

# 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, November 11, 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; Joanna Reyes; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop.

Absent: Jennifer Paoli;

### 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 read the mission statement.

### V. EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: Hewitt-Texas Elementary

Hewitt-Texas Principal, Katelyn Landerman and Hewitt-Texas students gave a brief presentation on the exciting things happening in 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)

Priscilla Hernandez Vest (School Social Worker/Lincoln) 1.0 FTE, effective 11/1/24; Logan Egle (Music Teacher/Mann & Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 1/20/25; Susan Holster (Associate Principal/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 11/11/24; and Janet Hurst (1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher/Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 1/20/25.

#### B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Leslie O'Callaghan (Music Teacher/Rib Mountain & Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 11/15/24; and Reginald Smith (Instructional Technology Integration Specialist/District) 1.0 FTE, effective 12/2/24.

#### C. Leaves of Absence

#### D. Retirements

- Stephanie DeJong (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher/Rib Mountain) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; Dawn Barkholz (Blind & Visually Impaired Teacher/District) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; Nancy Zyarlicke (Special Education Teacher/Grant) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; Michael Immel (Program Support Teacher/District) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; and Paul Nelson (Science Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25.
- E. Minutes: Regular Session of October 14, 2024; and the Special Session of October 28, 2024.
- F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report
- G. Donations to the District

Winter coats from the Maine Lions Club to Lincoln Elementary; \$600 from AA Seamless Gutters & Roofing to Maine Elementary; \$600 from Chatterbox Charities and \$604 from DonorsChoose to Horace Mann Middle School; \$1,200 from Rachel Rowell to John Muir Middle School; \$200 from Bradley & Karen Leitzke to Thomas Jefferson Elementary; 7 new backpacks from the Law Office of Mary Sue Anderson, Non-perishable foods, clothes, shoes, and hygiene items from the Forest Park Neighborhood; 3 gently used backpacks from Mrs. Jeana Kraft to Wausau East High School; \$92 from the American Online Giving Foundation to the Wausau Area Montessori Charter School; US Constitution Book from the American Legion Post #10 to Wausau West High School; historical documents from David Hunsicker, coats, clothing & hygiene items from Immanuel Lutheran Church, winter coats from Joy Karnitz, school supplies from the Marathon County Central Labor Council, and coats and hygiene items from St. Stephen's Lutheran Church to the District.

**Joanna Reyes moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 8-0.**

#### VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

- A. Wausau West Bleacher Storage / Community Room **(Possible Action Requested)**  
**Cory Sillars moved to approve of the addition of the Bleacher Storage / Community Room at the Wausau West Fieldhouse, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 8-0.**

B. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Legal Expense Summary for 1st Quarter

At the October Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Assistant Superintendent Josh Viegut presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during the first quarter of 2024-2025.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Course Approval - Robotics **(Action Requested)**

**Sarah Brock moved to approve of the new robotics class at both Wausau East and Wausau West, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 8-0.**

2. Library Plan **(Action Requested)**

**Jane Rusch moved to approve of the Wausau School District Long Range Plan for submission to DPI and implementation, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried, 8-0.**

3. 2024-2025 Student Demographic Report

At the October Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Ralph Williams presented the 2024-25 Student Demographic Report.

4. Health Insurance Update (**Action Requested**)

**Jon Creisher moved to approve of the proposed changes to Wausau School District Health Insurance effective January 1, 2025, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-1-1 with Lance Trollop abstaining.**

5. Approve Student Fees for 2025-2026 (**Action Requested**)

**Lance Trollop moved to approve of the 2025-2026 Student Fees as presented, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0.**

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

There was none.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that at the CESA 9 monthly meeting, legislative updates and financials were discussed.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman thanked all Veterans on Veteran's Day. He thanked Katelyn and the Hewitt-Texas students for presenting to the Board. He congratulated Susan Holster on having the "Interim" tag removed and reminded everyone that the Task Force is meeting on Wednesday and everyone is welcome in the audience.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison report for the month of November is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the West vs DCE soccer game and a WASB online seminar; and Sarah Brock attended the Joint Professional Development Day, the Wausau School Foundation meeting, Genius Hour volunteer at Rib Mountain, John Marshall Family morning volunteer, and had school visits at John Muir, Wausau West, Riverview, Franklin, and Grant.

Mr. Bouche thanked Diana White for her work on the Task Force Updates for everyone.

XI. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

**Joanna Reyes moved to convene in Closed Session, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0 via a roll call vote at 5:42 pm.**

**Sarah Brock: Yes**  
**Jon Creisher: Yes**  
**Pat McKee: Yes**  
**Joanna Reyes: Yes**  
**Jane Rusch: Yes**  
**Cory Sillars: Yes**  
**Lance Trollop: Yes**

A. Evaluation and Goals of Interim Superintendent of Schools s. 19.85 (1)(c)

B. Reconvene in Open Session, to take further action if necessary and appropriate  
**Pat McKee moved to reconvene in Open session, seconded by Sarah Brock.**  
**The motion carried 8-0 at 6:17 pm.**

XII. ADJOURN

**Pat McKee moved to adjourn, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried at 6:18 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,  
Board Clerk

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