



Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2025 7:00 PM

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

I.

CALL TO ORDER 7:00pm

II. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Scott Meech, Principal; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board of Education Secretary

Staff: Ray Serbick, Ninley Gaeta, Jen Gendel, Bri Willix

Visitor: Krygowski Family, Garcia Family, Eric Spande, Maryann Bruss,

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 Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

V. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

VI. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

Student Recognition - Vanessa Krygowski and Brianna Garcia
School Lunch Program Update

Discussion - Our food service provider, Taher, has terminated its contract, with its last day of service on April 17. The board has approved the hiring of two new part-time kitchen staff, and we will transition to a self-prep model starting April 21.

This change will allow us to build the right team, enhance service quality, and improve accuracy for the next school year. Additionally, it will foster stronger relationships between staff and students, creating a more personal dining experience.

For food distribution, we are strongly considering the Northern Illinois Independent Purchasing Cooperative, co-op partnership that aligns well with our school's size. This option would provide valuable training opportunities and cost-sharing benefits.

Capital Plan Update

Discussion - Recently completed projects were discussed, including bathroom stall updates, gym locker room updates, soffit repair at the Central building, and door replacement between the Primary gym storage and Winfield Road. WEF has contributed to improvements in the cafeteria sound system and continues to raise funds for the preschool playground. The main playground is an area that we will need to focus on as a future capital project.

Future projects for Spring and Summer 2025 include the Water Heater/Boiler Room project at Central and a security camera upgrade in both buildings. Additionally, facility and technology plans through 2037 were reviewed.

TIF 2

- **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:**
 - Trial is likely to be moved to the second or third week of March.
 - Summary judgement could be around March 12th or before.

DuPage - West Cook Articles of Agreement Changes

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**, Manuel Figueroa: **Yea**, Dave Hempe: **Yea**, Lynn Kammes: **Yea**, Dan Krasinski: **Yea**, Matt Tibble: **Yea**, Alisa Wolfe: **Yea**

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 Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

Approval of Finance Reports

Bill List - Payable List and List of Other Payments

Treasurer/Fund Balance/Bank Reconciliation Report

Other Approvals

IX. COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD

Superintendent's Report

Legislative Update

There is a great deal of legislative action occurring in both Washington DC and Springfield. A significant amount of work is occurring within the Federal Budget. Until it passes, we will not know what programs survive and which do not. Early returns look like we may no longer see Medicaid funds (\$38,000) and potentially school lunch funds (\$50,000). Additionally we have approximately 90 students who qualify SNAP (food stamps) and/or Medicaid. These students' families will see a potential reduction or elimination of those services depending on what occurs with the budget. Governor Pritzker has indicated that the state budget cannot make up for the losses of Federal funds. It will be interesting to see what they can and cannot do based on the budget that is passed in DC and then later on in Springfield. Either way, we are looking at a different budget planning process than before as some of these variables may not be known until June. On Friday I have two legislative sessions scheduled with Federal connections. Our LEND group will be on zoom with a member of the federal lobbyist

group from the American Association of School Administrators. They will be answering questions about the issues discussed in the Department of Education and funding. I also have a Zoom meeting scheduled with Congressman Ramirez to provide stakeholder input from school and non-profit leaders. I expect a lot of questions about policy, funding, and what she is doing to advocate for our needs. In Springfield, Governor Pritzker shared his budget plan. This is a tighter budget period and he proposes freezing funds in categorical grants such as transportation and special education. As such, that means we will see some greater proration of these funds, but at least it's not a decrease. ISBE has asked for increases, but given the action at the Federal level, I suspect these increases are unlikely. On the legislative side, there are a huge amount of bills to sift through. Many of these will not make it through the session, but we are hearing questions frequently from LEND, our lobbyists, about specific bills so they can provide input in committees. Recently we were asked about employing temporary personnel for non--instructional positions and elementary school discipline including behaviors that may lead to suspension or expulsion.

Facility Updates

Facilities Update - This evening we reviewed our Capital Plan. We are also working actively on our facility usage. SASED plans to host its March 19th Board Meeting on site. They will have a 1:30pm tour and a 2pm meeting. SASED currently leases a sensory room and classroom at Winfield Central as well as 3 classrooms and a sensory room over at Winfield Primary. Next year SASED is planning to lease the entire east wing of Winfield Primary as well as the sensory room and classroom at Central. In early March we will be walking through the facility with SASED to ensure we have a common understanding of how it will be used in order to support student learning and growth. As we shared in the Capital Plan, we have several big projects ahead of us. Hopefully this rental income can support some of this work.

WEF Update

We are looking for sponsors for our May Tiger Run. This is always a wonderful event. Sponsorships are being accepted through March 31st for Tiger Run.

Principal's Report

The February 2025 Principal BOE Update highlights key achievements and upcoming events at Winfield District 34. Student successes include strong performances in girls' basketball, social studies speeches, and Science Olympiad, alongside ongoing activities such as drama, chess, and Energy Club. Teachers are recognized for student growth achievements, and planning for the next school year is already underway, with countywide professional development and a visit to Barrington 220 School District scheduled. Community engagement remains a priority, with key events on the horizon, including Spring Break (March 31 - April 4), Showcase Night (April 23) with the theme "Unmasking Our Superpowers," and various 8th-grade milestones such as the Springfield trip (May 2), step-up day (May 16), awards assemblies, and graduation on June 4. Other highlights include Field Day (May 27, rain date May 29) and the 5th Grade Clap-Out on the last day of school, June 5. The update reflects a focus on valuing connections, fostering an inclusive community, and supporting student growth.

Finance Report from Director of Business Services

X. OLD BUSINESS

Approve Change Order for Video System

Action(s): I move to approve the change order to the video system for \$7,335.81. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

Approve Building Usage Fees for the 2025-26 School Year

Action(s): I move to approve the 2025-26 building usage fees with a rounded 3.4%

increase 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*, Manuel Figueroa: *Yea*, Dave Hempe: *Yea*, Lynn Kammes: *Yea*, Dan Krasinski: *Yea*, Matt Tibble: *Yea*, Alisa Wolfe: *Yea*

Approve 2025-26 Registration Fees

Action(s): I move to approve the 2025-26 registration fees with a rounded 3.4% increase 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*, Manuel Figueroa: *Yea*, Dave Hempe: *Yea*, Lynn Kammes: *Yea*, Dan Krasinski: *Yea*, Matt Tibble: *Yea*, Alisa Wolfe: *Yea*

Approve 2025-26 Sports and Activity Fees

Action(s): I move to approve the 2025-26 sports and activity for in house fees with a rounded 3.4% increase as presented. (A roll call vote was taken) Amended. This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Personnel

Employ Boys Volleyball Coach - Mark Melsa

Action(s): I move to approve the appointment of Mark Melsa as the 2024-25 Boys Volleyball coach at a stipend of \$2220. (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*, Dan Krasinski: *Yea*, Matt Tibble: *Yea*, Alisa Wolfe: *Yea*

Employ Part-time Kitchen Manager - Delia Campos

Action(s): I move to approve the employment of Delia Campos at a rate of \$20 per hour for approximately 18 hours per week as part-time kitchen manager (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

Employ Part-time Kitchen Manager Leidy Vaca-Moreno

Action(s): I move to approve the employment of Leidy Vaca-Moreno at a rate of \$20 per hour for approximately 18 hours per week as part-time kitchen manager. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

Accept Resignation - Music/Band Teacher

Action(s): I move to accept the resignation of Annika Templin with her employment ending at the end of the 2024-25 school year. (A roll call vote was taken). This motion, made by Heather Armstrong and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates

For information only, no Board approval needed.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

David Freeman - Robbins Schwartz on behalf of the Village of Winfield

XII. Items for Future Agendas

Winfield Primary HVAC Commissioning (tabled item)

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). **Reason 12.** 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).

Action(s): I move to adjourn to closed session. A voice vote was taken at 8:53pm. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

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 10:10pm. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

XV. **ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

None

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action(s): I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken at 10:11pm. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Heather Armstrong, **Passed**.

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

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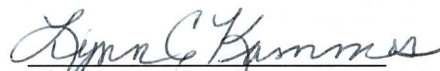
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Regular Thursday, February 27, 2025

Approved:



Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education



Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education