum to robotics displays, geography projects, superhero-themed activities, and the Book Fair. The energy in the building was incredible, and the creativity on display was inspiring. Thank you to all volunteers who supported the event, especially those who helped with the Book Fair — their time and effort made a real impact.

The school is celebrating its incredible office staff during Administrative Professionals Week this week. Their experience, knowledge, and daily excellence are critical to keeping everything running smoothly. Their behind-the-scenes work saves the day time and time again, and the school is grateful for everything they do.

In addition, the outstanding group of paraprofessionals will be honored with a breakfast tomorrow. Their strong connections with students and daily support help make every day better for the entire school community.

Finally, with spring temperatures rising, the school kindly asks families to continue helping students make appropriate clothing choices for school. The Parent-Student Handbook contains more detailed guidelines, and a new Tiger Prints article was added this week as a quick resource.

Thank you to everyone who continues to make Winfield a wonderful place to learn and grow.

C. Finance Report from Director of Business Services

X. OLD BUSINESS

A. Approve Vision 2030 Resolution

Action(s): I move to approve the Vision 2030 resolution as presented. (A voice vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve filing of the School Treasurer and Treasurer's Bond with the DuPage ROE

Action(s): I move to approve the filing of the School Treasurer and Treasurer's Bond with the DuPage ROE 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**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,
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B. Personnel

1. Approve 0.625 FTE Administrative Assistant Special Education & State Reporting

Action(s): I move to employ Kathryn Keefe as the 0.625 FTE administrative assistant for Special Education and State Reporting as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Manuel Figueroa, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,
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2. Approve MS English-Language Arts Teacher

Action(s): I move to employ Tina Desario as a 1.0 FTE Middle School English Arts Teacher beginning the 2025-26 school year 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**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,

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C. Approve Lease Agreements with SASSED

Action(s): I move to approve the lease agreement with SASSED for the 2025-26 School year as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Manuel Figueroa, **Tabled**.

D. Approve 2025 Summer School

Action(s): I move to approve the development of at-risk summer school learning opportunities not to exceed \$10,000 in expenditures. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,
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E. Approve Consolidated District Plan

Action(s): I move to approve the 2025-26 Consolidated District Plan as presented. (A voice vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,
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F. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**

For information only, no Board approval needed.

G. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

1. David Freeman
2. Woo Park
3. Unknown
4. David Arvayo - Compliance Department; Painters District Council No. 30
5. Sarah James - Data Coordination Specialist

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).*

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

Voting Detail: Heather Armstrong: **Yea**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**,
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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 9:19 pm. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Manuel Figueroa, **Passed**.

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

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 9:20 pm. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed.**

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

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, April 24, 2025

Approved:



Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education



Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education

