

Minutes of COMMITTEE of the WHOLE MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, August 24, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Pat McKee; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop; and Yaou Yang.

Absent: Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; and Nick Crochiere.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approve the Minutes

Cory Sillars moved to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 6-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

There was none.

IV. Audit of the Bills

Sarah Brock moved to approve the Audit of the Bills as presented, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

V. Legal Expenses Summary for 2025-2026

Dr. Elizabeth Channel, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented a summary report of all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2025-2026. The report is separated by law firm and by type of legal advice sought. This is a written report that requires no action.

VI. Approve List of Legal Firms (Action Requested)

Yaou Yang moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the attached list of law firms the Board and the District shall access for legal services deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

VII. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location (Action Requested)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of Monday, September 28, 2026, as the date for the 2026-2027 Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing. The meeting will be held at 5:00 in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

VIII. Share Equalized Value Estimates

Prior to October 1, only equalized valuations from municipalities are available. In order to project property value changes by school district, an assumption must be made that all property values in any given municipality change in a uniform manner. With this assumption, the District's property value is projected to increase 4.03% for the 2026-27 mill rate calculation purposes. Certified property value will not be available until October 1; the given projected property value will be used for the initial budget and during the annual meeting.

IX. Recommendation for 2026-2027 Budget (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a preliminary 2026-2027 General Fund budget of \$118,307,108 for expenses and \$118,307,108 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, seconded by Yaou Yang. The motion carried 6-0.

X. Recommendation for 2026-2027 Tax Levy (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the projected tax levy of \$45,848,693 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, seconded Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

XI. Adjourn

Cory Sillars moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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