MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, JULY 20, 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 July 20, 2026 in Roscoe, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

President Dave Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

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

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

MOTION #1. APPROVE THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2026, JULY 2026 BILLS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF $578,053.25, JUNE 2026 PAYROLL DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES AND ACH WIRES IN THE AMOUNT OF $540,067.50, JUNE 2026 PAYROLLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $880,572.02, THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 30, 2026. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Tomilonus, to approve the regular and closed session school board meeting minutes of June 22, 2026, July 2026 bills payable in the amount of $578,053.25, June 2026 payroll deductible expenses and ACH wires in the amount of $540,067.50, June 2026 payrolls in the amount of $880,572.02 and the Treasurer's report for June 30, 2026.

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

Mrs. Freedlund reported that the sprinkler system at KS is due to be complete by the end of the month. The doors have not arrived on time, so we are working with the foreman to make alternative plans for a later installation. The track base is currently curing and the last step is the actual track being laid. All rooms with the exception of the 5th grade wing have been cleaned. The new copy machines have not arrived- we are waiting for Marco to send an ETA as some of the machines were backordered.

During FY 24 and 25 grant audit by ISBE, we learned that we are unable to claim multiple year subscription costs under one year of a grant. Those costs should have been spread out over each of the fiscal years of the grant. In our practice locally, we try to put multi year contracts together because there are cost savings associated with the practice. The District will reimburse the cost of those subscription fees to ISBE.

Currently, we have one certified position that is vacant for Special Education at Stone Creek. The administrative team is reviewing their options 1) hire 2) divide caseloads between LW/SC 3) reduce a section and reassign a teacher.

MOTION #2. APPROVE AN ESTIMATED $6,000.00 PRE-CONFERENCE, REGISTRATION, HOUSING FEES FOR THE ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS ANNUAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026 FOR ALL BOARD MEMBERS. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Tousant, to approve an estimated $6,000.00 pre-conference, registration, housing fees for the Illinois Association of School Annual Conference November 20-22, 2026 for all Board members.

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

The Board discussed the direction of policy 7:140 to create a unified standard for school enrollment to participate in any type of extracurricular or athletic activity. The Board also reviewed policy 2:150 to include the Committee of the Whole functions which has been its committee format.

The Director of Maintenance requested changes to modify hardware (from plastic to metal inner hardware) on hinges and crashbars that have been known to break based on hardware we currently have. Also, door adjustments were made to kitchen doors to widen and make taller to allow for equipment to be easily moved in and out.

MOTION #3. APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE HEALTH LIFE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS OF DOORS/HARDWARE. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Welch, to approve Change Order for the Health Life Safety Improvements of doors/hardware.

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

Mr. Hruby presented highlights of the tentative budget assumptions and projections of the FY 2027 budget. The budget reflects deficit spending but is presented conservatively with all assumptions that we will align over the coming months.

MOTION #4. ADOPT A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2027 AND SET A DATE FOR THE BUDGET HEARING. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Young, to adopt a Tentative Budget for FY 2027 and set a date for the budget hearing.

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

MOTION #5. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION. A motion was made by Welch, seconded by Johnson, to move into closed session at 7:38 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, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, Johnson Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

MOTION #6. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. A motion was made by Tomilonus, seconded by Welch, to move out of closed session at 7:45 p.m.

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

MOTION #7. APPROVE JULY PERSONNEL REPORT. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Welch, to approve the personnel report:

Hire:

- **Stacie Hermeling,** RMS, Lifeskills Paraprofessional effective August 20, 2026
- **Jordyn Peterson**, LW, Speech Pathologist effective August 17, 2026
- **Lauren Engling-Kapraun**, LW, Paraprofessional effective August 20, 2026

Resign:

- **Heather Galluzzo,** RMS, paraprofessional effective July 6, 2026
- **Rebecca White,** KN, paraprofessional effective June 19, 2026

Transfer:

- **Chase Lipinski,** SC day custodian to RMS night custodian, effective upon hire of SC day custodian or at direction of Director of Maintenance

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

MOTION #8. <u>APPROVE TO KEEP THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES CLOSED AND DESTROY CLOSED SESSION TAPE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 2025</u>. A motion was made by Tousant, seconded by Tomilonus, to approve keeping the closed session minutes closed and destroy closed session tape prior to December 1, 2025.

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

MOTION #9. <u>ADJOURN</u>. A motion was made by Young, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Young

Dave Young, President

Signature for TT

Trisha Tousant, Secretary