

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING
Woodstock High School Learning Resources Center
October 13, 2026

I – CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Gilmore, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II – ROLL CALL

Present: Dr. Bidwell, Dr. Farris, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Headley, Mr. Homuth, Mr. Miceli, Mr. Parisi, Dr. Moan, Superintendent and Julie Dillon, Chief Financial Officer.

III - CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Parisi and seconded by Dr. Bidwell to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes; routine personnel matters with addendum; conduct ventilation system upgrades; disposal of personal property; and Woodstock North High School co-curricular fundraising request 2026-2027, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr.	Parisi	- Yes
Dr.	Bidwell	- Yes
Mr.	Homuth	- Abstain
Mr.	Headley	- Abstain
Mr.	Miceli	- Yes
Dr.	Farris	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes

1. Approval of Minutes

1.1 Regular Meeting of September 22, 2026

1.2 Closed Session of September 22, 2026

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters

Employment of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions

Approve the employment of Lizette Bernal in an additional position as Supervisory Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at .5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (VDELC)

Approve the employment of Juan Choca as 3rd Shift Custodian for the 2026-2027 school year at 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$19.02 per hour. (WNHS)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Employment of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions (Con't)

Approve the employment of Kerrin Colasanti as Supervisory Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at .5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (VDELC)

Approve the employment of Jessica Degrassi as RTI Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (PWE)

Approve the employment of Whitney English as Food Service Personnel for the 2026-2027 school year at 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (WWE)

Approve the employment of Hailey Lowrey in an additional position as Food Service Personnel for the 2026-2027 school year at 3.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (WNHS)

Approve the employment of Susan Malouhos as Special Education Classroom Health Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$19.87 per hour. (GWE)

Approve the employment of Kristen Martens as Special Education One-to-One Health Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$19.87 per hour. (VDELC)

Approve the employment of Kathia Javier Mendez as Noon Hour Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 2.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (MEES)

Approve the employment of Alexander O'Donnell as 2nd Shift Custodian for the 2026-2027 school year at 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$17.85 per hour. (NWMS)

Approve the employment of Amy Pankow as Special Education One-to-One Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6.75 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (CMS)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Employment of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions (Con't)

Approve the employment of Crystal Schlossberg as Special Education One-to-One Health Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6.75 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$19.87 per hour. (CMS)

Approve the employment of Kristen Wagner as Classroom Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (WWE)

Approve the employment of Larry Flores as Head Wrestling Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,377. (CMS)

Approve the employment of Jennifer Bishop as Special Education One-to-One Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (MEES)

Approve the employment of Kayla Colson as Behavior Specialist for the 2026-2027 school year at 7 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$21.00 per hour. (BB)

Approve the employment of Madison Mersch as Special Education One-to-One Health Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$19.87 per hour. (CLAY)

Approve the employment of Jachin Clarke as Assistant Track and Field Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,377. (WHS)

Approve the employment of Timothy Maidment as .5 FTE Assistant Track and Field Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$2,689. (WHS)

Approve the employment of Liam Spear as Assistant Track and Field Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,377. (WHS)

Approve the employment of Roger Willis as Assistant Track and Field Coach for the 2026-2027 school year at a stipend of \$5,377. (WHS)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Transfers/Changes/Reclassifications/Correction of Records of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions

Approve a change in hours for Danielle Boreman for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Lorena Carrera for the 2026-2027 school year to 7.25 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Lori Cerer for the 2026-2027 school year to 7.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for William Chrisos for the 2026-2027 school year to 5.75 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Mary Clark for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Maria Cruz for the 2026-2027 school year to 7 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Silverio Cruz for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Nicholas Fries for the 2026-2027 school year to 6 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Daniel Gorski for the 2026-2027 school year to 7.75 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Lakeia Graham for the 2026-2027 school year to 7.75 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve the transfer of Trisha Haugen to a position of Noon Hour Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 2 hours per day, 5 days per week. (MEES)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Transfers/Changes/Reclassifications/Correction of Records of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions (Con't)

Approve a change in hours for Katie Liepitz for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Dale Lindahl for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.75 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a transfer for Paola Lintner to a position of Bilingual RTI Associate for the 2026-2027 school year at 6 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$18.87 per hour. (OES)

Approve a change in hours for Adam Lorenzo for the 2026-2027 school year to 7 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Michelle Majercak for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.33 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Kristen Martens for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Charles Neff for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Michael Novak for the 2026-2027 school year to 3.25 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Jana Peppin for the 2026-2027 school year to 7.25 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Estela Ramirez for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Transfers/Changes/Reclassifications/Correction of Records of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions (Con't)

Approve a change in hours for Katherine Riechers for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Samuel Robinson for the 2026-2027 school year to 5.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Jaclyn Ryan for the 2026-2027 school year to 4.75 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Jordan Salinas Fries for the 2026-2027 school year to 7 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Suthasinee Schembari for the 2026-2027 school year to 5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a reclassification of position for Bridget Slezak for the 2026-2027 school year to Route Driver at 4 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation)

Approve a change in hours Madison Schnulle for the 2026-2027 school year to 5.25 hours per day for the Route Driver position and to 1.75 hours per day for the Bus Associate position (Transportation)

Approve a change in hours for Natalie Torres for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (VDELC – Special Education Classroom Health Associate)

Approve a change in hours for David Wall for the 2026-2027 school year to 7 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

Approve a change in hours for Lisa Weber for the 2026-2027 school year to 1.5 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Bus Associate)

Approve a change in hours for Scott Wizniak for the 2026-2027 school year to 6.25 hours per day, 5 days per week. (Transportation – Route Driver)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Resignation/Retirement of Licensed Professionals, Educational Support Personnel and Stipend/Coach Positions

Approve the resignation of Samantha Garcia, effective October 16, 2026. (DES – Special Education Classroom Associate)

Approve the termination of Jennifer Horvath, effective October 1, 2026. (OES – Special Education One-to-One Health Associate)

Approve the resignation of Adam Lorenzo from the position of Noon Hour Associate only, effective October 2, 2026. (MEES)

Approve the resignation of Tania Contreras Galvan, effective October 30, 2026. (District – Accounts Payable)

Any Leaves of Absence

Approve a leave of absence for Lisa Kunzie with an anticipated start date of January 19, 2027, and continuing for 6 weeks or 30 workdays thereafter. (WHS – English Teacher)

Approve a leave of absence for John Oslovich beginning October 5, 2026, and continuing through a return date of November 18, 2026. (CLAY – Special Education Teacher)

Approve a leave of absence for Debra Yarc starting on October 8, 2026, and continuing through an anticipated return date of October 26, 2026. (OES – 5th Grade Teacher)

Approve a leave of absence for Jadian Hamilton with an anticipated start date of November 14, 2026, and continuing through an anticipated return date of January 5, 2027. (PWE – Special Education Classroom Associate)

Approve a leave of absence for Michelle Madsen beginning October 30, 2026, and continuing for an anticipated 6 weeks thereafter. (WHS – Supervisory Associate)

Approve a leave of absence for Yesenia Leon with an anticipated start date of November 23, 2026, and continuing for 16 weeks thereafter. (CMS – Dual Language Teacher)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

3. Approval to Conduct Ventilation System Upgrades
4. Authorization for Disposal of Personal Property
5. Approval of Woodstock North High School Co-Curricular Fundraising Request 2026-2027

IV - RECOGNITION1. District 200 Staff Spotlight – Prairiewood

Staff Spotlight is a Board of Education initiative to recognize outstanding staff members. Throughout the year, school principals will identify one certified and one classified staff member from their building to be honored for exceptional effort in their jobs. We are proud to recognize the following individuals from Prairiewood Elementary School:

Julie Joslyn
Andrea Manning

Physical Education Teacher
Special Education Associate

Congratulations to Julie and Andrea, and thank you for your outstanding efforts on behalf of your students.

Moved by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Headley to introduce the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 wishes to recognize the contributions of these individuals, and WHEREAS, District 200 has benefited as a result of these accomplishments; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 hereby bestows special recognition and a certificate of achievement on behalf of the citizens of the District, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Headley	- Yes
Mr.	Parisi	- Yes
Mr.	Homuth	- Yes
Mr.	Miceli	- Yes
Dr.	Farris	- Yes
Dr.	Bidwell	- Yes

V - COMMUNICATIONS

"Communications are a time for community members and District employees to express a point of view, not to debate an issue. There will be a sign-up sheet for the public to identify their name, address, phone number, name of the organization

V - COMMUNICATIONS (Con't)

you represent (if any) and a brief description of the topic to be addressed. Comments are generally limited to 3 minutes (See Board Policy 2:230).

A district parent addressed the board regarding disciplinary actions taken after a homecoming dance incident at Woodstock High School. The parent raised concerns over an unfair investigation and disproportionate punishments given to a sober student, despite alcohol being found in the car.

Her daughter, a student at Woodstock High School, began to speak to the Board. Before allowing her to continue, Mr. Gilmore advised the student that disciplinary matters are confidential and warned that speaking publicly waives those privacy protections. The student acknowledged the warning and chose to proceed, reiterating what her mother had said earlier. She also did not feel that her punishment was fair.

Mr. Gilmore and Dr. Moan acknowledged the public concerns regarding alcohol/marijuana usage on school grounds following the event. While student disciplinary details remain confidential by law, the administration confirmed they are investigating safety protocols and handling of the incident to present recommendations for future event security and policy adjustments.

There were no staff comments.

VI - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Moan shared that he hoped everyone enjoyed their long weekend and thanked families for attending conferences last week.

Dr. Moan also thanked the District 200 Education Foundation for awarding their annual mini grants. He added that this year, the Foundation donated over \$30,000 to our classroom teachers to support impactful learning for our students. Teachers receiving grants will be honored on Thursday, October 15th at 4:00 PM in the Woodstock North High School Commons. Everyone is welcome to join us to celebrate the Education Foundation for their incredible support and recognize the great work of our staff.

VII - MONITORING REPORT

1. Introduction of New Principals to the Board of Education

Dr. Moan presented three long-serving educators from the district, congratulating and welcoming them as they step into their new principal positions.

Tyler Carlson, Principal at Woodstock North High School, shared that the academic year at North has launched with strong momentum, driven by high enthusiasm and collaborative energy among both students and staff. Mr. Carlson

VII - MONITORING REPORT (Con't)

1. Introduction of New Principals to the Board of Education (Con't)

began as a high school English teacher before serving as a high school Dean. He then transitioned to Creekside and Northwood Middle Schools where he learned what the problem-solving process could look like and how to embrace the whole student. He added that his heart has always been at the high school level and that he really enjoys guiding students through their four year development, helping freshman grow into confident, capable young adults ready to pursue their ambitions.

Amy Ficek, Principal at Greenwood Elementary, has been with the District since 2005 serving in various roles including teacher and instructional coach. One of Ms. Ficek's highlights for this year is to build strong connections with Greenwood's families, students and staff. She noted that at the beginning of the year, the PTO held a picnic where she got to meet a lot of families. She added that she truly believes that strong connections make a successful school and she looks forward to continuing to build relationships.

John Liuzzi, Principal at Woodstock High School, expressed that the start of the year has brought some changes with new staff to Woodstock but they have also been able to build on tradition. He added that he is thrilled for Woodstock High School to once again be named the #1 high school in McHenry County according to U.S. News and World Report for the second year in a row. Mr. Liuzzi shared some highlights for this year including the peer tutoring program now being fully staffed throughout the school day with Spanish language tutors available for most periods to ensure accessible academic support. The freshman transition and engagement program, Link Crew, is hosting events such as Freshman Fall Friday to foster positive experiences and help new student integrate into the school community. Mr. Liuzzi emphasized the District's broad spectrum of support for students ranging from low-incidence special education classrooms to high level advanced placement, dual credit and dual degree programs.

This was an informational report only. No formal Board action was required.

VIII - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX - NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation and Board Discussion of Parent & Staff Survey Results on Changing School Start Times

This item is on the agenda so that the Board can review survey feedback regarding potential changes to school start/dismissal times.

IX - NEW BUSINESS (Con't)

1. Presentation and Board Discussion of Parent & Staff Survey Results on Changing School Start Times (Con't)

Dr. Moan explained over 60% respondents supported or strongly supported changing school start times. He indicated that although support varied slightly across grade levels, overall participation was exceptionally strong among both parents and staff.

Board members discussed whether to explore alternative scheduling models.

Dr. Moan noted that previous constraints, such as mixing Pre-K and elementary bus routes were carefully evaluated and the surveyed plan represents the most viable solution based on District logistics.

Dr. Moan clarified a Board member's question as to why high schools start later, explaining that it aligns with brain-based sleep research for teenagers. He also noted that starting elementary schools first is impractical due to shorter elementary school day lengths and heavy participation in high school zero-hour classes such as AP and music courses.

There was no formal motion made at this time. The Board directed administration to present a formal motion for a vote at their next meeting on October 27, 2026.

2. Approval of Contract with Weitz & Luxenberg and Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley Regarding Social Media Class Action Lawsuit

Dr. Moan shared with the Board, a proposed multi-district class-action lawsuit against major social media companies, co-counseled locally by Jack Franks of Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley and Weitz & Luxenberg.

While there was widespread Board agreement on the detrimental impact of social media on students, there were significant concerns raised by Board members regarding the legal and financial terms of the agreement. Board discussion included whether a lawsuit against tech companies worth billions of dollars would effect real operational change or simply result in a financial settlement primarily benefiting the law firms. Board members also discussed the need for explicit contractual guarantees protecting District confidentiality obligations and student privacy standards, concerns regarding potential exposure to massive litigation costs if the case is dismissed or lost and uncertainty surrounding cost sharing structures among participating school districts. The presented agreement included boilerplate clauses making the District responsible for unpaid costs/services upon early termination without specifying hourly rates or fee calculation methods. Several Board members also pointed out that a generic boilerplate retainer is inadequate for complex federal class-action litigation against major tech corporations.

IX - NEW BUSINESS (Con't)2. Approval of Contract with Weitz & Luxenberg and Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley Regarding Social Media Class Action Lawsuit (Con't)

The Board amended its motion, directing Dr. Moan to obtain a revised and more detailed retainer agreement from Jack Franks and the representing law firms. This updated agreement must clearly articulate financial cost responsibilities, potential legal liabilities, and provisions for client protection.

MOTION - Moved by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Homuth to approach Weitz & Luxenberg and Franks, Gerkin, Ponitz & Greeley regarding this lawsuit and request a more specific retainer agreement that identifies the obligations regarding costs as well as any other potential obligations that could arise, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Homuth	- Yes
Mr.	Miceli	- Yes
Dr.	Bidwell	- No
Mr.	Headley	- Yes
Dr.	Farris	- Yes
Mr.	Parisi	- Yes

X - COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

XI - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION - Moved by Dr. Farris and seconded by Dr. Bidwell to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., with roll call vote as follows:

Dr.	Farris	- Yes
Dr.	Bidwell	- Yes
Mr.	Parisi	- Yes
Mr.	Miceli	- Yes
Mr.	Homuth	- Yes
Mr.	Headley	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes

John D. Parisi, Secretary

Carl W. Gilmore, President