

Minutes of Policy Committee Meeting

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, February 9, 2026, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Frey called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present; Ensign, Frey, Sonne

Also Present: Brown, Summers, Kaminski, Morehouse, Weihert, Blackburn, Newton

III. APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Ensign, second by Sonne, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

Summers discussed and answered questions regarding the potential changes to transportation starting in the fall of 2026. Summers explained the current process/policies, which includes dual bus runs, shuttle buses, and hazardous transportation zones. The elementary principals shared the challenges they have with the current shuttle bus process and with allowing varying pick up or drop off locations for students throughout the week.

Summers explained that a decision didn't have to be made at the meeting today but possible options for 2026-27 and beyond would include the following:

- 1) Implement unusually hazardous transportation plan as previously approved by the school board (saves 3 bus routes for 5th through 12th grade).
 - 2) Eliminate shuttles between the 3 elementary schools — replace the shuttles with 3 new shorter and 3 new longer routes that provide alternative transportation options for elementary students. The 3 shorter routes do not have a fiscal impact because they will continue on as 5th through 12th grade routes as they currently do. The 3 longer routes would have a fiscal impact because they would not connect to 5th through 12th grade routes. However, there would be 3 fewer 5th through 12th grade routes required if the unusually hazardous transportation plan remains as approved.
 - 3) St. John's students would be served by a northern and southern bus route.
- The entire financial impact of this scenario would have to be modeled out if the school board was interested in learning more.

The board members agreed that the current shuttle system needed to be revised. They also expressed reservation on some of the hazardous areas being changed to non-bussed areas for

our 7th – 12th graders. Board members also were in agreement that the district should focus on a safer system for our youngest students. Summers shared that this could be implemented in phases over several school years. The committee members expressed an interest in phasing in changes over time. After much discussion a motion was made by Ensign, seconded by Sonne, to recommend that the full board consider changes to the shuttle and alternative transportation system for summer school 2026 at the February 9, 2026 board meeting. Motion carried 3-0. Summers will communicate with the open enrollment family that a transportation decision will not be made until March on the request that was presented.

VI. TRANSPORTATION POLICIES FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW & CONSIDERATION

Due to transportation decisions being made in March, these policy revisions will be brought forward at a later date.

A. 751 Exhibit Fee Schedule for Transportation to and from Licensed Daycare

B. 751 Rule 1 Student Transportation Services

VII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - NA

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS – March 3, 2026 @ 7:30am.

IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ensign, second by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46am. Motion carried 3-0.