

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, November 10, 2025, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ensign called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Frey, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c), (e), (f) and (g) to review individual teacher contract recommendations, resignations and retirements, review individual co-curricular contract recommendations, review individual support staff/custodial staff recommendations, resignations, and retirements, and review student requests. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Time 6:29pm

II. ROLL CALL

Eaton -Yes, Ensign- Yes, Frey-Yes, Hetzel-Yes, Heinrichs -Yes, Murray,-Yes, Sonne -Yes

III. CLOSED SESSION - ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85 (1) (c), (e), (f), and (g).

- A. Review Closed Session Minutes for the October 13, 2025 regular meeting
- B. Update and Consideration of Legal Matters Related to the School District Including Current and Potential Actions Involving the School District.
- C. Review Individual Administrator, Teacher, Co-Curricular, Support Staff & Custodial Recommendations, Resignations, Leaves & Retirements

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Frey, second by Heinrichs, to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:54pm

Ensign welcomed all present at 7:00pm.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Review Open Session Minutes for the October 13, 2025, regular meeting and the October 30, 2025, Special meeting.

A motion was made by Hetzel, second by Sonne, to approve the October 13, 2025 meeting minutes and the October 30, 2025 special meeting minutes as posted. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Heinrichs, seconded by Eaton, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no emailed public comments for this meeting. In person public comments were made by the following:

Sandra Briesath – Peace Lutheran Preschool – 4K.

Bob Davis – Inspire Early Childhood Center – 4K

Maria Fitz-Gibbon – The Village Early Childhood Center – 4K

VIII. TEACHING STAFF, STUDENT, & BOARD REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Student Reports

1. Student Council Report

Abigail Anderson and Alena Wagoner are the student representatives from the high school. They gave updates on Music and Drama events, Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, and Football, FFA, DECA, Best Buddies and Youth Governance.

2. Warrior Spotlight

A brief update was shared by the High School Peer Tutors.

B. Teacher's Update

Jessica Stortz, Beth Mitchell, and Kyle Garland from the Waunakee Teachers Association provided a teacher update to the board. They were appreciative that the Ho Chunk Flag was flying in honor of Native American Month, the District Food Drive was successful. Intermediate specifically shared they collected approximately 3000 lbs. of food and necessities. Prairie shared that they met their 3rd Tier goal. The Prairie stomp was a success and they students will be celebrating with a movie day in November.

C. Board Reports/Action Items

1. Board Reports on Educational Related Events, Meetings, or Trainings Attended by Individual Board Members

This section is reserved for any comments from members of the Board on meetings they attended or other informational items.

Murray hosted an event at her business with David Crowley, candidate for governor.

2. Spring Board Election

a. Notice of School Board Election

The Notice of the April 2026 School Board Election states the following: Dawn Heinrichs (Village of Waunakee), and Joan Ensign (Town of Westport, City of Middleton and City of Madison) seats are on the ballot this spring.

b. Notification of Non-Candidacy

The due date of the Notification of Non-Candidacy for an incumbent is December 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

3. American Education Week November 17 - 21, 2025

The letters from the board of education, will be posted in the Waunakee Tribune and one to be sent to the WCSD Staff.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. DEI Committee

The minutes from the November 3, 2025 DEI committee were reviewed.

B. Budget Committee

The minutes from the November 7, 2025, budget committee were reviewed.

1. 4K Options for 2026-2027 school year - Discussion Item

Summers introduced and answered questions regarding the process to prepare 2026-2027 budget scenarios for a 4K program. The scenarios and items that are included are in detail on the agenda. The Administration will be requesting a decision in December to allow communication with the community and 4K centers.

2. Natural Gas Purchasing program — Action Item

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the budget committee request of a review of our natural gas purchasing program. A motion was made by Heinrichs, seconded

by Murray, to recommend that the full board consider locking in our natural gas purchase to 75% of expected use from December 2025 – October 2026. Motion carried 7-0.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Summer School

Sheila Weihert, Principal at Arboretum Elementary and Summer School Coordinator presented a review of Summer School 2025 and a request of approval for course offerings for Summer School 2026.

1. 2025 Summer School Update - Informational Item
2. 2026 Summer School Course Offerings - Action Item

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Frey, to approve the 2026 summer school course offerings as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Administrative Update regarding DEI.

Loken and Schell presented and answered questions regarding updates with the DEI disproportionality plan, PERTS Elevate, and Equal Opportunity Schools.

C. The Directors of Curriculum and Instruction were available to answer any questions regarding the September Report Card Presentation. There were no questions.

D. Waunakee High School Planning (Scope) - Action Item

The board will take action on the Waunakee High School Planning (Scope).

Brown acknowledged and publicly thanked Scott Bauer for walking through the current middle school with members of EUA and Vogel, in order for them to present to the board on the High School South campus for the 2026-2027 school year. Brown also thanked EUA and Vogel for the informative tour they gave the board of the new middle school. Summers shared and outline with the board that explained the scope for the presentation. Jay Thomsen of Vogel and Robin Savola and Mike Schwindenhammer of EUA presented plans for the south campus. Summers gave an outline explaining what has been done for tonight meeting. A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Eaton, to approve the plan for the south campus renovation as listed in the presentation on slide 17. Motion carried 7-0.

E. Announcements – There were no announcements for this meeting.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA

The board acknowledged the generous gifts of a 2007 Trail Blazer to use in shop class from the Alsakers and \$20,000 to put in a music scholarship for high school and middle school students from the Ted and Jan Tweed Charitable Fund.

A motion was made by Sonne, second by Heinrichs, to approve the consent agenda in full as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

A. Approval of Checks

Attached in the "extras" section of BoardBook, please find a list of the accounts payable payments issued during the month of October 2025.

B. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Reports

Attached you will find the Budget Status report as of October 31, 2025.

The cash reconciliation report for September and October will be presented at the December board meeting.

C. Gifts and Field Trips

1. Gifts

- a. Jeremy & Sarah Alsaker 2007 Chevy Trailblazer valued at \$4,000.
- b. Ted and Jan Tweed Charitable Fund - \$20,000
This donation will provide a scholarship to both High School and Middle School for the next 5 years.

2. Field Trips

- D. Approve Individual Teacher, Co-curricular, Support Staff & Custodial Recommendations, Resignations, Leaves & Retirements

New Teaching Staff

Katelyn Suchyta, 50% FTE Math Interventionist, HES

New Support Staff

Maria Anton, Para Educator Special Education, HS

Hope Beelman, Para Educator Special Education, HS

Co-Curriculars – may be found in the extras section of the agenda.

XII. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Update

Eaton will be meeting with Sen. Dianne Hesselbein regarding 4K.

B. Correspondence - NA

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS AND MEETINGS

A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

B. Special Meeting

Curriculum Presentations Nov. 17, 2025 @ 4pm @ Arboretum

C. Budget Committee – Dec. 1, 2025 @ 7:30am

D. Co-Curricular Committee - Dec. 2, 2025 @ 7:30am

E. Curriculum Committee — Nov. 24, 2025 @ 4:00pm

F. Facility Committee – Dec. 1, 2025 @ 8:30am

G. Human Resources Committee

H. Policy Committee

I. DEI Committee

XIV. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION - NA

XV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - NA

XVI. ACTION AS APPROPRIATE, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION - NA

XVII. ADJOURN

The Board of Education adjourned at 9:27PM on a motion by Eaton, second by Murray, and passed unanimously by voice vote 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlena Eaton, Clerk

Date: _____
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