

**WESTERN DUPAGE SPECIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE February 12, 2026 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Gina Radun **called the meeting to order** at 2:00 p.m. The meeting was held at 116 N Schmale Dr, Carol Stream.

ROLL CALL: Those participating:

Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Carol Stream Park District	Renee Bachewicz	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson	Winfield Park District	Mike Bachio
Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer		

A quorum was established.

WDSRA Staff also present: Executive Director Dan Leahy, Superintendents Lea Jackman and Natalie Principe, Human Resource Manger Lisa Santoria, Outreach and Adult Day Care Program Manager Rachel Pavesich, Executive Assistants Ann Kennedy and Tori Kleinmeyer

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – New staff members Tori Kleinmeyer, Lisa Snow and Erin White

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2025
- B.** Approval of Closed Session Minutes – December 11, 2025
- C.** Approval of Inclusion Task Force Minutes – January 15, 2026
- D.** Treasurer’s Report – November and December 2025
- E.** Disbursement Report – November and December 2025
- F.** Member Tax Contribution Payment Report – As of January 31, 2026

Benard/Potts **moved to approve the Consent Agenda.** Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

V. MEMBER DISTRICT UPDATES

Benard asked if the April meeting could be moved to a week later; he and Leahy will have a conflict with the second Thursday. Motion will be made at the March meeting.

VI. DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Leahy reported:

- The Board will have their first look at the Budget. It is a thoughtful and responsive budget, leaning towards capital expenses.
- Leahy annual visits to the park district boards is finishing up.
- Inclusion Task Force – an email was sent summarizing the recommended shift of billing home districts for inclusion participants. Directors are encouraged to discuss it with their Boards because this is a significant change in procedures. Benard asked if we could find out why people travel out of district for inclusion services.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – There was no Old Business to come before the Board.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. WDSRA Budget Summary**
- B. Operating Budget for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2027 – Draft I**
- C. Capital Fund Budget for FYE April 30, 2027 – Draft I**
- D. Special Revenue Fund Budget for FYE April 30, 2027 – Draft I**
- E. Long Range Financial Plan for Capital Expenditures FYE April 30, 2027 – Draft I**
- F. Fund Balance Summary**

Superintendent Principe gave a brief overview of the draft budget documents in the Board Packet. The Operating budget includes a 4% merit increase and a spend down of reserves. Funds are being moved to Capital Projects. Capital expenses for the year include a new electronic sign, a new bus, landscaping, water retention project and the first phase of ADA improvements. The Special Revenue fund is almost depleted at which point scholarships will be paid for from the Jane Hodgkinson Scholarship fund. Directors were asked to submit recommendations for changes by February 21. The final budget will be on the April Agenda for approval.

G. Approval of Parking Lot Improvement bid of Accu-Paving in the amount of \$161,210 -

McAteer/Wilson moved to accept the bid of Accu-Paving for asphalt repair. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Yes	Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts
Yes	Carol Stream Park District	Renee Bachewicz
Yes	Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes
Yes	Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson
Yes	Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer
Yes	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Yes	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Yes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Yes	Winfield Park District	Mike Bachio

H. Approval of Naperville Park District Special Recreation Budget for 2026 – Reinbold/Benard
 moved to approve the Naperville Park District FY2026 budget for the use of Special Recreation Funds. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Yes	Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts
Yes	Carol Stream Park District	Renee Bachewicz
Yes	Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes
Yes	Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson
Yes	Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer
Yes	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Yes	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Yes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Yes	Winfield Park District	Mike Bachio

I. Approval of Carol Stream Park District Special Recreation Budget for 2026 – Potts/McAteer
 moved to approve the Carol Stream Park District FY2026 budget for the use of Special Recreation Funds. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Yes	Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts
Yes	Carol Stream Park District	Renee Bachewicz
Yes	Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes
Yes	Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson
Yes	Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer
Yes	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Yes	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Yes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Yes	Winfield Park District	Mike Bachio

J. Approval of Glen Ellyn Park District Special Recreation Budget for 2026 – Reinbold/Wilson moved to approve the Glen Ellyn Park District FY2026 budget for the use of Special Recreation Funds. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Yes	Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts
Yes	Carol Stream Park District	Renee Bachewicz
Yes	Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes
Yes	Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson
Yes	Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer
Yes	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Yes	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Yes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Yes	Winfield Park District	Mike Bachio

K. Approval of Wheaton Park District Special Recreation Budget for 2026 – Wilson/McAteer moved to approve the Wheaton Park District FY2026 budget for the use of Special Recreation Funds. Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Yes	Bloomington Park District	Joe Potts
Yes	Carol Stream Park District	Renee Bachewicz
Yes	Glen Ellyn Park District	Dave Thommes
Yes	Naperville Park District	Brad Wilson
Yes	Roselle Park District	Lynn McAteer
Yes	Warrenville Park District	Tim Reinbold
Yes	West Chicago Park District	Gina Radun
Yes	Wheaton Park District	Mike Benard
Yes	Winfield Park District	Mike Bachio

L. Other - There was no other New Business to come before the Board.

IX. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administration – Superintendent Principe reported:

Key Budget dates are in the packet. Feedback on Draft 1 of the budget is requested by February 21.

B. Recreation – Manager Pavesich reported:

- The 50th Anniversary kick-off event Friends & Family Trivia was very well received.
- 5 participants are participating in Special Olympics Snowshoe in Galena right now and of course there is no snow.
- The Hawks prep basketball team, formed with LWSRA, has been ranked in the top 5 nationally and they are setting their sites on the Nationals.
- Rec & Roll early bird registration started today. This is an opportunity for current participants to get registered first.
- In March we will have a Blind Soccer Clinic in partnership with Synergy. This is a project of our current intern, Elise Phillipp

C. Staffing and Inclusion – Human Resource Manager Santoria reported:

- Inclusion statistics for September – December are included in the packet.
- A lunch with park district superintendents will be held at WDSRA on 2/24. They will be able to meet Erin and talk about the Task Force items.
- Safety has started working on the 2026 training requirements.

D. Communications and Development – Superintendent Jackman reported:

- Annual Appeal came in just under \$77,000 with 169 donors, 25 of which are new to us.
- We are in full Bash mode with 496 registered. Jackman expressed her thanks to all the park districts for their support.
- There will be a VIP reception at 5:30 and all of the Executive Directors are invited. It will feature a bourbon tasting from Bourbon Belly.
- Golf planning has started already and sponsors are coming in.
- The Foundation Board is down one trustee with the resignation of Wheaton resident Mark Barnick. Barnick will continue to bring 4 foursomes to the golf outing.
- The Scholarship Endowment kicked off at the Bash in 2023 and the goal of \$750,000 will be met by this year's Bash. There will be a celebration at the Bash.

X. Adjournment: Benard/Potts moved that the Board adjourn at 2:33 pm. Motion passed unanimously with a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Leahy, Board Secretary