

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, September 9, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Joanna Reyes; Jane Rusch; Lance Trollop.

Absent: Cory Sillars;

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 led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: Wausau East High School

Wausau East Principal, Mr. Lucas Barth, and Wausau East Students, Natalie Doering, Zach Frangiskakis, and Layla Wraggs shared a five-minute presentation with the Board on how Wausau East is a building of opportunities and the exciting things happening at their school.

VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

Dana Parlier made brief comments.

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

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

Christopher Burger (4th Grade Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective 9/3/24;

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Sheri Vandehey (Music Teacher/Muir) .5 FTE, effective 8/29/24;

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Special Meeting of August 12, 2024; Regular Meeting of August 12, 2024; and Special Meeting of August 26, 2024.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

School supplies from Patti Busche, and school supplies from Jane Brzezinski to Lincoln Elementary; \$10,000 from an anonymous donor; food from Peytons Promise, and \$894 from Kathy Kysar, Wanda Childs, Marhsall Rosenow, Amie Olson, Michelle Geiger, Jude Robare, and 3M from donor's choose to Horace Mann Middle School; \$67.16 from the American Online Giving Foundation to the Wausau Area Montessori Charter School; \$17,671 from BACKURJAX, and \$2,000 from Playon Sports to Wausau East; and Personal Hygiene Supplies from HUB International, Compass Insurance, and IB Insurance, and school supplies from Marathon County Employees Credit Union & Members to all schools in the District.

Jennifer Paoli moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 8-0.

VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Legal Expenses Summary for 2023-2024

At the August Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Josh Viegut, Assistant Superintendent of Operations presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2023-2024. The report is broken down by law firm and by type of legal advice sought. This is a written report that requires no action.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Approve List of Legal Firms (**Action Requested**)

Jon Creisher moved to approve 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 Sarah Brock. The motion carried 8-0.

2. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to approve Monday, September 23, 2024, as the date for the 2024-2025 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 8-0.

3. 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 9.98% for 2024-25 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.

4. Recommendation for 2024-2025 Budget (**Action Requested**)
Pat McKee moved to approve a preliminary 2024-2025 General Fund budget of \$118,625,616 for expenses and \$117,141,590 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 23, 2024, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 8-0.
5. Recommendation for 2024-2025 Tax Levy (**Action Requested**)
Sarah Brock moved to approve a projected tax levy of \$45,763,554 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 23, 2024, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 8-0.

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report
Jane Rusch made brief comments. Jim Bouche shared that the WASB Fall regional meeting would be taking place on October 1st in Rothschild.

B. Legislative Liaison
There was none.

C. Superintendent Commentary
Mr. Bushman shared that we are five days in and he is very impressed by all staff. He also shared that there are great things going on in the District. He also gave a shout out to Mr. Barth and the East students for their phenomenal presentation.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary
The Board Liaison report for September is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the John Muir Open House, and a WASB Online Seminar; Cory Sillars attended the South Mountain and Rib Mountain Open Houses, and toured the Wausau West remodel; Jim Bouche attended the Back to School Kick Off at Wausau East; and Sarah Brock attended John Marshall, Maine, and NTC Alt High Open Houses, visited Riverview, and the New Teacher Orientation and Breakfast at Horace Mann.

XI. ADJOURN

Lance Trollop moved to adjourn, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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