

Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Budget Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Tuesday, April 8, 2025, beginning at 8:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Heinemann called the meeting to order at 8:52am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Heinrichs, Heinemann, Ensign (subbing for Hetzel)

Also present: Brown, Summers, Newton

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Ensign, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. 2025-2026 PLANNING

A. Timeline

Newton presented and answered questions regarding the 25-26 budget timeline. Summers shared additional information regarding an update the full board will receive from the Insurance committee.

VI. 2024-2025 BUDGET PLANNING

A. Planning for 2024-2025 Budget and Beyond

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the completion of the initial process of reposting all salary and benefits for the 2024-25 school year, the post-employment benefit payments the district has made for 24-25 and the non-salary/benefit data such as legal fees, special education categorical aid revenues, etc. The end result of this process will be a budget revision presented in early May or June.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSALS

VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Fund Balance Policy

Summers presented and answered questions regarding a revised fund balance policy. This revised policy aligns with the discussion that took place at the second board workshop. A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Ensign, to recommend that this revised policy go to the policy committee for review. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Future Debt Service/Referendum Planning

Summers presented and answered questions regarding discussion to begin the process of planning for future debt service/referendum discussions.

C. Transportation Camera Upgrades & App Capabilities

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the continued discussion of technology updates for the 2025-26 school year related to bussing. After much discussion a motion was made by Heinemann, second by Ensign, to recommend that the full board consider upgrading the camera system and have the cost added to the daily route rate and purchase the bus tracking software as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

IX. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

X. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Ensign, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47am. Motion carried 3-0.