

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, August 11, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher; Nick Crochiere; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 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. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

Samuel Buehler made brief comments.

VI. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (**Action Requested**)

A. Appointments (Additional Staff, Replacement Staff, Contract Increases)

Meghan Heise (Classroom Teacher/Red Granite) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; and Robert Walsh (Technical Education and Engineering Teacher/East & Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25.

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Katie Swope (Grade 3 Teacher/Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; Jennifer Larsen-Fritcher (SLP/Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; and Kelly Kramer (Science Teacher/Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Regular Session of July 14, 2025; and the Special Session of July 28, 2025;

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

\$530 from Brandon Jensen to Maine Elementary.

Pat McKee moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 9-0.

VII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Teacher Salary Approval for 25-26 **(Potential Action)**

Lance Trollop left the room at 5:25 pm.

Lance Trollop returned at 5:31 pm.

Sarah Brock moved to accept the certified staff salary changes as presented by administration, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 8-0-1 with Lance Trollop abstaining.

B. Budgetary Consideration **(Potential Action)**

Josh Viegut presented a list of district priorities and potential funding sources.

C. Referendum Dollars **(Action Requested)**

Nexus and District staff presented on construction updates along with budget considerations and possible next steps.

D. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

There was none.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

There was none.

IX. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

There was none.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that he was awarded a seat on the Board of Control for CESA 9. He reviewed the change in leadership there.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman thanked the Board for the vote to increase the salary for teachers, sharing that the District has fantastic staff. He also shared that he was excited to be in the buildings meeting the new staff.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for the month of August is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the Hmong Wausau Festival, and a WASB online seminar.

President Bouche also thanked Nick for his service in the National Guard.

X. ADJOURN

Jennifer Paoli moved to adjourn, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried at 6:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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