Minutes of Regular Meeting – Open
The Board of Education
Waunakee Community School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, October 12, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Ensign called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Hetzel, second by Thornberg, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c), (e), (f) and (g) to review individual teacher contract recommendations, resignations and retirements, review individual co-curricular contract recommendations, review individual support staff/custodial staff recommendations, resignations, and retirements, and review student requests. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Time 6:00pm

II. **ROLL CALL**

Eaton -Yes, Ensign- Yes, Frey-Yes, Hetzel-Yes, Murray,-Yes, Sonne -Yes, Thornberg – Yes

III. **CLOSED SESSION - ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATUTUES 19.85 (1) (c), (e).(f) and (g).**

A. Reviewed the Minutes of September 14, 2026 Meeting

B. Update and Consideration of Legal Matters Related to the School District Including Current and Potential Actions Involving the School District.

C. Review Individual Administrator, Teacher, Co-Curricular, Support Staff & Custodial Recommendations, Resignations, Leaves & Retirements

IV. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Sonne, seconded by Frey, to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:38pm.

V. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

A. *Great on Their Behalf* by AJ Crabill book study

The board discussed 3 take a ways they had from this book.

President Ensign welcomed all in attendance and began the open session of the meeting at 7:01pm.

VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. A motion was made by Eaton, seconded by Thornberg, to approve the September 14, 2026 minutes as posted. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS**

A motion was made by Hetzel, seconded by Frey, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 7-0.

VIII. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments sent electronically

In person public comments were made by the following:

Pam Beron – Heritage-parent Schools Beyond Screens

Katie Mohammadian - Prairie - parent - Schools Beyond Screens
Leda Raulins -WIS parent -Schools Beyond Screens
Steve Peotter - One Community Bank - Banking partnership

IX. **TEACHING STAFF, STUDENT, & BOARD REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Student Reports

1. Student Council Report

Abigail Anderson one of the student representatives from the high school gave a high school update to the board. Updates were shared about the following :
Marching band's session is over, and they hosted the 8th graders at the last football game. Badger Conference Honors Choir is performing tonight. Student Council's and HOSA's blood drive is coming up soon. FFA will be going to the National Convention in Indiana. Halloween in the Halls will be October 28th and is a great time for the High School Students as well as the young ones. One Act will be at Waunakee High School this Saturday at 9am. They will also perform at Deforest on November 7th. Homecoming was last week and was a lot of fun. Pre ACT finished for the Freshman - Juniors. Seniors attended informational talks regarding time beyond High School. The High School just had their first virtual day, there were a lot of mixed responses.

2. Warrior Spotlight

An update was shared by the Waunakee Interact Group.

B. Teacher/Staff Report

1. Staff Report

Members of the WTA, Middle School teachers, Autumn Pedersen, Inga Hershoff, and Ellen Willrett presented to the board. They appreciate being allowed to hold remote Family Teachers Conferences. They had a successful virtual day and have another coming up at the end of October. WTA is in support of the referendum, which means they can officially share information with people. They are very appreciative of the flu clinic.

C. Board Reports/Action Items

1. Board Reports on Educational Related Events, Meetings, or Trainings Attended by Individual Board Members

The Board members participated in and reported on the following activities:
Waunakee Joint Review board, State of Education Address, and WCSD Music FORMTA group "Raise the Roof" hosted by Lone Girl.
Heather Murray gave the board a reminder about our Legislative breakfast to build relationships and share items about our district and some information about our referendum. Carly Eaton asked the board members if 2 of them would be interested in being a part of the election canvass. This will be scheduled soon most likely the Monday after the election. Thank you to Joan Ensign and Chris Sonne for agreeing to be part of this canvass.

X. **COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Budget Committee Meeting

The minutes of the October 6, 2026 Budget Committee Meeting were reviewed.

1. Natural Gas Purchasing

A motion was made by Thornberg, seconded by Sonne, to participate in pre-purchasing 80% of the natural gas from November 1, 2026 through October 31, 2027 at $3.78 dth or current market price on day of purchase in the Natural Gas purchasing as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Banking Services Request for Proposal Review
A motion was made by Sonne, second by Hetzel, to approve the recommendation of the budget committee to remain with One Community Bank as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Facility Committee October 7, 2026
The minutes from the October 07, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

1. McKinstry Proposal
The purpose of this agenda item is to request approval of the proposal from McKinstry that was previously reviewed with the facility committee. After some discussion a motion was made by Frey, seconded by Eaton, to approve the recommendation of the facility committee as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

XI. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Third Friday Count
Summers updated the board on the recent third Friday count.

B. 4K Update
Moe presented and answered questions regarding the current 4K numbers. Moe also shared information regarding an upcoming parent survey.

C. K-4 2026-2027 SAIL Goals
Fassbender and the K-4 Administration Team shared and answered questions regarding their SAIL goals for this year. Weihert & Moe represented Arboretum Elementary. Morehouse and Houzner represented Heritage Elementary. Kaminski and Follen represented Prairie Elementary.

D. Ed. Services Assessment Data Results
Tim Schell and Amy Fassbender presented and answered questions regarding the Statewide assessment results, Act 20 information, and i-Ready fall data results.

E. Request to change the Aimsweb+ assessment date to align with the iReady assessment. A motion was made by Hetzel, seconded by Thornberg, to approve the change in the Aimsweb+ date to align with the iReady assessment as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Announcements/Correspondence N/A

1. WASB WI State Education Convention, January 20-22, 2027

2. WASB 2027 Day at the Capital
The 2027 WASB Day at the Capitol is March 17, 2027, at the Monona Terrace & WI State Capital.

3. WASB Region 12 meeting October 28, 2026

XII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board acknowledged Lake Melvin's gift of $4,000.00.

A motion was made by Hetzel, seconded by Sonne, to approve the consent agenda as posted. Motion carried 7-0.

A. Approval of Checks

B. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Reports

C. Consideration of School Safety Drills

D. Consideration of the Waunakee/ DeForest Girls Gymnastics Co-op

E. Gifts and Field Trips

1. Gifts

a. Lake Melvin Yacht Club Inc. Donated $4000.00 to the WCSD Student Financial Assistance

Fund.
2. Field Trips
a. WHS Varsity Baseball Spring Training Trip to Kansas City MO. - March 2027
b. FFA National Convention Indianapolis, IN October 21-24, 2026
c. Model UN - Overnight request to Illinois December 2026
F. Approve Individual Teacher, Co-curricular, Support Staff & Custodial Recommendations, Resignations, Leaves & Retirements

XIII. **New Support Staff**

Foday Ceesay, Custodian, HS
Roberta Coleman, Para Educator Regular Education, AES
Ryan Kloida, Crossing Guard
Keanna Lansing, Crossing Guard
Simone Lewis, Para Educator Special Education, PES
Lester Moore, Crossing Guard
Whitney Thomas, Crossing Guard
John Zimm, Para Educator Regular Education, AES

Resignations

Jared Cralam, Administrative Assistant to Athletic Director

Internal Changes - No Action

Cassie Stoeger, from Technology Assistant, HES/IS, to Computer Technician

Co-Curriculars Posted in the extras section of the agenda

XIV. **BOARD BUSINESS**

A. Board Correspondence

XV. **FUTURE AGENDAS AND MEETINGS**

A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
B. Special Meeting
C. Budget Committee
D. Co-Curricular Committee
E. Curriculum Committee
F. Facility Committee
G. Human Resources Committee
H. Policy Committee
I. DEI Committee

XVI. **RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION - NA**

XVII. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - NA**

XVIII. **ACTION AS APPROPRIATE, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION-NA**

XIX. **ADJOURN**

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:40pm on a motion by Eaton, second by Hetzel, and passed unanimously by voice vote 7-0.
Respectfully submitted,

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Carlena Eaton, Clerk

Date: _____
CE/rm