

# Minutes of Budget Committee

## The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

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A Budget Committee meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Thursday, September 4, 2025, 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

Also Present: Brown, Summers, Erik Kass (PMA)

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS**

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

### **V. 2024-25 BUDGET UPDATE**

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the 2024-25 Treasurer's Report that was presented at the Annual Meeting, with Fund 10 ending with a budget balance of \$0 per the committee's motion from January 2025.

### **VI. 2025-2026 PLANNING**

#### **A. Timeline**

Summers presented and answered questions from the board regarding the budget planning timeline for 2025-26.

#### **B. 2025-26 Tax Levy Options**

Summers introduced Erik Kass from PTMA. Kass presented refinancing strategies available and tax levy options for the 2025-26 school year. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Heinrichs to target the a 6% property tax plan instead of 10%. Administration will work with PTMA to bring options to a future Budget Committee meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

### **VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSALS - NA**

### **VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

#### **A. 2026-2027 Budget Planning**

Summers and Brown reviewed the objectives from the Board Workshops that took place in 2024-25. The committee was in favor of the objectives and offered feedback on options for moving forward.

### **IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The committee would like to see data from the energy savings since using Data Wrangler as well as consideration of locking in natural gas pricing for the winter of 2026.

### **X. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35am.

Motion carried 3-0.

