

Minutes of Budget Committee

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Budget Committee of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, March 2, 2026, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetzel called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Hetzel, Heinrichs, Sonne (arrived at 7:35am)

Also present: Brown, Summers, Newton, Jondle, and Grabarski

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Heinrichs to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 2-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. 2025-2026 BUDGET

A. End of the Year Projections

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the projected end of the year balance for fund 10. A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Hetzel, to recommend that the budget committee establish a fund 10 balance goal for 25-26 of \$1.1 million and authorizing administration to allocate expenditures across accounting funds to meet this goal. Motion carried 2-0.

B. Update on Financial Plan / Property Tax Levy

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the financial plan related to the November 2022 referendum. A review of discussions with our financial advisors and included a tax levy analysis that will be presented to the community as part of the spring survey. The tax levy analysis includes:

- 1) Refinancing the tax levy reduction from October 2025
- 2) Issuing debt of \$95 million for the high school
- 3) Requesting \$2.1 million per year for 4 years for operational expenses
- 4) Not utilizing any of the IRS clean energy rebates (recommendation of facility committee)

The tax levy chart for the community survey did not change when the borrowing increased from \$95 million to \$105 million. The committee asked questions and gave feedback on this information.

VI. 2026-2027 PLANNING

A. High-Level Budget Planning

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the budget committee approval of the 2026-27 budget planning process. A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne to recommend that the full board consider the Middle School Interventionist position as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

B. 4K Planning

Summers presented and answered questions regarding an update on the 4K planning process for the 2026-27 school year. Additional information may be presented to the full board on March 9th.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSALS

A. Request for Proposal for Legal Services

Summers presented and answered questions regarding consideration for a request for proposal of legal services. The committee is in favor of this and also asked that it be put into a 5-year review similar to other contracted services WCSD uses.

B. Request for Proposal for Mental Health Services

Jondle presented and answered questions regarding consideration for a request for proposal of mental health services. The committee is in favor of this RFP.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – N/A

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – N/A

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27am. Motion carried 3-0.

DH CS 8:27