

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, April 14, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli arrived at 5:02 pm; Joanna Reyes; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop.

Absent: Jon Creisher;

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 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. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION: Trevor Doering (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve Trevor Doering to receive the Resolution of Commendation, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 8-0.

VI. RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION: Madeline Mudler (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve Madeline Mudler to receive the Resolution of Commendation, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 8-0.

VII. EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: Maine Elementary

Maine Elementary Principal, Laura Simonson, and Maine Elementary Safety Patrol representatives, gave a brief update on the exciting things happening in their school.

VIII. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

Dick Le Clair and Dana Parlier made brief comments.

IX. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

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

Caitlin Engel (Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher/West & Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Alex Derfus (Special Education Teacher/Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Morgan Ball (Math Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Emily Smith

(Speech& Language Pathologist/District) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Alyssa Herwig (4th Grade Teacher/Maine) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Gabrielle Braatz (Science Teacher/East & West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Karina Verdette (Vocal Music Teacher/Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Corrita Devalk (Science Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; and Jena Treu (Principal/WAVE) 0.5 FTE, effective 07/01/25.

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Kelly Raduechel (Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher/Muir) .5 FTE, effective 6/6/25; Michael Close (English Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; and Cason Heckendorf (General Music Teacher/Mann) effective 4/14/25.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Regular Session of March 10, 2025; and Special Session of March 17, 2025.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Canvassing Statement

H. School Board Member Salaries

I. Donations to the District

\$3,000 from Connexus Credit Union, Discounted meal boxes from Cousins Subs, \$500 from First Presbyterian Church, \$200 from Kwik Trip #1723, Discounted Pizza from Papa Johns to the District; \$150 from Stephen & Wendy Fox to GD Jones; WIAA State Basketball Tickets from Jane Johnson, \$1,000 in mechanical parts, \$500 from Norlen Inc, and \$1,757 in supplies from the Wisco Cooperation Association to Wausau East High School; and \$250 from Clements Insurance Agency, \$300 from the Dirks Group, \$500 from Metal Products Inc., \$500 from Norlen Inc, \$250 from O'Malley Automotive, \$500 from Alan & Sue Tetzlaff, \$500 from Wisconsin State Golf Association Foundation Inc. to Wausau West High School.

Pat McKee moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 8-0.

X. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

There was none.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. ACP Approval (**Action Requested**)

Jane Rusch moved to approve the Wausau School District 2025 Education for Employment (E4E) and Academic Career Plan (ACP), seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 8-0.

B. Budget Timeline

Assistant Superintendent of Operations Josh Viegut provided the Board with a brief timeline for budget adoption. Timeline overview only. No action was taken.

C. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative Agreement (WiSNP) (Action Requested**)**

Cory Sillars moved to approve the continued membership in the Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative (WiSNP Co-Op Food Buying Group) by passing the presented resolution and agreeing to the 2025-26, 66.0301 cooperative agreement, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 8-0.

2. Calendar Update (Action Requested)

Jennifer Paoli moved to make Thursday, June 5th a full day of learning for all Wausau School District students and June 6th a half day for secondary students only – making Monday, June 9th the last day for teachers, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 8-0.

XII. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Mr. Bouche shared that there would be upcoming WASB New Board member trainings, and thanked Joanna Reyes for her service to the Board.

B. Legislative Liaison

Mr. Sillars shared that he would be attending the Joint Finance Committee listening session on April 29. He also attended a Build My Future event in Iowa.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman recognized Madeline Mudler and Trevor Doering for their contributions in the community summit and congratulated them for their Resolution of Commendations. Mr. Bushman also thanked Joanna Reyes for her service.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison report for the month of April is as follows: Sarah Brock attended multiple Red Granite Transition Team meetings, multiple John Marshall Family mornings, multiple Rib Mountain Genius Hours, Wausau East Winter Fest, multiple WSD Strategic Planning meetings, multiple community council planning team meetings, the Community Conversation event, multiple referendum info sessions, multiple school foundation meetings, the Wausau School Foundation Comedy Night event, and community intervention training; Lance Trollop attended the Wausau West Art show.

XIII. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

Lance Trollop moved to enter into closed session, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried via a roll call vote 8-0, at 6:14 pm.

Sarah Brock – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli -Yes

Joanna Reyes – Yes

Jane Rusch – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop – Yes

James Bouche - Yes

A. Consideration of contracts for Preliminary Notice of Non-renewal ss. 19.85(1)(c)

B. Discussion Regarding Potential Litigation 19.85 (g)

C. Reconvene in Open Session, to take further action if necessary and appropriate
Pat McKee moved to reconvene in open session, seconded by Joanna Reyes.
The motion carried 8-0 at 6:45 pm.

Sarah Brock moved to approve of the retirement as discussed in closes session,
seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 8-0.

XIV. ADJOURN

Pat McKee moved to adjourn, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried at
6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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