WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
October 15, 2026
6:00 PM

Location: Woodland Educational Support Center, 1105 N. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL
Watch: The meeting will be streamed live on the district website here.

Please note: The meeting starts at 6 p.m., but the first item on the agenda is a closed session. The public meeting will begin immediately following the closed session when the Board of Education returns to open session at approximately 7 p.m.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Move to enter Closed Session

The Board will enter into closed session to discuss:

A. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
B. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

III. Return to Open Session with Roll Call (7:00 P.M.)

IV. Opening Ceremony

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by members of the Woodland Transportation Department

V. Approval of Agenda

The Board will consider approving the agenda as presented.

VI. Public Comments

The Board invites members of the public to provide statements in-person. To participate, please register in advance using this form in English/Spanish or sign in upon arrival at the meeting. You may submit written statements via email to Board@dist50.net. Written statements will not be read aloud during the meeting, but are provided to all Board members for their review and consideration.

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. District Goals Update

Superintendent, Dr. Robert Machak, will share a presentation on progress towards the three goals the Board has identified and implemented.

VIII. Consent Agenda

Approval of routine, procedural, informational, and/or self-explanatory items. This may include discussion of individual items on the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Donations

The Board will consider the approval of any donations accepted throughout the District since the last Governing Board Meeting.

B. Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes: Closed and Regular Minutes 9-17-26, Closed and Special Minutes 9-28-26 Policy Committee Minutes, Closed and Special Minutes 10-7-26

The Board will consider approving the minutes from the Closed and Regular sessions from the September 17, 2026 Governing Board Meeting, September 28, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting, and the Closed and Special Minutes for the October 7, 2026.

C. Approval of Monthly Financial Reports, Treasurer Reports for the month of September 2026 and Board Payable list for the month of October 2026

The Board will consider the approval of all financial transactions made since the last Governing Board of Education meeting.

IX. Action Items

A. Approval of Human Resources Report/Information

The Board will consider approving the October Human Resources Department Report and Information.

B. Approval of American Education Week Proclamation

The Board will consider the approval of the Proclamation to honor the over 900 staff members who dedicate their days to educate over 4,500 students who attend Woodland School District 50 during American Education Week November 16-20.

C. Approval of Principals Week Proclamation

The Board will consider the approval of the Proclamation honoring our four Woodland Principals, Nicole Scofield, Dr. Chris Harmon, Tim Sheldon, and Tiffany Drake, during Principal Appreciation Week October 19-24.

D. Approval of Tax Levy Certification for Truth in Taxation Notice

The Board will consider the approval of the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2026 and direct the publication of the certification for truth in taxation notice

X. Reports/Discussion Items

A. Presentation on K-5 Literacy Work

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Trisha shrode will share a presentation on K-5 Literacy curriculum implementation.

B. Written Report on 2027-28 District Calendar – First Draft

Superintendent, Dr. Robert Machak will share a report on the first draft of the proposed 2027-28 District Calendar.

C. Written Report on 2026-27 School Year Enrollment

Dr. Machak will share with the Board a written report that includes comparative enrollment data from 2025-26 school year.

D. Written Report on Strategic Update- Student Services

Administration is tasked with providing periodic strategic plan updates to the Board of Education. Director of Educational Supports and Innovation, Tia Martinez will share a written report detailing the progress made toward the Student Services goals during the 2026-27 school year.

E. Written Information on Disposition of Curricular Items

Director of Curriculum Assessment and Accountability, Dr. Elizabeth Sanchez-Szepesi, will share with the Board a written report that includes a list of curricular items proposed for disposal, pending approval, beginning in December 2026.

F. Written Report on FY27 Large Bus Lease

Woodland's large bus fleet lease expired at the conclusion of FY26. Due to production delays, Woodland's vendor was unable to fulfill the FY26 large bus lease order. Woodland will continue to utilize the current large bus fleet until the end of FY27 and will need to enter into a 1-year extension with Midwest Transit for the 2026-27 school year. Assoc. Supt of Business Services, Chris Bobek will share a written report with the Board on the FY27 Large Bus Lease.

G. Written Report on Bus Routing Software

Woodland's current transportation software is scheduled to sunset in the near future. The Transportation Department has researched available alternatives and identified the recommended path forward. Director of Transportation, Dawna Choe will share with the Board a written report outlining the findings and a proposed timeline for the transitioning to the new system.

H. Written Report on FY27 School Maintenance Grant

In late September, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released a maintenance grant with an application submission deadline of January 30, 2027. The grant is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing awards up to $50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Associate Superintendent of Business Services, Chris Bobek will share with the Board a written report on the FY27 School Maintenance Grant.

I. Written Report on Revised Technology Purchase – Macbook Neos

Due to the significant increase in cost of the MacBook Airs over the summer, the Department of Technology researched a device that would be more cost effective. The MacBook Neo is a new laptop that was just released by Apple. It is significantly lower in cost yet meets the needs of a teacher device. We've piloted several MacBook Neo's across the District, received positive feedback, and made the decision to request this purchase. Sheri Styczen, Director of Technology and Innovation will share with the Board a written report on the Revised Technology Purchase – Macbook Neos.

J. Written Information on Revised Board Policies

The Board will review and discuss if there are any additional desired changes to the policies listed below.

2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
Current Proposed

2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
Current Proposed

3:70 NEW Succession of Authority
Proposed

4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
Current Proposed

5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
Current Proposed

5:70 Religious Holidays
Current Proposed

5:140 NEW Solicitations By or From Staff
Proposed

5:240 Suspension
Current Proposed

6:70 Teaching About Religions
Current Proposed

6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
Current Proposed

6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
Current Proposed

7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer
Current Proposed

7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

Current Proposed

7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
Current Proposed

8:10 Connection with Community
Current Proposed

K. Receipt of any Freedom of Information Act Requests

There were seven Freedom of Information Act Requests for the month of October.

XI. Announcements and Board Committee Reports

A. Committee Reports

1. PTA Update

Member Julia Plescia shared updates from the September 22, 2026, PTA meeting.

B. Upcoming District Events and Conferences

1. ED-Red Legislative Initiatives Survey

Board Member Dr. Carla Little may provide the Board an update, if available, on the ED-Red Legislative Initiative Survey submitted to ED-Red.

2. 2026 Resolutions Committee Report

At the September 17, 2026, Board Meeting, the Board was provided with a copy of the 2026 Resolutions Report for their review. This month, the Board will have a discussion and come to consensus on how Delegate Dr. Little will vote on the resolutions during the Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference.

3. Triple-I Conference

The Joint Annual Conference (Triple-I) will be held the week of November 20-22, 2026. The Board will discuss attendance, session registrations, and dinner reservations for Friday, November 20, 2026.

4. IASB Fall Meeting

Board Members will attend the IASB Fall Meeting on October 14, 2026 and will discuss their key takeaways form the meeting.

C. Correspondence to the Board and direction on responses

There were several correspondences to the Board during the month of October. All correspondences received a response.

XII. Public Comments

Members of the community are provided an additional opportunity to share comments with the Board during Public Comments.

XIII. Return to Closed Session, If Necessary

If needed, the Board of Education will make a motion to enter into closed session to continue discussion of topics that were not completed during closed session at the beginning of the meeting.

XIV. Adjournment

Once official business is complete, the Board of Education will make a motion to adjourn the October 15, 2026, Governing meeting.

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For questions about the agenda or the meeting, contact Laura Campanella at lcampanella@dist50.net or (847) 596-5602.