

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2026 6:30 PM
D.C. Everest Administration Building
6100 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476



I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM. Ben Bliven: Absent, Jennifer Douck: Present, Katie Felch: Present, Shannon Grabko: Present, Lindsey Lewitzke: Present, Larry Schaefer: Present, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent. Present: 5, Absent: 2.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Shannon Grabko, to approve the agenda for this meeting. With a voice vote this motion passed.

V. Public Comment

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Shannon Grabko and seconded by Larry Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. With a roll call vote this motion passed.

Ben Bliven: Absent, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

VI.A. Approval of Minutes

VI.B. Certified Staff Recommended Employment/Resignations/Contract Adjustments

VI.B.1. Summer School Certified Staff

VI.C. Treasurer's Report - General/Other Fund Bills

VI.D. Balance Sheet

VI.E. Budget Transfers

VI.F. Budget Revisions

VI.G. Grant Application(s)/Budget(s) Approval

VI.H. Fundraising Requests

VI.I. Gift/Bequests

VI.J. Bus Accident Report

VI.K. Second Reading of Policies

- VI.K.1. po0142.7 - Orientation
- VI.K.2. po0144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications, and Code of Conduct
- VI.K.3. po1210 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- VI.K.4. po1213 Student Supervision and Welfare
- VI.K.5. po1240 Evaluation of the Superintendent
- VI.K.6. po2131.01 Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment
- VI.K.7. po2261.01 Parent and Family Engagement in Title 1 Programs
- VI.K.8. po2431 Interscholastic Athletics
- VI.K.9. po3120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular-Extra-Curricular Activities
- VI.K.10. po3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
- VI.K.11. po4213 Student Supervision and Welfare
- VI.K.12. po5112 Entrance Age
- VI.K.13. po5135 Student Identification Numbers and Cards
- VI.K.14. po5411 Third Grade Promotion and Retention - At-Risk Students
- VI.K.15. po5461 Children At-Risk of Not Graduating from High School
- VI.K.16. po5515 Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles
- VI.K.17. po5895 Student Employment
- VI.K.18. po6605 Crowdfunding
- VI.K.19. po7230 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests
- VI.K.20. po7540.02 Digital Content and Accessibility
- VI.K.21. po8462 Child Abuse and Neglect
- VI.K.22. po9211 District Support Organizations
- VI.K.23. po9700 Relations with Non-School Affiliated Groups
- VI.K.24. po9700.01 Advertising and Commercial Activities

VII. Non-Certified Staff Employment Changes (Informational Only)

VIII. Reports/Considerations

- VIII.A. WASB Legislative Network Member
- VIII.B. CESA #9 Representative
- VIII.C. Student Representative
- VIII.D. Superintendent

VIII.D.1. District Update

VIII.D.2. April 17 Tornado Response

VIII.D.3. School Perceptions Survey Summary

VIII.D.4. Facilities Planning Workshop: Key Takeaways

VIII.D.5. Weston Elementary: 2024-2025 DPI School of Recognition -

- **High Impact Schools (71 schools):** Serving a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students, these schools have above-average achievement when compared to similarly situated schools.

IX. Unfinished Business

IX.A. D.C. Everest Band Ireland Trip

X. New Business

X.A. Election of Officers

Lewitzke declared nominations open for President. Felch nominated Grabko. Lewitzke asked three times if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, by voice voted Grabko was elected President.

Lewitzke declared nominations open for Vice President. Lewitzke nominated Felch. Lewitzke asked three times if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, by voice vote Felch was elected Vice President.

Lewitzke declared nominations open for Treasurer. Schaefer nominated Xiong. Lewitzke asked three times if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, by voice vote Xiong was elected Treasurer.

Lewitzke declared nominations open for Clerk. Felch nominated Bliven. Lewitzke asked three times if there were any more nominations. Hearing none, by voice vote Bliven was elected Clerk.

Lewitzke stated she had spoken with those not present, and they were fine with any position to which they were elected.

Lewitzke yielded to Grabko as the new President.

X.B. CESA, WASB, Foundation Representatives

Schaefer agreed to serve as the CESA #9 representative.

Grabko agrees to serve as WASB representative.

Per constitutions, there does not need to be a Foundation Representative, so that position will not be filled.

X.C. Set Meeting Dates and Times for June 2026 through May 2027. Administration suggests the third Wednesday and the following dates:

June 17

July 15
August 19
September 16
October 28 - with Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing
Nov. 18 (week prior to Thanksgiving week)
December 16
January 13 (avoids State Ed. Convention and spaces well between)
Feb. 17
March 17 (week prior to spring break)
April 21
May 19

Dates were approved as listed.

X.D. Global Scholars - Presentation

X.E. Senior High Out-of-State Trips

Motion made by Katie Felch and seconded by Lindsey Lewitzke to approve the Senior High out-of-state trips. With a voice vote this motion passed.

X.F. Update on PD Catalog - Informational

X.G. Idea Update – Informational – Idea will become a program of D.C. Everest and the charter will not be renewed.

X.H. School Resource Officer Access to Student Records

Motion made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Katie Felch to approve access to student records for our school resource officers as listed in the attached memo from now through 2026-2027 school year. With a voice vote this motion passed.

X.I. Certified Staff Compensation Planning - Informational

X.J. District Depository Resolution

Whereas, Section 120.12(7) Wisconsin Statutes provides for the designation by the School Board of a bank or banks with which School District funds shall be deposited. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the D.C. Everest Area School District that the following banks be and are hereby designated as public depositories for funds of the school district and the secondary and elementary activity accounts and authorizes as signers of the respective accounts the district business office officials, principals and principal's secretaries, and other authorized signers recorded at each financial facility. Intercity State Bank Associated Bank BMO Bank Incredible Bank State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) PMA Financial Network, Inc. (WISC) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of the above named depositories, and said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution and a copy of such resolution has been given to the cashier of the respective above-named depositories. This motion, made by Shannon Grabko and seconded by Lindsey Lewitzke, passed with a roll call vote.

Ben Bliven: Absent, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.K. District Facsimile Resolution

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the D.C. Everest School District to issue checks for purposes of payrolls and accounts payable during the period of May 20, 2026 and June 30, 2026 and WHEREAS, it is unlikely to have facsimile signature plates, carrying the respective hands of newly elected board officers, produced prior to this period, and WHEREAS, the School Board did authorize, by resolution dated May 20, 2026, the use of facsimile signatures of duly elected officers. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the facsimile signatures of the President, Treasurer, and Clerk adopted May 20, 2026 be authorized for use in signing school district checks or orders until new facsimile signature plates are acquired for the period mentioned above to wit: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk cause to be mailed to the respective depositories of the School District a certified copy of this resolution. With a roll call vote... This motion, made by Shannon Grabko and seconded by Larry Schaefer, passed with a roll call vote.

Ben Bliven: Absent, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.L. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation School Building and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018, Dated July 2, 2018.

WHEREAS, the D.C. Everest Area School District, Marathon County, Wisconsin (the "District") has outstanding its General Obligation School Building and Improvement Bonds, Series 2018, dated July 2, 2018 (the "2018 Bonds") which were issued for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school building and improvement program consisting of: construction of classroom and technical education additions at Senior High; remodeling and building modernizations at Senior High, Junior High, Middle School, and Hatley Elementary; construction of cafetorium, classroom additions, and remodeling and reconfiguration at Rothschild, Weston, Riverside, and Evergreen Elementary Schools; district-wide safety and security, capital maintenance, building infrastructure and parking and site improvements including Mountain Bay Elementary; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures, and equipment; WHEREAS, the District has certain debt service funds and other funds on hand (the "Funds") sufficient to defease a portion of the debt service on the 2018 Bonds; WHEREAS, the School Board of the District deems it desirable and in the best interest of the District to transfer and apply such Funds to the defeasance and early redemption of a portion of the 2018 Bonds; and WHEREAS, since the 2018 Bonds are not currently callable, it is necessary for the available Funds to be irrevocably deposited into an escrow account, invested in direct obligations of the United States of America, treated as a portion of the debt service fund for the 2018 Bonds and applied to pay the principal of and interest on \$1,500,000 of the 2028 maturity, \$1,410,000 of the 2033 maturity and all of the remaining outstanding portion of the 2034 maturity of the 2018 Bonds (the "Defeased Obligations") on the April 1, 2027 early redemption date. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District that: 1. Establishment of Escrow Account. The School Board hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the District to enter into an Escrow Agreement with Associated Trust Company, National Association, as Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent"), for the purpose of effecting the provisions of the Resolution. 2. Transfer and Deposit to Escrow Account. The School Board hereby authorizes and approves the transfer and deposit of the Funds into the Escrow Account to be established with the Escrow Agent in an amount sufficient, together with earnings

thereon, to provide for the payment of the Defeased Obligations concurrently with the execution of the Escrow Agreement, and the subsequent use, investment and disbursement thereof by the Escrow Agent in the manner provided by the Escrow Agreement. 3. Professional Services. The School Board hereby ratifies and approves the retention of PMA Securities, LLC ("PMA") to provide general consulting services in connection with this transaction; Quarles & Brady LLP ("Bond Counsel") to provide limited, special counsel legal services in connection with this transaction; and Robert Thomas CPA, LLC to provide mathematical verification and related services in connection with this transaction. 4. Redemption of the Defeased Obligations, Notice of Defeasance and Redemption. The Defeased Obligations are hereby called for redemption on April 1, 2027. The School Board hereby directs the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement to provide a notice of the defeasance of said Defeased Obligations and a notice with respect to the redemption of the Defeased Obligations at the times and in the manner set forth in the final Escrow Agreement. 5. Authorization of Officers and Agents. The School Board hereby authorizes the appropriate officers and agents of the District to work with PMA and the Escrow Agent to review and approve the finalized Escrow Agreement including the escrow deposit and other details, to provide the notices of defeasance and redemption and to execute and deliver all documents required by Bond Counsel with respect to this transaction. This motion, made by Shannon Grabko and seconded by Katie Felch, passed with a roll call vote. Ben Bliven: Absent, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

X.M. Approval of WiSNP Contract

Motion made by Katie Felch and seconded by Lindsey Lewitzke, to approve the WisNP contract for 2026-2027 as listed in the background. With a voice vote this motion passed.

X.N. Meal Prices for 2026-2027

Motion made by Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Larry Schaefer to approve the meal prices for 2026-2027 as listed in the background. With a voice vote this motion passed.

X.O. WPS Easement

Motion Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Katie Felch, to approve the easement for WPS as listed in the background. With a voice vote this motion passed.

X.P. First Reading of Policies:

Policy 6320 - Purchasing is being withdrawn by Administration. No update.

Schaefer moved to strike language in paragraph five of page two of po5136. Seconded by Felch. Motion passed with a voice vote.

Motion by Lewitzke and second by Schaefer to approve po5136 and po9215 on first reading. With a voice vote motion passed.

X.P.1. po5136 Personal Communication Devices

X.P.2. po9215 School Support Organizations

XI. Petitions and Communications - none

XII. Future Meeting Dates

XII.A. The Board will determine the future meeting dates at this meeting.

Graduation on May 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Greenheck Turner Community Center
6400 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476

XIII. Motion by Schaefer and seconded by Lewitzke to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to WSS 19.85(1)(a) for deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body (Student Expulsion)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Administrator Employment Update and Employee Compensation and Benefits). With a roll call vote: Ben Bliven: Absent, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2 motion passed. Time was 7:58 p.m.

The Board adjourned from closed session at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin K. Bliven, Clerk

Ellen Suckow, Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent & School Board

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not the official minutes of the School Board until they are approved at the June 17, 2026, meeting of the School Board.