Winfield School District 34
Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, August 20, 2026 6:20 PM
Winfield School Central Cafeteria, 0S150 Park St, Winfield, IL 60190

I. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:23PM

II. **ROLL CALL**
Board of Education Members in attendance: Dan Krasinski, Lynn Kammes, Carrie Linden, Dave Hempe, Alisa Wolfe(arrived at 6:32pm), Matt Tibble(arrived at 6:44pm),
Absent: Heather Armstrong,
Also, Present: Matt Rich, Superintendent; Melissa Doucet, Building Leader; Dave Baum, Tech Support; Lisa Honaker, CSBO; Amanda Melsa, Board Secretary; Jennifer Gendel, Coordinator of Student Services;
Staff: Steve Kahlfeldt, Brian Leisering,
Visitor(s): Kayla Zimmer and family, Carolyn Aldaco and husband, Regine Hernandez and family, Kelsie Freundt, Grace Shelly, Megan Ryder,

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 Dan Krasinski and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Absent: Alisa Wolfe, Matt Tibble,
Absent: Heather Armstrong

V. **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 9.*** *Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.*
5ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
Action(s): I move to adjourn to Closed Session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Absent: Alisa Wolfe, Matt Tibble, Heather Armstrong

VI. **ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION**
Action(s): I move to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion. Made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong

VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** None

VIII. **PUBLIC PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION**

A. **Meet the New Staff**

B. **Recognition of Certified Staff Earning Tenure**

C. **Bullying Policy - 7:180 Annual Review for State**

D. **Mandated Reporter Presentation**

E. **Strategic Plan Update**

Discussion: The Superintendent provided an update on progress toward the District's strategic plan goals, highlighting continued work in the areas of valuing connections, fostering an inclusive community, and supporting student growth. The District is developing action plans and specific action steps for the current school year, with progress to be shared with the Board in December.

Key areas of progress and focus include:

- Strengthening connections among students, families, staff, and the broader community.
- Continuing facilities and technology improvements, including digital infrastructure, LED lighting, and the one-room schoolhouse roof project.
- Supporting student well-being through Zones of Regulation, proactive behavioral supports, and continued development of the District's MTSS processes.
- Expanding digital citizenship, coding experiences, and responsible use of AI through the District's developing AI plan.
- Monitoring student achievement data, with approximately 70% of students meeting reading goals and 79% meeting math goals, while maintaining a focus on individual student growth.
- Continuing professional development based on staff-identified goals, including executive functioning, literacy, instructional strategies, and MTSS.
- Expanding community partnerships and opportunities for families and students to connect through events and collaborations with local organizations, including the library.

The Superintendent also shared that Program and Facilities Committees are being developed with community participation, and Board members will be asked to serve on the committees as the District moves into the action-planning phase.

F. **E-Learning/E-Learning Framework**

Discussion: The Board discussed the District's e-learning plan and emergency-day options. Concerns were raised regarding the effectiveness of e-learning for younger students, particularly PreK, primary, and special education students, as well as the District's current technology infrastructure and device availability. The Board discussed the importance of maintaining a balance between technology and in-person instruction. The administration will continue to evaluate whether renewing the e-learning plan is appropriate. An e-learning plan will not be filed with the ROE at this time.

G. **Electric Bikes/Scooters**

Discussion: The Board discussed safety concerns related to e-bikes and e-scooters and the need for clear expectations regarding their use by students. Administration noted potential changes to state law and discussed partnering with the Police Department and Northwestern Medicine to provide eighth-grade students with education on the laws, safety concerns, and potential injuries associated with these devices.

The Board also discussed the importance of students walking these devices while on school property due to the presence of younger students and families. Administration will continue to monitor legislative changes and work toward establishing clear District guidance for e-bikes and e-scooters.

IX. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action(s): I move to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

A. June 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

B. June 18, 2026 Closed Session Minutes

C. July 22, 2026 Special Board Meeting Draft Minutes

D. July 22, 2026 Closed Session Special Meeting Minutes

X. **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 Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

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**

XI. **COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

A. **Superintendent's Report**

1. **Legislative Update**:
Things are quiet in Springfield as we wait to see which bills will be signed by the governor and which bills will be addressed at the November veto session. We have reached out to our legislative advocates at LEND to see if we can get an update on whether or not groups believe the governor will sign the E-Bike/E-Scooter safety bill.

2. **Facility Updates**:
This summer the roof on the one room school house was replaced. We are awaiting delivery of some siding pieces to complete the project. Today we received the first portion of our order for network switches. We anticipate receiving the access points in October, with work commencing after the receipt of the access points. Work will occur after school hours and on weekends.

Parent Teacher Conferences - We are exploring a new (for us) sign up system for parent teacher conferences. We are looking into PTC wizard that is used by District 94 (and many other districts). We hope to have this ready to roll for this year's conferences.

Facilities and Program committees - We would like to start these in September. We are looking for 1 to 2 board members on each committee to join teachers, administrators, parents, and community members. We anticipate each group meeting 3-4 times and would like to identify our board members and what days/times might work so we begin evaluating our current status and begin to provide guidance for our future growth as a program and as a campus.
Some registrations we need to do - Knights of Columbus Scholarship Dinner (September 10, 5-9pm) & IASA-IASB-IASBO conference (November 20, 21, 22)

3. **WEF Update:**
Join the PTO & WEF for the Ice Cream Social tomorrow
(Friday, August 21, 2026) from 5:30-7pm at the Winfield Primary Playground &

Blacktop. Bring the whole family for free ice cream, socializing with other Tiger families, and visits with community partners. Our first PTO/WEF meeting of the year will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 7pm in the Central School Commons. Everyone is automatically a member of the PTO and we do not collect dues. We hope to see you there!

B. **Principal's Report**: *Principal Report*

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

XII. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Approval and Adoption of 2026-2027 Budget

Action(s): I move to approve the adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

XIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Personnel**

1. **Accept Resignation - Paraprofessional**

Action(s): I move to accept the resignation of Jetzelli Hernandez - paraprofessional as of July 2, 2026. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

2. **Accept Resignation of Paraprofessional**

Action(s): I move to accept the resignation of Yessenia Esquivel - paraprofessional as of September 10th, 2026. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

3. **Approve Science Olympiad Coach**

Action(s): I move to approve Kelsie Freundt as a Science Olympiad Coach for the 2026-27 season at a stipend of $1435 for the season. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

4. **Approve Science Olympiad Coach**

Action(s): I move to approve Kaitlin Freundt as a Science Olympiad Coach for the 2026-27 season at a stipend of $1435 for the season. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Carrie Linden, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

5. **Employ Night Custodian**

Action(s): I move to approve the employment of Lorena Garcia as night custodian at a rate of $17 per hour for the 2026-27 school year. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Carrie Linden and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.

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

Absent: Heather Armstrong

6. **Snow Removal**

Action(s): I move to approve the snow removal contract with Martin and Son Landscaping for $18,000 inclusive all plowing from November 1st, 2026 to March 15th, 2027. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Dave Hempe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong

7. **Potential other employment contracts approvals:** None
8. **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 Carrie Linden, **Passed**.
   Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
   Absent: Heather Armstrong,

B. **Approve First Reading of Policies** Draft Update Policies:
2:230 Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings and Petitions to the Board
5:70 Religious Holidays
5:240 Suspension
6:70 Teaching About Religions
6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
Review and Monitoring:
2:30 School District Elections
3:40 Superintendent
3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Principal
3:70 Succession of Authority
4:120 Food Services
4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screening Notifications
5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
5:110 Recognition for Service
5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff
5:185 Family and Medical Leave
7:30 Student Assignment
7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
Action(s): I move to approve the first reading of policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Lynn Kammes and seconded by Matt Tibble, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong,

C. **Board Procedures and Exhibit Updates**
For information only, no Board approval needed.

D. **Freedom of Information Act Requests**
1. Mike Powers - SMART Local 265
2. Max Binnington - Judiciocracy
3. Caleb Svoboda

XIV. **Items for Future Agendas**
A. Music/Band Pin - October

XV. **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 9.*** *Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.*
5ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

Action(s): I move to adjourn to closed session. A roll call vote was taken. This motion, made by Matt Tibble and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong,

XVI. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION TO REGULAR SESSION**

XVII. **ACTION FROM CLOSED SESSION**

A. None

XVIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Action(s): I move that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken at 9:30PM. This motion, made by Dave Hempe and seconded by Alisa Wolfe, **Passed**.
Voting Detail: Dave Hempe: Yea, Lynn Kammes: Yea, Dan Krasinski: Yea, Carrie Linden: Yea, Matt Tibble: Yea, Alisa Wolfe: Yea,
Absent: Heather Armstrong,

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, August 20, 2026
Approved:

Dan Krasinski, President
Board of Education

Lynn Kammes, Secretary
Board of Education