



Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2025 7:00 PM

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

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 7:00 PM

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

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

Staff: Lisa Napolitano, Steve Kahlfeldt,

Visitor(s): Ostrander Family, Beard-Bridgeforth Family,

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Done during Budget Hearing

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Action(s): *With Amendments:* I move to amend the agenda to include Closed Session after the FOIA presentation. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. **Student Recognition - Jemyre Beard-Bridgefort and Aaron Ostrander**

B. **FOIA - Stephen Richart - HLERK**

Discussion: The Board reviewed the definition of FOIA, which is a state law ensuring the public's right to access records and information held by public bodies, including school districts, in order to promote transparency, accountability, and public trust.

C. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION - Reason 1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 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 Lynn Kammes, **Passed**.

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

D. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION**

Action(s): I move to return to open session. (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**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

E. **AI Policy**

Discussion: Discussion was held regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by students within the school setting. The Board reviewed how AI can support instructional goals, reinforce learning targets, and enhance students' knowledge, skills, and abilities. Consideration was given to fostering responsible and ethical use, promoting digital citizenship, and guiding students to leverage AI as a tool to deepen understanding and

creativity. The importance of clear expectations and oversight to ensure equitable and effective use was emphasized.

F. Fall Data Presentation

Discussion: The Board reviewed assessment data, including FastBridge for K–3, NWEA MAP for K–8 (administered three times yearly in math and reading), and IAR for grades 3–8 (once yearly). FastBridge scores indicated students are performing at or above grade-level norms, with some variation by grade. NWEA MAP reading results show consistent progress across cohorts, with solid performance in grades 1–5, an outlier but strong cohort in grade 6, and stable trends in grades 7–8. Math results reflect a recalibration period, with a noted dip of 7–15 points in scores, though overall growth continues. Some changes have been made with how the tests norms. Norms provide essential context, however, with this change we need to recalibrate expectations around the test rather than student ability.

G. TIF2

Discussion:

- **Legal Challenges Against TIF 2:**

- **Failure to Meet Statutory Requirements:**

- The school districts argue that TIF 2 enacted by the Village of Winfield does not meet legal criteria, including the requirement to demonstrate blight and other mandated factors.

- **Non-Contiguous Properties Issue:**

- The village improperly combined several disconnected properties to create the TIF.
 - A key issue involves a parking garage included in the TIF, which will remain on the tax rolls for only 20 years, shorter than the TIF's duration, leaving the school districts without long-term revenue benefits.

- **Municipal vs. Economic Development Purpose:**

- The districts argue that TIF 2 is intended primarily for municipal development, with most funds directed towards a municipal center, which will not expand the tax base for other taxing bodies.

- **Failure to Meet the "But-For" Test:**

- The districts assert that development is already occurring without TIF funds, primarily due to a \$65-70 million investment by Central DuPage Hospital, making the TIF unnecessary for further economic growth.

- **Legal Proceedings Update:**

- We are in a holding pattern right now.
 - This could be settled as soon as the end of the year.

H. Resolutions Committee Recommendations

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 Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

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

Action(s): *With Amendments:* I move to amend the Consent Agenda action items A and B to separate the approval of Martin and Sons Landscaping and Wheaton Mulch. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

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

C. Separate Approval - Wheaton Mulch and Martin and Sons Landscaping work

Action(s): I move to approve Martin and Sons Landscaping and Wheaton Mulch as

presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

IX. **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

1. **Legislative Update**

There continues to be more activity at the Federal level than the State level right now. While there have been Federal government shutdowns in the past, how this plays out may be different if it occurs. The reason for consternation amongst educational organizations is based on experiences this summer in which the Federal government either didn't allocate appropriated grant funds, withheld funds, and reallocated funds. As such, even though grant funds have been appropriated for the entire year and have legislatively been set to release at certain times throughout the year, in past shutdowns this would just happen, there are no guarantees this will continue to happen during this potential shutdown. Also on the Federal level, we have seen the administration reallocate congressionally approved funds. Areas hit include teacher professional development. Programs such as the National Board Teacher Certification are just now seeing their funding arrive. Also areas such as headstart have been impacted this summer. We have received lower revenue for teacher professional development and I'm not optimistic that the Federal government is willing to return resources to this area. At the State level, they are beginning to prepare for the veto session. This generally happens in November. Topics expected to be discussed include: private school scholarships related to the One Big Beautiful Bill act, tier 2 pensions, and k-2 student suspensions and expulsions.

2. **Facility Updates**

We are preparing once again for the potential of having a state maintenance grant. For the past several years, the State has offered a \$50,000 matching grant for school district facilities and maintenance improvements. Thus, if we spend up to \$50,000 in projects, they will match up to \$50,000 in projects. Currently we are looking at several projects that could be bundled together for this. In doing so, we have gathered multiple quotes so we could bring these to the Board once we earn this grant if available. The first project would be replacing the roof on the 1-room school house. This is a project for the current term of the facility plan and our quotes seem to estimate it at about \$30,000. The second project would be to add the reflective ceiling to the boiler room to reduce heating to the Art Room. This is an area we have been working with IMEG on for several years and has continued to flair up. The fans creating more airflow within the boiler room are helping, the question is how much. IMEG will be helping us obtain quotes for this from our architect at FGM. The third project is continued enhancements to our security door operations and cameras. Staff have identified 4 doors in which keycard access would improve operations by facilitating student movement safely between buildings and instructional points as well as assist in operations. Our quotes estimate this to be approximately \$30,000. Additionally we have identified a couple of areas that need more camera surveillance. As such, we anticipate looking at 2-3 additional cameras. In total, the projects for the grant we are exploring continue to focus on district infrastructure and security.

3. **DuPage IASB Dinner/Meeting**

The Fall IASB DuPage Division Meeting is on The Art of Schoolboarding. Speaker Jim Burgett presented 7 or 8 years ago and has a lot of insights into the role. The meeting will be on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 6-8:30pm at The Carlisle.

4. **PTO/WEF Update**

A big thank you to our PTO volunteers who helped with picture day today. PTO is developing a new event this year. On Thursday, October 30th they will be hosting a

middle school Halloween party. It seems like a very cool social opportunity for our Middle School students. As a product of this, we will be moving our Board Meeting to the library that evening as they will be using the gym/cafeteria for the event. PTO and WEF are seeking any businesses that would like to be in our directory, the deadline is tomorrow, September 26th to be included in the directory for \$35. For those only wishing to be in the playbill, sponsorship is \$25 and the deadline for that is Feb 7th. One can advertise in both for \$50.

B. **Building Leader's Report:** *Presentation*

C. **Finance Report from Director of Business Services**

1. Salary Compensation Report 2025 - 2026
2. Lump Sum Payout

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Second 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 to approve the second reading and approval of policies 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*, Matt Tibble: *Yea*, Alisa Wolfe: *Yea*

B. **Approval and Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget**

Action(s): I move to approve the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

XI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Personnel**

1. **Stipend Pool Adjustment**

Action(s): I move to increase the stipend pool by \$2,691 for the 2025-26 school year and commensurately thereafter through 2028-29 for the purpose of providing stipends for the SLT program. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

2. Accept Resignation - Soccer Coach

Action(s): I move to accept the resignation of Travis Hobbs from the soccer coaching position as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

3. Employment of Soccer Coach - Carlos Allen

Action(s): I move to employ Carlos Allen as a Middle School Soccer Coach for the 2025 Fall Season at a rate of \$20 per hour. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

4. Employment of Soccer Coach - Cameron Rich

Action(s): I move to employ Cameron Rich as a Middle School Soccer Coach for the 2025 Fall Season at a rate of \$20 per hour. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

5. Employment of Soccer Coach - Zach Wiegele

Action(s): I move to employ Zach Wiegele as a Middle School Soccer Coach for the 2025 Fall Season at a rate of \$20 per hour. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

6. Appoint Stipend Positions

Action(s): I move to appoint the 2025-26 stipend positions as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

7. Employment of Boys' Basketball Coach - Brad Cheehy

Action(s): I move to employ Brad Cheehy as a Boys' Basketball coach at a stipend of \$2340 as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

8. Employment of Boys' Basketball Coach - Brett Foley

Action(s): I move to employ Brett Foley as a Boys' Basketball coach at a stipend of \$2340 as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

B. Non-Tenure Contracts

Action(s): I move to approve the non-tenured contracts as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

C. Credit Card Increase

Action(s): I move to approve the increase of the credit card limit as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

D. Approve 3-year Subscription for Educlimber Data Analysis Suite

Action(s): I move to enter into a 3-year subscription with Renaissance Learning for the use of their Educlimber Data Analysis Suite at a cumulative cost of \$14,057.56 as presented. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

E. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

1. Jacob Long - Public Data Research
2. Sheri Reid - SmartProcure

XII. **Items for Future Agendas**

A. Social Studies Program

XIII. **ADJOURNMENT - 9:48pm**

Action(s): I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.

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

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, September 25, 2025

Approved:

Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education

Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education