MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 September 29, 2026 in Roscoe, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

Vice President Lynsey Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

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

Mrs. Freedlund introduced new professional staff to the Board and the staff members received their business cards.

MOTION #1. APPROVE THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2026, COW REGULAR AND CLOSED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2026, SEPTEMBER 2026 BILLS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF $398,645.19, AUGUST 2026 PAYROLL DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSES AND ACH WIRES IN THE AMOUNT OF $404,441.80, AUGUST 2026 PAYROLLS IN THE AMOUNT OF $794,692.14, THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 31, 2026. A motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by Swanson, to approve the regular and closed session school board meeting minutes of August 25, 2026, COW regular and closed school board meeting minutes of September 15, 2026, September 2026 bills payable in the amount of $398,645.19, August 2026 payroll deductible expenses and ACH wires in the amount of $404,441.80, August 2026 payrolls in the amount of $794,692.14 and the Treasurer's report for August 31, 2026.

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

Mrs. Freedlund reported that the Hononegah feeder schools will review the demographic study request for proposals on October 2nd and will make recommendations to the Boards. The Board members' housing for the Joint Annual Conference and dinner has been arranged. Mrs. Freedlund then introduced Mrs. McIlwain to provide the SY 2025-2026 End of Year School Improvement results.

Mrs. McIlwain provided a presentation showcasing the I-Ready goals in both proficiency and growth of the Kinnikinnick K-8th grade students from last year. It is noted that Kinnikinnick outperforms the I-Ready state and national norms in both reading and math. It was also noted that reading scores did not result in an implementation dip due to a curriculum change. The leadership team also studied a time on task and proficiency goal study which indicated and supported I-Ready data that students who spend 30-45 minutes on their personalized path will make proficiency standards. This is important information for us to continue to monitor and study with our teachers and parents. The district follows an improvement framework that is reviewed and continued from year to year. The district is implementing the 3 B's Respect, Responsibility and Safety expectations aligned to our Mission & Vision. Grade levels are focused on implementing and reviewing Curriculum Based Measures' (CBM). The District continues to adapt and refine our TIER I framework, build out Tier II practices through consistent Braveway time.

Building reports were provided.

A public hearing was conducted regarding the FY 27 district budget. No public comments were received

in person or in writing.

MOTION #2. ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FY 27 DISTRICT BUDGET. A motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by Tomilonus, to adopt the resolution to approve the FY 27 District Budget.

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

A public hearing was conducted regarding the district's recommendation to seek a waiver of the Illinois school code for school improvement days. No public comment was received in writing or at the meeting. Mrs. Freedlund will submit the appropriate waiver materials to the Illinois State Board of Education.

A public hearing was conducted regarding the health life safety amendment necessary to repair the RMS parking lot, courts and walkways. No public comment was received.

MOTION #3. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR RMS ASPHALT. A motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Loveland, to adopt a resolution to authorize the Health/Life Safety Amendment as presented at the public hearing for RMS asphalt.

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

MOTION #4. ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS ITEMS AS PRESENTED. A motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Tomilonus, to adopt a resolution authorizing the disposal of surplus items as presented.

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

Mr. Tomilonus asked if other businesses used landlines or if cellphones would be a better option. All members that work in business reported that they have landlines due to functionality and the expense of paying for cell phones and plans for all employees.

MOTION #5. APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR THE WEBEX CALLING WITH SINGLEWIRE FUSION MIGRATION CONDUCT. A motion was made by B. Johnson, seconded by Swanson, to approve the quote for the Webex Calling with Singlewire Fusion Migration Conduct.

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

Closed session was not needed.

MOTION #6. APPROVE SEPTEMBER PERSONNEL REPORT. A motion was made by Swanson, seconded by B. Johnson, to approve the personnel report:

Hire:

- **Fatemeh Bakhtiarani,** RMS, Head Cook effective September 10, 2026
- **Judy Fabiano,** Stipend Concessions Supervisor effective September 11, 2026

- **Joe Krumsee,** Stipend JV Boys Basketball effective September 14, 2026
- **Charlotte Giesfeldt,** RMS, Paraprofessional effective October 1, 2026
- **Stacey Smith,** LW, Recess Aide effective October 1, 2026

Resign:

- **Heather Lovejoy,** LW, Recess aide September 10, 2026 never started
- **Sarah Itzen,** RMS, School Secretary effective October 5, 2026

Leave of Absence:

- **Amanda Blanchet,** LW, Paraprofessional extended to October 1, 2026
- **Amy Jacobi,** LW, Paraprofessional October 7-8, 2026
- **Jessica Buhl,** LW Paraprofessional October 26-29, 2026

Retire:

- **Lynn McGill,** DO, Payroll Clerk effective June 15, 2027

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

MOTION #7. **ADJOURN.** A motion was made by Swanson, seconded by Loveland, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Young

Dave Young, President

Trisha Tousant

Trisha Tousant, Secretary