MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, JUNE 22, 2026.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Kinnikinnick Community Consolidated School District No. 131 Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on June 22, 2026 in Roscoe, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Dave Young called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

	Young	Swanson	Tomilonus	Tousant	Welch	B. Johnson	Loveland
Roll Call:	P	P	P	P	P	AB	P

Others Present: Mrs. Freedlund, Mr. Hruby and guests.

MOTION #1. APPROVE THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2026, COW SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2026, REVISED MAY 2026 BILLS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF $414,736.94, JUNE 2026 BILLS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,121,498.81, MAY 2026 PAYROLL DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES AND ACH WIRES IN THE AMOUNT OF $550,012.26, MAY 2026 PAYROLLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $903,237.80, THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 31, 2026. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Swanson, to approve the regular and closed session school board meeting minutes of May 26, 2026, COW school board meeting minutes of June 9, 2026, Revised May 2026 bills payable in the amount of $414,736.94, June 2026 bills payable in the amount of $1,121,498.81, May 2026 payroll deductible expenses and ACH wires in the amount of $550,012.26, May 2026 payrolls in the amount of $903,237.80 and the Treasurer's report for May 31, 2026.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

Mrs. Freedlund reported that the district would participate in the YMCA's Stateline Corporate Cup as a fall wellness activity. It will allow employees to sign up for various team events to compete in the Cup. There are many different options from light activity, to brain activity, to creativity and individual and team sports. Events will take place August 20th thru Sept. 20th after school hours and on weekends. Participation is voluntary.

Mrs. Freedlund made the Board aware of several outstanding expenditures that are expected before the end of the month including a new dishwasher for RMS, the Prairie State Insurance Cooperative premium payment and a professional development bill from NIU for MTSS coaching.

The appraisal of NorthPointe campus has been sent to the attorneys and is currently being reviewed.

In regard to the 2025 Highland Park CVS PTAB appeal of 4843 Blue Stem Road, Roscoe (PIN 04-29-428-008), the Appellant submitted a 2023 appraisal as its evidence in the appeal. The Districts obtained a 2023 appraisal from Appraiser Neil Renzi that supports an AV of approximately $700,000. The Board of Review's proposed AV in this appeal is $675,120. Since the 2023 appraisal supports the current assessed value, we will resubmit the report in this appeal.
The district continues to intervene in these proceedings to guard the residential taxpayers from shifting tax burden.

The Board confirmed plans for the annual Joint conference.

Mrs. Loveland presented some handbook edit suggestions to Mrs. Freedlund. The changes do not change the substance of the material. Mrs. Freedlund will review the suggestions. Mrs. Freedlund noted that mandated notices and policies should reflect the Board policy language for consistency throughout District materials.

MOTION #2. APPROVE THE PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK. A motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Tousant, to approve the Parent Student Handbook.

Voice Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #3. APPROVE MRS. FREEDLUND AS THE DELEGATE TO MAKE A SELECTION FOR THE NIA BALLOT. A motion was made by Young, seconded by Welch, to Mrs. Freedlund to select a qualified individual for the NIA elected positions and return the ballot.

Voice Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #4. APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT FREEDLUND TO REVIEW, ACCEPT AND SIGN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDIT REPORT AND DATA COLLECTION FORM). A motion was made by Tousant, seconded by Welch, to approve the designation of Superintendent Freedlunch to review, accept and sign financial statements (annual financial report, audit report and data collection form).

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #5. ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BANK FIRST AS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND DEPOSITORIES, APPOINT ED BUHLMAN AS THE SCHOOL BOARD TREASURER AND ALLOCATE BONDS FOR ALL NECESSARY PERSONNEL. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Tomilonus, to adopt the resolution to approve Bank First as the school district fund depositories, appoint Ed Buhlman as the School Board Treasurer and allocate bonds for all necessary personnel.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #6. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION. A motion was made by Tomilonus, seconded by Tousant, to move into closed session at 7:14 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2). Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #7. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Swanson, to move out of closed session at 7:28 p.m.

Voice Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #8. <u>APPROVE JUNE PERSONNEL REPORT</u>. A motion was made by Tomilonus, seconded by Welch, to approve the personnel report:

Hire:

- **Haley Warren**, JV Girl's Basketball, effective July 1, 2026
- **Heidi Pommerening,** KN, 5 Hour Assistant Cook effective August 20, 2026
- **Lance Hainchek,** RMS, ELA Teacher effective August 17, 2026
- **Avery Ramlow,** LW, PK4All Teacher effective August 17, 2026
- **Ethan Taylor,** RMS, ELA Teacher effective August 17, 2026

Resign:

- **Lainy Curtis,** RMS, Stipend Assistant Track Coach effective May 29, 2026
- **Maggie Wingo,** LW, Paraprofessional effective June 7, 2026
- **Jennifer Finnegan,** LW, Recess Aide effective May 29, 2026
- **Jana Gabriele,** SC, SPED Teacher effective August 15, 2026
- **Kaleena Tolsma,** LW, Speech Teacher effective June 17, 2026

Retirement:

- **Seema Fabiano**, effective June 30, 2028
- **Emily Moyer,** effective June 30, 2030
- **Brett Hruby,** effective June 30, 2030

Roll Call Vote: Aye: Young, Swanson, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Loveland Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #9. <u>ADJOURN</u>. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Swanson, to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Young

Dave Young, President

Trisha Tousant

Trisha Tousant, Secretary