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
November 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
   President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 9, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.
2. Mr. Leigh led the pledge of allegiance.
3. **Roll Call**
   Roll was called with the following members present: Joe Becker, Brendan Burns, Jane Carr (excused), Amy Deal, Brian Keller, Rebecca Lee, Noah Leigh, 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 Mr. Becker. Motion carried unanimously.
6. **General Mitchell Student Showcase**
   Joanna Nettesheim, Elementary School Leadership Coach, introduced General Mitchell Elementary School Principal Schwall who briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action. Fifth grade teacher Ms. Pfaff and students Claire, Ethan, Isaac, Lily, Lizzy, Naomi, and Scarlett worked with Board members to solve a math word problem, demonstrating multiple problem-solving strategies. Dr. Robinson thanked students, parents, and staff for attending.

7. **Superintendent's Report**

7.1 Legislative Updates:

November 3 Referenda Results:
In the recent election the passage rate for school referenda decreased to approximately 54.4%, down from over 61% in the spring and around 70% in 2024. Of the 79 referenda on the ballot across 72 districts, 43 succeeded and 36 failed. Notably, only 30 out of 62 operating referenda (48% success) passed, while capital referenda had a higher success rate of 76.5% with 13 out of 17 passing.

7.2 District Recognitions:

November Celebrations:
November celebrations include American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month, Education Support Professionals Day, Substitute Educators Day, Veterans Days, and Thanksgiving.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:
Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since October 26, 2026, which included the following: Instructional Rounds at Irving ES, Franklin ES, and Nathan Hale HS; West Allis Rotary Club; meeting with Alderman Kevin Haass; WIAA Board of Control meeting in Stevens Point; WIAA State Cross Country Meet in Wisconsin Rapids; attended the NAEHCY Conference in Nashville, TN; Cabinet one on one meetings; one on one check-in meetings with T & L team coordinators; and monthly high school counselors' meeting.

State Cross Country Qualifier:
Congratulations to Koda Bruner of Nathan Hale High School who was a state cross country qualifier.

Student Advisory Committee – The Voice:
Evan May, a junior at Nathan Hale, represented The Voice. Mr. May is the council representative for Jostens leadership team, hurdles on the track and field team, is a member of yearbook, and will be joining Rotary and HOSA. In addition to being enrolled in a plethora of AP classes, Mr. May enjoys representing his school, dressing up in animal costumes and dancing (mascot for Nathan Hale, a community organization, WAWM Rec, and his own work), and hopes to go to the National Jostens Leadership Conference this year.

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 6:32 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 Communications & Engagement – Verbos

Committee Chair Veros reported that Communications & Engagement met on October 26, 2026. The committee discussed the Student Advisory Committee – The Voice, including current member's bios and the selection process.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

None

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

None

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, seconded by Ms. Lee.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the October 26, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments**:**

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Hayes, Audrey	EA (SPED-IS)	Walker	New	EA	11/02/2026
Spencer, Christain	EA (SPED-CC)	Central	New	EA	11/02/2026
Thomas, Shemirre	Custodian II	NHL	New	Maintenance	10/29/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Amundson, Daniel	Technology Specialist	Admin	Retirement	1/07/2027
Kropidlowski, Nicholas	Custodian	Franklin	Terminated	10/28/2026
Naus, Laurel	Teacher (SPED)	Mitchell	Resignation	10/19/2026
Obermeier, Boyd	Admin Asst III	W. Milw	Resignation	11/06/2026
Sanders, Austyn	Custodian II	NHL	Resignation	11/07/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the November 9, 2026, report.

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

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $48,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes – Norris

Approve the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $48,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes.

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve the Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed $48,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes, seconded by Mr. Leigh.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Reduced Credit Pathway – Bergmann

Adopt the Reduced Credit Pathway to Graduation for Nathan Hale, West Allis Central, and Dottke High School students beginning the second semester of the 2026-2027 School Year.

Motion by Mr. Tolani to approve the Reduced Credit Pathway, seconded by Mr. Becker.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshop(s)

12.1 WAWMSD Music Workshop – Michels

Mary Pat Michels, Orchestra Director/Music Lead, presented the WAWMSD Music Workshop, which can be viewed here. Ms. Michels also serves as WAWM Shining Strings/Sinfonia Director, MYSO String Orchestra-West Director, WI-ASTA Newsletter Editor, and Festival City Symphony: Music Librarian/Operations Asst. The Board thanked Ms. Michels for all her dedication to the District.

13. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 7:54 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Ms. Deal, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute §19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering a student disciplinary expulsion order, which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the student involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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John J. Verbos, Board Clerk