

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
March 9, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Ms. Deal led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Deal to adopt the agenda as posted, seconded by Mr. Becker. Motion carried unanimously.

6. West Milwaukee Intermediate School Student Showcase

West Milwaukee Intermediate School Principal Thomson provided an overview of the District's Theory of Action, highlighting its alignment with the student presentations. Students from Mr. Grabner's 8th-grade social studies class—Aaron, Jaiden, Chase, JP, Jacob, and Angel—highlighted a recent project utilizing the RAFT (Role, Audience, Format, Topic) writing strategy. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

None

7.2 District Recognitions:

Jostens Leadership Group:

Nathan Hale was honored to serve as host of the Jostens Renaissance Student Leadership Collaborative this week. Student leaders from both Nathan Hale and West Allis Central High Schools welcomed schools from across the region for a full day focused on building positive school culture and strengthening leadership skills. Our students rose to the occasion, representing WAWM with heart and integrity, and we are incredibly proud of all participants.

March Celebrations:

Women's History Month, Read Across America Day, Music in Our Schools, School Social Work Week, Social & Emotional Learning Day, National Nutritional Month, and Youth Art Month.

Youth Art Month:

View student artwork at the West Allis Public Library and West Allis-West Milwaukee Activity & Fitness Center from March 1-27 in recognition of Youth Art & Music Month. Thank you to art leads Ms. Czajka-Glisch and Mr. Melster.

Music in Our Schools - Upcoming Concerts:

All City Concerts will be held at West Allis Central High School in the E.H. Stech Fieldhouse on March 10 (orchestra), March 11 (band), and March 19 (choir). Thank you to music lead Mary Pat Michels.

State Gymnastics - Riley Strube:

Riley Strube represented our district with excellence at the WIAA State Gymnastics Meet, competing in vault, bars, and the all-around. She earned a remarkable score of 9.4833 on vault, finishing 4th in the state, and placed 8th in the all-around — a truly outstanding achievement. Her hard work, dedication, and exceptional season are a source of great pride for our entire district. Congratulations, Riley!

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since February 23, 2026, which included the following: Instructional Rounds at Pershing ES, Walker ES, FLW, DLVA, and Wilson ES; Meeting with Johnson Controls; Meeting with Milwaukee Mentor; West Allis Rotary Club; Unified Basketball Game; Central and Nathan Hale Basketball Games; The Black Excellence Awards; and All Abilities Craft Fair at the Recreation Center.

Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:

Dr. Robinson introduced the Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Brandon Landis. Mr. Landis is a senior at Nathan Hale High School; Vice President of Rotary; participates in theater, choir, and orchestra; dual enrolled at MIAD, and co-starter of BIPOC Union. Mr. Landis noted the BIPOC Union at Hale celebrated Black History Month with activities like playing music during passing times and hosting a community event downtown for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The BIPOC Union is also planning displays around the school for Women's History Month in March. Looking ahead, Mr. Landis is excited about the upcoming All-City Orchestra, Choir, and Band Concerts, prom, and possibly organizing a future combined Hale-Central event.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:30 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. The following people made public comments: Sandie Lukitsch, district resident, and John Molling, district resident. President Burns closed public comments at 6:38 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 College & Career Readiness – Becker

Committee Chair Becker reported that the committee met on March 9, 2026. The committee is generally meeting or exceeding its KPI goals, with a more detailed progress report planned for the Board this summer. Updates were also shared about 2026–27 enrollment, including a K4 Jumpstart program on April 7 and open enrollment applications due April 30, as well as a new school transformation model to guide improvement if any school should underperform. Additionally, the district now has a full-time Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA) to better address student behavior and support staff, replacing some contracted services and improving response time.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Ms. Lee attended the unified basketball game, which was a delight, and went to Hale's and Central's final basketball games, which were bittersweet but exciting as both teams played hard and ended strong.
- Mr. Becker attended the Central basketball game and gave a shoutout to all responsible for the great artwork now hanging at the Activity & Fitness Center.
- Ms. Deal attended Solo & Ensemble Day and gave a shoutout to Mary Pat Michels for all her hard work, as well as the great representation of students.
- Mr. Verbos attended Solo & Ensemble Day and noted what a cool experience it was to share in students' excitement while practicing their craft.
- Mr. Leigh attended Solo & Ensemble Day, praised how well-run it was, and commended the performers in *Finding Nemo Jr.* for their work with puppets.
- President Burns attended Solo & Ensemble Day and the PTA Founders' Day Carnival.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

There were no other updates or information items.

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, seconded by Ms. Lee.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the February 23, 2026, Regular Board meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Espinoza, Sara	Custodian II	Hoover	New	Maintenance	3/02/2026
Topp, Ryan	Teacher (Soc Studies)	NHL	New	Limited Term	1/28/2026
Walker, Juwonna	Teacher (SPED-CC)	Franklin	New	Renewing	3/10/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Davis, Taylor	EA - SPED CC	Mitchell	Resignation	2/26/2026
Gordon, Nina	Teacher (Math)	W. Milw	Resignation	3/06/2026
McClain, Shannon	Custodian	Walker	Resignation	3/05/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the March 9, 2026, report.

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

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 Issue Final Non-Renewal Notice(s) for Teacher(s) – Garcia

Approve authorizing Administration to issue final non-renew notice(s) to teacher(s) as deemed necessary.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to Issue Final Non-Renewal Notice(s) for Teacher(s), seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshop(s):

12.1 Financial Stability & Efficiency Workshop: 2026-27 Compensation Model #2 – Norris

Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Financial Stability & Efficiency Workshop: 2026-27 Compensation Model #2, which may be viewed [here](#).

12.2 Teaching & Learning Workshop: Summer School Update – Burrage

Alyssa Burrage, Director of Teaching & Learning, presented the Teaching & Learning Workshop: Summer School Update, which may be viewed [here](#).

13. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 8:26 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Ms. Carr, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section §19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering a student disciplinary expulsion order, which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial effect upon the reputation of the student involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Carr, Board Clerk