

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.
1300 S. 109th St., West Allis, WI 53214 (Boardroom, 2nd Floor)
9333 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227 (District Administration Office)

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
November 10, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2025, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Becker led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll was called with the following members present: Joe Becker, Brendan Burns, Jane Carr, Amy Deal, Brian Keller, Kristen Keyser, Rebecca Lee (excused), Noah Leigh, and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Modifications to Agenda

There were no modifications.

6. Horace Mann Elementary School Student Showcase

Horace Mann Elementary School Principal Dr. Minzlaff briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action and how it connects to the learning that the students will be sharing. Instructional Coordinator Mrs. Houston introduced second grade teacher Ms. Brenner who led students Jahlina, Teresa, Alexa, Julien, Colten, and Lyle through a math lesson which demonstrated how to count within 1,000 and skip-count by fives, tens, and hundreds. These math skills help students identify patterns and arrangements. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

Governor Takes Action on Two Education Bills:

Governor Tony Evers signed AB 2, now 2025 Wisconsin Act 42, which restricts cell phone use during instructional time and requires school boards to adopt corresponding policies. Exceptions are allowed for emergencies, healthcare needs, or at a teacher's discretion for educational purposes. The bill garnered significant bipartisan support. Meanwhile, Evers vetoed AB 5, which would have mandated school boards to provide curriculum materials for public inspection, labeling it an unfunded mandate that overlaps with existing federal requirements.

7.2 District Recognitions:

November Celebrations:

National Career Development Month, National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month, National School Psychology Week from November 3-7, Veterans Day on November 11, World Kindness Day on November 13, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week from November 16-22, Educational Support Professionals Day on November 19, Sub Teacher Day on November 19, and Thanksgiving on November 27.

Between the Lines, Jr.:

Between the Lines, Jr. has performances from December 4-7 at West Allis Central High School. Welcome to the following cast members: Arthur Niese, Frump & Martin, 6th Grade, FLW; Estelle Goralski, Princess Seraphina & Janice, 7th Grade, FLW; Lilli Schwartz, Delilah, 8th Grade, FLW; and Micah Mae Silldorff, Prince, Oliver & Edgar, 8th Grade, FLW.

Music Department:

Matt Lesar, Nathan Hale Principal was presented with the 2025 Administrator of the Year award from WI-ASTA (the Wisconsin Chapter of the American String Teachers Association) on October 30th at Monona

Terrace during the WI-ASTA annual meeting and awards dinner. He was nominated by Mary Pat Michels, WAWM Music Lead and WI-ASTA Past President who also presented the award to him.

Recreation & Community Services:

Congratulations to Katie Lindgren, Adaptive Recreation & Inclusion Specialist, for being selected to present at the National Inclusion Project's 2025 Power of Play Conference. Katie presented a session along with a Q & A on Reframing Adult Disability Programming Through the Lens of Lifelong Learning. Katie received appreciation and gratitude for her session from professionals as far away as North Carolina. We wish to thank Katie for her professionalism and being a leader in inclusion in our district and community.

West Milwaukee PD Presents Kane:

Officer Herpin from West Milwaukee Police Department (WMPD), who also serves as the Student Resource Officer (SRO) at West Milwaukee Intermediate School (WMIS), presented the WMPD K9 Program, which would serve as a collaborative effort between schools, police, and the community to improve safety, build trust, and create a supportive environment that strengthens their shared commitment to keeping the community secure. WMPD has already secured K9 Kane, who is undergoing training. A special thank you to WMPD Chief Randolph and Lt. Gallenberger, Muskego Police Department Officer Mrotek and K9 Tito, and District Safety Coordinator Marla Martin and WMIS Principal Mr. Thomson. The Board will take action to formally collaborate with the WMPD K9 Program once the WMPD MOU with the district and the WAWMSD Board policies are reviewed and amended as appropriate.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Due to time, Dr. Robinson did not formally review his recent meetings and community visits since October 27, 2025, which included the following: Instructional Rounds at Mitchell ES, Wilson ES, and West Milwaukee IS; West Allis Rotary Club Meeting; Meeting with Chief Randolph WMPD; West Allis Dawgs Volleyball Sectional Game at Franklin HS; We Energies Apprentice Partnership; Cabinet member one on one meetings; and Halloween Eve visits to all Elementary Schools.

Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:

Dr. Robinson introduced Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Zahira Price. Ms. Price, a senior at Central, is a huge club participant (student council-junior and senior years, Art Club, etc.), enrolled in multiple AP classes, is a Student Office Aide, and is not into sports but more of an artistic person. Ms. Price noted the biggest news at Central is the new gym, set to be finished in December. A new phone policy now requires everyone to keep their phones in lockers, which has really helped cut down distractions. Assistant Principal Carr's attendance contest rewards the first class with perfect attendance with treats, and it has been a great motivator. Recent highlights include homecoming, spirit week, preparations for the Veterans Breakfast with help from the Interact Club, and a new program called "Lunch Buddies".

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:53 p.m., allowing district residents up to three minutes each to speak in person or via Zoom, and provided instructions for participation. President Burns noted that the Board could not discuss, debate, or act on any items raised, and that the Superintendent may provide follow-up at the next regular Board meeting. After noting no participants, President Burns closed public comments at 6:54 p.m.

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

9.2 Board Committee Reports:

There were no Board Committee reports.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- President Burns attended the Shining Strings concert at the Children’s Music Festival in Milwaukee, a great opportunity for students to perform and for Shining Strings to showcase their talent alongside a variety of artistic performances—including dance, singing, and instrumental music—that inspired and engaged young artists.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

There were no other updates or information items.

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Keyser to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3, seconded by Mr. Keller.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the October 27, 2025, Regular Board meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Barr, Brandon	EA	Horace Mann	New	EA	11/12/2025

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Ellsworth, Anne	EA	Jefferson	Resignation	10/24/2025
Schmitz, David	Custodian	NHL	Termination	11/03/2025

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the November 10, 2025, report.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2 and 10.3.

11. Workshop:

11.1 Teaching & Learning Workshop: 2025-2030 Library Plan – Burrage

Director of Teaching & Learning Alyssa Burrage and Wilson Elementary School Innovation Coach Brendan Kelly presented the 2025-2030 Library plan, which can be viewed [here](#).

12. Adjournment

There was no further business and no objections to the meeting adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Carr, Board Clerk