

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 15, 2025, 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 6:30 pm.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

Present: Mr. Madden, Mrs. Barber, Mr. Lathrop, Mrs. Hebreard, Mr. Christ, Dr. Molina de Mesa, Mr. Vanorny

Absent:

Also Present: Joined open session, Dr. Broncato, Mr. Wolcott, Dr. Schmidt, Mr. Saindon

Recording Secretary: Joined open session, Mrs. Superits

CLOSED SESSION 6:30 PM

Lorie Barber made a motion, and Donna Hebreard seconded the motion for the Board of Education to recess to Closed Session for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 6:33 pm.

Lorie Barber: Yea, Josh Christ: Yea, Donna Hebreard: Yea, Bob Lathrop: Yea, David Madden: Yea, Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa: Yea, Stuart Vanorny: Yea

The board returned to open session at 7:28 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Students from Willow Creek Elementary led the Pledge of Allegiance: Carter Pisano, Nikolas Skerjan, Ashland Nolan, and Amelia Bancroft.

DISTRICT 68 HIGHLIGHTS

Sipley students raised \$536.88 for GiGi's Playhouse through the Penny Games fundraiser, where pennies add points and silver coins subtract from class totals. Second grade won by being the only class to finish with a positive score.

Jefferson students and staff celebrated a successful food drive that collected 915 pounds of food and \$200 for local families.

Throughout December, Sipley Elementary School student artwork is featured upstairs at the Woodridge Public Library, showcasing exceptional talent.

Village of Woodridge Community Recognition Awards were held on December 2, 2025. Karen Lawrence, a 6th-grade teacher at William F Murphy Elementary School, was named Employee of the Year. Aiden Cuya and Camille Bastic, both 8th graders at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School, were recognized as Youth Citizens of the Year.

Jefferson Junior High 8th grader Henry McNeice won the national Patriots' Pen essay contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, scoring 98.33%. He read his winning essay on patriotism to Woodridge VFW Post 1578.

The Illinois Alliance for Administrators of Special Education awarded Betsy Castillo, Learning Behavior Specialist at Meadowview, a mini-grant for the Woodridge School District 68 Toy Lending Library. This initiative will enhance parent collaboration and support young students with complex needs through play-based learning.

CONSENT AGENDA

Josh Christ made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion to approve agenda items A - Open Session Minutes, B - Personnel, C - Treasurer's Report, D - Monthly Budget and Program Report, and E - Accounts Payable, 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

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B. Personnel Recommendations

APPOINTMENT(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Cabrera, Sharon, Lunchroom Supervisor, Meadowview, \$17.52, 12/02/25

Flanagan, Patricia, Inclusion TA, Meadowview, \$21.14, 11/20/25

Gandarilla, Mariana, MLP TA, Willow Creek, \$21.28, 12/11/25

Nepomuceno, Anna, Secretary, William F. Murphy, \$22.02, 11/18/25

RESIGNATION(S) - EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Tayebjee, Tasneem, EC Teaching Assistant, Edgewood, 12/12/25, Personal

RETIREMENT(S) - PROFESSIONAL

Townsley, Janet, Bilingual Resource, Meadowview, Updated To End of 2025-26 SY 12/01/25

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Critzer, Kellyanne, Learning Behavior Specialist, John L. Siple, Family Medical Leave of Absence 12/10 – 12/16/25

Munguia, Aida, Grade 6, William F. Murphy, Family Medical Leave of Absence, Intermittent

Ortiz, Roberto, Custodian, Jefferson JH, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 11/17 – 11/21/25

Rapsys, Laura, Interventionist, Edgewood, Family Medical Leave of Absence, 11/17/25 – 01/23/26

C. Treasurer's Report - November 2025

D. Monthly Budget and Program Report - November 2025

E. Accounts Payable - December 2025

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

A. Kurt Kramer, Willow Creek Principal, presented the Willow Creek School Improvement update.

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

None received

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. AC: 25-56 Approval of 2025 Certified Tax Levy

Lorie Barber made a motion, and Josh Christ seconded the motion to approve the 2025 Final Property Tax Levy 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

B. AC: 25-57 Approval to Renew SSCIP

Josh Christ made a motion, and Bob Lathrop seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the district's SSCIP 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: 25-58 Approval of 2026 Summer Construction Bids

Bob Lathrop made a motion, and Dr. Cricel Molina de Mesa seconded the motion to approve the summer construction bids 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: 25-59 Approval of Meadowview Wheelchair Lift Contract

David Madden made a motion, and Lorie Barber seconded the motion to approve the wheelchair lift bid 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

E. DI: 25-56 Discussion on the 2026 E-Rate Purchase Plan

Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the E-Rate Purchase plan and will present the final recommendation as an action item for approval at the January 2026 meeting.

F. DI: 25-57 Discussion on Solar Phase II Installation and Startup

Mr. Saindon updated the Board on the progress of Solar Phase II.

G. DI: 25-58 Discussion on FY25 Single Audit Report Acceptance

Auditors, Lauterbach & Amen completed a Single Audit of Federal Funds, as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the Federal OMB Circular A-133, in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards.

H. DI: 25-59 Discussion of 2025 Board Policy Review

Dr. Schmidt briefed the Board on the December 1, 2025 Policy Committee meeting and recommended that changes be added, as needed, for approval at the January 2026 meeting to ensure compliance.

I. DI: 25-60 Discussion on Annual Review of Board Policy 5200 Attendance and Truancy

Board policy requires an annual review and will be brought for approval at the January 2026 meeting to ensure compliance.

J. DI: 25-61 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.

K. DI: 25-62 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 2026 meeting to ensure compliance.

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

Board members and Dr. Broncato shared district activities and events attended.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion Passed by roll call vote at 8:32 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