

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, December 8, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; Nick Crochiere; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop via Webex.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Peck read the roll call.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jim Bouché, President

President Bouche led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

President Bouche read the mission statement.

V. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION: Rob Hughes (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to approve Rob Hughes to receive the Resolution of Commendation, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

Dana Parlier made brief comments.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (**Action Requested**)

A. Appointments (Additional Staff, Replacement Staff, Contract Increases)

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Ann McManus (5th Grade Teacher/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Kathleen Johnson (Music Teacher/Maine & South Mountain) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Anne Winter (EC Special Education Teacher/Lincoln) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Josh Viegut (Assistant Superintendent of Operations/Longfellow) 1.0 FTE, effective 1/2/26; and Ingrid Busse (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 effective 12/8/25.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

Dan Merkel (Art Teacher/Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Matthew Roth (Math Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Julie Fernstaedt (EL Teacher/Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Monica Moscinski (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Ramona Winter-Leigh (Academic Support Teacher/East) 1.0

FTE, effective 6/8/26; John Boulanger (School Counselor/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/25; and Kristine Boulanger (School Counselor/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/25.

E. Minutes: Regular Session of November 10, 2025, and the Special Session of November 24, 2025.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

Winter coats from Joy Karnitz, Winter Clothing from St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, \$500 in books from Mike Thomasgard to the District; furniture, lamps, and framed art from Linda Bardonner, \$30 from Claudette Harring, \$1,100 from the Mike Schueller Family to the Wausau School Forest; \$275 from an Anonymous Donor, and \$200 from Maine Lions Club to Thomas Jefferson Elementary, \$500 from the Knights of Columbus Council 1069, \$3,787 from Wausau East Gridiron Club, and \$1,000 from Carrie Zoromski to Wausau East High School; and \$200 from the Boldt Company, \$1,300 from the Class of 1975 Student Aid Fund, \$250 from Cloverbelt Credit Union, \$15,000 from Connexus Association, \$100 from Jim Kryshak Jewelers, \$100 from Non and Zen Massage LLC to Wausau West High School.

Charles Burger moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations made to the District, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 9-0.

VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. 50% Updates for Elementary Referendum Construction

Current plans for John Marshall, Rib Mountain, Franklin Elementaries, and Lincoln Early Learning Academy were shared with the Board.

B. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

There was none.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Red Granite Update (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to approve Red Granite to remain at Rib Mountain Elementary School for the remainder of their contract, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried 9-0.

B. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. 4K Program Agreement (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to approve of the 4K program agreements as presented, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 9-0.

2. Annual Safety Update / Drill Debrief

At the November Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Andy Grimm and members of the Wausau Police Department shared the annual safety update. They also shared more information about the strong partnership between

the Wausau Police Department, especially with our School Resource Officers.

3. Neola Policies Update (**Action Requested**)

Jon Creisher moved to approve the proposed changes to the attached policies, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried 9-0.

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Mr. Bouche shared that the WIAA tournaments were a busy time and he is looking forward to seeing more Wausau Teams at upcoming events.

B. Legislative Liaison

Mr. Sillars brought up the AB71 – has the potential to limit operational referendums. He also shared that both the Senate and Assembly Education Committees had hot topics on their agendas such as requiring cursive, civics criteria, lifetime licenses, and free and reduced meals.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman shared that Josh Viegut had given his resignation and would be returning to Montana. Cale thanked him for his service to the District and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for the month of December is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the Montessori and Horace Mann Ribbon Cuttings and tours, and participated in an WASB online seminar; Jim Bouche attended various WIAA Board Meetings, and Charles Burger attended the Montessori Ribbon Cutting and tour, visited Lincoln Early Learning Academy for a parent involvement activity, visited John Muir, met with leadership, and attended the Muir 6-8 Band Concerts, attended the Warrior wrestling meet at Antigo and attended the WASB Fall Regional Meeting.

XI. ADJOURN

Pat McKee moved to adjourn, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried at 5:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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