

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.
1300 S. 109th St., West Allis, WI 53214 (Boardroom, 2nd Floor)
9333 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227 (District Administration Office)

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
September 28, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 28, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Ms. Deal led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll was called with the following members present: Joe Becker, Brendan Burns, Jane Carr, Amy Deal, Brian Keller, Rebecca Lee, Noah Leigh (excused), Sagar Tolani, and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Deal to adopt the agenda as posted, seconded by Ms. Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Wilson Student Showcase

Wilson Elementary School Principal Pluta briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action. Fifth grade teachers Ms. Erickson and Ms. DeWitt and students Ethan, Marci, Diedrich, and Gavin presented on their fifth grade field trip connection with Habitat for Humanity, which connects to the fifth grade science standards.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

DPI publishes agency operations budget request:

DPI has submitted the first part of its 2027–29 budget request, with K–12 school funding proposals to follow. Key requests include continued funding for literacy and cybersecurity support. UW System and the Technical College System Board are also seeking additional funding for dual enrollment programs.

7.2 District Recognitions:

Third Friday Count:

The District completed its annual Third Friday Count on September 18. Staff continue to verify enrollment and follow up with students who have not yet been confirmed as attending. Thank you to the Student Enrollment and School Services Department and the attendance teams at each building for their work to ensure accurate and complete enrollment data.

School Supply Donations:

Thank you to Roman Electric, Jenny Rae Sturgill, and Select Specialty Hospital for their generous school supply donations. Each contributed individually, providing a variety of essential items, including backpacks, notebooks, tissues, and other classroom supplies. These donations have been put to use supporting students and classrooms throughout the district. We appreciate their generosity and commitment to helping ensure our students and staff have the resources they need.

Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church Donation:

As Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church concludes its 100 years of ministry in the West Allis community, the congregation has chosen Hoover School once again as the recipient of a closing donation. Church leadership shared that they wanted to invest in organizations that reflect their mission and values. They expressed confidence that Hoover School will continue serving as a beacon of hope and support for students and families in the West Allis and surrounding communities. The congregation will merge with Forest Park Presbyterian Church in New Berlin.

First Student Voice Meeting:

Last Friday was our first Student Voice meeting of the school year. We are looking forward to continuing our monthly meetings and having student representation at Board Meetings. Members include Maya Salem from DLVA; Erabella (Belle) Servi-Stewart, Maxwell Stevens, and Linkin Eger from Dottke PBL; Djurdja Davidovic, Evan May, and Giselle George from Nathan Hale; and Makenna Bahr, Jayden Hart-Matlock, and Amelia Granizo Espinosa from West Allis Central.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

2026-27 Surveys:

October 12-23: Fall Parent Survey and Fall Staff Survey; April 5-16: Spring Parent Snapshot Survey and Spring Staff Snapshot Survey; May 17-21: 5th Grade College, Career, and School-Level Transition Readiness Survey, 8th Grade College, Career, and School-Level Transition Readiness Survey, and 12th Grade College and Career Readiness and Exit Survey.

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since September 14, 2026, which included the following: City/ Schools Monthly Meeting; Quadrant B Superintendent's Meeting; WIAA Board of Control Meeting (Stevens Point); WIAA District 7 Meeting (Brown Deer); Special Education Team Meeting; School Visits: Nathan Hale, Central, Pershing, Mitchell, Hoover, Horace Mann, and West Milwaukee; Board Member 1:1 Meetings; Cabinet 1:1 Meetings; Legislative Breakfast; and the Recreation & Community Services Department's Annual Retreat.

Student Advisory Committee – The Voice:

Djurđja Davidovic, a senior at Nathan Hale, represented The Voice. Ms. Davidovic is a member of the Renaissance Leadership team as a mentor, track and field team, Rotary Interact Club, and Hope Squad; is enrolled in multiple AP classes; and is drum major for the Nathan Hale Band. Ms. Davidovic reported on recent Nathan Hale events including the homecoming football game and dance and spirit week, as well as noted many school clubs and team meetings are well underway.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:28 p.m., allowing district residents up to three minutes each to speak in person or via Zoom, and provided instructions for participation. President Burns noted that the Board could not discuss, debate, or act on any items raised, and that the Superintendent may provide follow-up at the next regular Board meeting. The following people made public comments: John Molling, district resident. President Burns closed public comments at 6:33 p.m.

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

9.2 Board Committee Reports:

9.2.1 College & Career Readiness – Deal

Committee Chair Deal reported that College & Career Readiness met on September 14, 2026. The committee received a recap of Jump Start, including participation outcomes.

9.2.2 Financial Stability & Efficiency – Leigh

On behalf of Committee Chair Leigh, Committee Vice Chair Keller reported that Financial Stability & Efficiency met on September 17, 2026. The committee received updates on the Financial Stabilization Plan, health insurance, compensation model, changes to the monthly financial summary, and Longfellow sale. The committee also discussed the financial report for referendum work and legislative advocacy. Future items for committee discussion include contract breakage fess and teacher four-pay versus a twelve-month payroll.

9.2.3 Recreation & Community Services – Lee

Committee Chair Lee reported that Recreation & Community Services met on September 21, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed summer program participation data and summer participant survey feedback data.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

None

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

None

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Keller to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4, seconded by Ms. Carr.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the September 14, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Gavin, Melissa	EA (SPED IS)	Irving	New	EA	9/21/2026
Schmidt, Steven	Teacher (SPED-IS)	Irving	Change	Renewing	9/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Looze, Casey	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	Resignation	9/18/2026
Lowetz, Laurie	Teacher (SPED-CC)	Mitchell	Resignation	9/21/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the September 28, 2026, report.

10.4 Financial Report Summary

Approval of the Financial Report Summary for the Month of August 2026 including Receipts #8342 through #8375 in the amount of \$6,913,016.05 and Vouchers Payable #382446 through #382764, wire transfers, and payroll disbursements in the amount of \$9,812,107.93 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for two Months Ending August 31, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4.

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church Donation – Dr. Robinson

Approve the Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church check donation of \$20,000.00 to Hoover Elementary School for student uses in accordance with Board policy 7230.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to approve the Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church Donation, seconded by Mr. Tolani.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshop(s):

12.1 Financial Stability & Efficiency Workshop: 2027 Health Insurance – Norris

Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2027 Health Insurance Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#). The Board will take action regarding 2027 Health Insurance at the October 12, 2026, meeting.

13. End of Recording/Adjournment

There was no further business and no objections to the meeting adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk