

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
January 26, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 26, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Keller led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Modifications to Agenda

Dr. Robinson requested and was granted permission to add agenda item 11.3. February 2026 Extended Travel to Orlando, Florida.

6. Pershing Elementary School Student Showcase

Pershing Elementary School Principal Johnson and Instructional Coordinator Ms. Ellmann briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action and how it connects to the learning that the students will be sharing. Third grade teacher Ms. Rosenbaum introduced students Ellis, Aiden, and Darius who demonstrated their reading skills using UFLI Foundations. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

The senate scheduled its first and only floor action for January. This will feature several bills, including:

- **SB-391 School Bus Equipment:** Equipment of school buses with audiovisual recording devices.
- **SB-069 Tax Subtraction:** An income tax subtraction for certain expenses paid by a school teacher.
- **SB-371 Instructional Program:** Explaining pregnancy, prenatal development, and childbirth as part of a human growth and development instructional program.
- **SB-652 Higher Ed Programs:** Race-based higher education programs and requirements.
- **AB-457 Revenue Limits:** The conditions under which a school district may adopt a resolution to exceed its revenue limit.
- **AB-518 Substitute Teaching:** Allowing individuals who hold a substitute teaching permit to substitute teach at private schools participating in a parental choice program.
- **AB-592 Teacher Development:** Professional development for science teachers.

7.2 District Recognitions:

WAC Pep Assembly:

Thank you to the Milwaukee Bucks for hosting an energetic Pep Assembly at WAC on Thursday to build excitement for their showcase game at Fiserv Forum on Saturday night. Our students and staff loved the experience, and we're grateful for the Bucks' continued support and engagement with our school community.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since January 12, 2026, which included the following: Superintendent's Student Advisory Group (The Voice). West Allis Rotary Club Meeting, Wisconsin State Educators Convention, West Allis Taxpayers Association Meeting, and Central Boys Basketball game at the Fiserv Forum.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:24 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 6:25 p.m.

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

9.2 Board Committee Reports:

9.2.1 Communications & Engagement – Deal

Committee Chair Deal reported that the committee met on January 26, 2026. The committee reviewed strategic plan KPIs and noted strong progress in Facebook views and interactions, Instagram engagement, and newsletter open rates. All schools will display Strategic Plan posters, and the Communications team is exploring a captive video to share the plan with the community. Carolyn will begin maternity leave on January 26, with Rachel Kruse and Alison Rageth covering district communications in her absence.

9.2.2 Financial Stability & Efficiency – Keyser

Committee Member Leigh reported that the committee met on January 15, 2026. The committee reviewed updates on the compensation model, consumer price index (CPI), high-cost claims, health insurance brokerage, state violence prevention grants, referendum finances, the 2026–27 preliminary budget, the Activity and Fitness Center, and the 2026 petition to detach.

9.2.3 Recreation & Community Services – Lee

Committee Chair Lee reported that the committee met on January 20, 2026. The committee received an update on memberships at the Activity and Fitness Center, gym hours, and the potential for a combined fitness center and open gym membership. The committee also reviewed program categories, affirmed the importance of continuing all current offerings, and discussed youth sponsorship opportunities and a potential community needs assessment.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Ms. Deal attended the Wisconsin State Education Convention and noted the district showcased student talent from Hoover (podcast) and Central (robotics team), and a special shoutout to Dottke staff for hosting a successful exhibition night highlighting student learning.
- Mr. Leigh attended the Wisconsin State Education Convention, as well as the WASB Delegate Assembly to represent the District. Mr. Leigh provided an overview of the outcome of the WASB Resolutions and Bylaws. Mr. Leigh noted The Crucible runs this Thursday-Sunday at Nathan Hale, as Nathan Hale's Wrestling Team is having their last home dual meet this Thursday.
- Ms. Keyser thanked Mr. Leigh for standing up for kids for free and reduced lunches at the WASB Delegate Assembly.
- Mr. Becker attended the West Allis Taxpayer Association's monthly meeting and gave a shoutout to Mike Lukowski for his participation.

- President Burns attended the Wisconsin State Education Convention, the West Allis Central boys basketball game at Fiserv Forum, as well as the West Allis Taxpayer Association's monthly meeting.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

President Burns noted that to expand board leadership development, all elected officials—including the treasurer, clerk, vice president, and president—are invited to attend agenda review meetings to gain greater insight, collaboration, and leadership experience.

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Becker to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4, seconded by Mr. Keller.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Gould, Elizabeth	Asst Principal	Central	New	Admin	2/16/2026
Mathews, Aaliyonce	EA (SPED -IS)	Hoover	New	EA	1/20/2026
Matias, Amy	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	New	EA	1/12/2026
Obermeier, Boyd	Secretary III	W. Milw	New	Clerical	1/28/2026
Peterson, Virginia	Office Operations Specialist	Rec Dept	New	Clerical	1/27/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Heller, Lonnie	Teacher (Phy Ed)	NHL	Retirement	End of the 25-26 SY

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the January 26, 2026, report.

10.4 Supplementary Contracts

The Financial Report Summary for the Month of December 2025 including Receipts #7870 through #7924 in the amount of \$16,494,741.67 and Vouchers Payable #379175 through #379538, wire transfers, and payroll disbursements in the amount of \$17,352,368.82 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for six Months Ending December 31, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4.

11. Action Items:

11.1 2026-27 Open Enrollment Seats - Bergmann

Approve 160 Open Enrollment In-Person Seats for the 2026-2027 school year.

11.2 2026-27 Virtual/DLVA Open Enrollment Seats – Bergmann

Approve 225 Open Enrollment Virtual Seats for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Mr. Keller to approve both 160 Open Enrollment In-Person and 225 Open Enrollment Virtual Seats for the 2026-2027 school year, seconded by Mr. Leigh.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 February 2026 Extended Travel to Orlando, Florida - Dr. Robinson

Approve West Allis Central High School's pom/dance team's field trip to Orlando, Florida from February 11-16, 2026.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve February 2026 Extended Travel to Orlando, Florida, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshops:

12.1 2024-25 Referendum Updates Workshop #4 - Smith & Hahn

Director of Communication & Engagement Carolyn Hahn and Facilities Project Manager Bill Smith presented the 2024-25 Referendum Updates Workshop #4, which can be viewed [here](#).

12.2 College & Career Readiness Updates Workshop - Burrage & Joyce

Director of Teaching & Learning Alyssa Burrage and College & Career Readiness Manager Robert Joyce presented the College & Career Readiness Updates Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#).

13. End of Recording & Adjournment

There was no further business and no objections to the meeting adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Carr, Board Clerk