

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, December 9, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher via webex; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Joanna Reyes via webex; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop.

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: Red Granite Charter School

Red Granite Charter School Principal Ms. Katelyn Landerman and students gave a five-minute presentation to the Board on the exciting things happening 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)

Molly Lewandowski (Special Education Teacher/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective December 9, 2024.

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Reid Richards (2nd Grade Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective January 31, 2025;
Heather Miller (KG Teacher/Hewitt-Texas) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

Erika Anderson (4th Grade Teacher/Rib Mountain) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025;
Kelly Meeks (KG Teacher/Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Louise Livingston (Special Education Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Linda Adams (1st & 2nd Grade Teacher/Hewitt-Texas) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025;
Jerome Reinardy (German & Spanish Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6,

2025; Doris Martin (Math Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Jody Krieg (Spanish Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Laura Witt (1st Grade Teacher/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Tricia Breu-Forbes (ML Teacher/John Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Catherine Veldhuizen (Science & Social Studies Teacher/Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective June 6, 2025; Tami Cummings (Assistant Principal/Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective June 30, 2025; and Jeb Steckbauer (Principal/West) 1.0 FTE, effective June 30, 2025.

E. Minutes: Regular Session of November 11, 2024; and the Special Session of November 25, 2024.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

Two boxes and two bags of food from Highland Community Church, and coats and mittens from Jan Mann to the District; \$100 from Laura Reif to Rib Mountain Elementary; clothes, shoes and outerwear from David & Kim Casey, 7 bags of food and \$25 from the Forest Park Neighborhood, \$247 from GPM Southeast, and 3 boxes of notepads from Color Vision LTD to Wausau East; and \$100 from Milk Maker Dairy to Wausau West.

Jennifer Paoli moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 9-0.

VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

There was none.

IX. Transportation Partner (Action Requested)

Jane Rusch moved to approve First Student as the transportation partner beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 9-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Elementary Task Force Presentation

Mark Roffers reviewed the recommendations of the Elementary Task Force. He shared background, the timeline, the task force's charge, evaluation criteria, process, the options, rankings, and the task force voting results. It was the consensus of the Board for the Elementary Task Force to meet one final time on December 18 to review new information that was brought forward.

B. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. 4K Program Agreement (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve the program agreements with the listed community partner sites for the 2025-2026 school year, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 9-0.

XI. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

President Bouche thanked everyone for helping while he was on vacation.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that he planned to meet with local legislators to discuss the education budget.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman thanked the Mark Roffers and the Elementary Task Force for their time and effort during this process.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison report for December is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the GD Jones Leader in Me Assembly and a WASB seminar on Public Comment.

XII. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

Cory Sillars moved to enter into closed session, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 7-0 via a roll call vote at 6:38 pm.

Sarah Brock – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli – Yes

Jane Rusch – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop – Yes

Jim Bouche – Yes

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

B. Reconvene in Open Session, to take further action if necessary and appropriate

Lance Trollop moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:05 pm.

XIII. ADJOURN

Lance Trollop moved to adjourn, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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