MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

A committee of the whole meeting of the Board of Education of the Kinnikinnick Community Consolidated School District No. 131 Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on September 15, 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	AB	P	P	P	AB	P

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

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Reports and Correspondence

A. Superintendent Report

a. Waiver of School Code process for School Improvement Days

Mrs. Freedlund reviewed the process for the school district to request a waiver of school code which includes a public hearing, notification to legislators and KEA and an application submitted by Dec. 15th. Approval is taken by the Illinois Legislators in the Spring.

b. Demographic projection and facility plan/capacity study

Mrs. Freedlund reported that the region is discussing recommending a second ballot run at the CFST in Spring of 2028, the Districts have the time to gather information and also guide the work that future Boards will be tasked with in terms of facility planning and spending. Both of these potential projects are collective efforts by the Hononegah Nations. The first is a demographic projection, the last study was completed in 2008 which became quickly outdated with the economic circumstances. While the District's enrollment overall has been stagnant over the past three years, we do get blips that are unpredictable that we would like to have a better understanding of and be able to project for in future years, especially as we release teachers through retirement in a teaching applicant drought. It is important to act on interviews and capture the best candidates early in the months from Dec- May of each year. We are considering two organizations that do this type of demographic and enrollment projection work and receiving quotes from both. Second, we are proposing that Boards consider a master facility plan document with our architects that would record the end of life of existing equipment, and guide replacement cycles and funding needs. This document is extremely important to our current succession planning and educating our community Health Life Safety bond capability. We are waiting on those quotes and hope to be bringing these forward by November.

Mrs. Freedlund also previewed with the Board a phone replacement budgeted item for FY 27. The district is reviewing a quote from Heartland Business Solutions for $60,793.50. This phone system replacement will move us from the end of life PRI lines in favor of cloud based lines. Cloud based phones offer several advantages such as a lower and predictable cost, flexibility in use for hardware and user features. This is a needed replacement as our current phone system is at end of life.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of RMS asphalt replacement HLS amendment.

Mrs. Freedlund reviewed the process of amending our current Health Life Safety plan. If an amendment is approved, we are looking to suggest the sale of bonds to complete this project over the summer months. Following, we would work on a cycle of replacement for the RMS heating and cooling units. One concern we are investigating is if units replaced over multiple years could impact the effectiveness and efficiency of how the product panels sync and run together.

The Board went into closed session at 7:22 PM to discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10) Litigation when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Collective Negotiations 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Closed Session.

V. Good of the Order

None

VII. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 7:57 PM.

NO BOARD ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS MEETING. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS A MEETING TO UPDATE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND HOLD DISCUSSION OF TIMELY TOPICS. THE COMMITTEE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Young, President

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Trisha Tousant, Secretary

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