

Minutes of the ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

A Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, September 25, 2023, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouché; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Cody Nikolai; Jennifer Paoli; Joanna Reyes; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop; and Karen Vandenberg.

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: President, Jim Bouché

President Bouché presided and called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Election of Chairperson

Lance Trollop moved to appoint Jim Bouche as the chairperson for the annual meeting, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried.

Jon Creisher moved to close nominations, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried.

The main motion carried 9-0 (voice).

III. Designate Secretary for Minutes

Jim Bouché appointed Cassie Peck to take official minutes.

IV. Designate Vote Counters

Jim Bouché appointed Cassie Peck and Josh Viegut as vote counters.

V. Enter the Thirtieth Annual Meeting Minutes into the Record

Jim Bouché entered the Thirtieth Annual Meeting Minutes into the record.

VI. Treasurer's Report

Jon Creisher presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported the following general checking account figures which include Funds 10, 21, 27, 29, 50, and 80 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as of June 30, 2023:

Beginning Cash Balance	
And Investments - July 1, 2022	\$ 36,116,91.05
Receipts	\$140,963,969.57
Disbursements	\$142,723,729.03
Ending Cash Balance	

And Investments - June 30, 2023 \$ 34,357,231.59

VII. Other Post Employment Benefits Report

Noel Tordsen presented the following Other Post Employment Benefits Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

Cash Balance in OPEB Trust Account - June 30, 2023	\$ 3,794,958.43
Investment Returns July1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$ 169,860.21
Dividends	120,228.50
Unrealized Gains/Losses	197,783.72
Long Term Realized Loss	(134,133.23)
Fees	(14,018.78)
Total Claim Disbursements July1, 2022 to June 30, 2023	\$ 2,228,796.65

VIII. Budget Hearing

A. Review Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

Josh Viegut
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Josh Viegut reported on the school funding formula; changes in revenue limit and school funding; ESSER allocations, spending and engagement; revenues, expenditures, grant funding; debt mill rate; proposed tax levy; and school tax mill rate.

Mr. Viegut also detailed the Community Service Fund. He shared that funds were established to pay for activities that are accessible to the community at large. The fund pays for costs associated with the out of school enrichment programs, the planetarium, School Resource Officers, and seasonal labor to maintain outdoor facilities accessible to the community.

Total Community Service Tax Levy \$662,200

Mr. Viegut also shared the following slides related to Phase 2 & Phase 3 of the Energy Efficiency Exemption:

Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Exemption

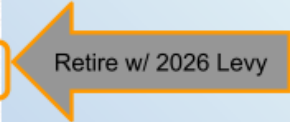
ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (a) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$10,602,124
Total Project Payback Period			9.2
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			10
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2023	\$1,039,800
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2023	\$985,779
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2023	\$54,021
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$56,181
Savings Reported for 2023			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Controls Improvements - East High School	\$ 55,055	\$6,804	\$136,496
Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 731,567	\$7,061	\$25,912
HVAC and Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 5,415,376	\$20,050	\$406,752
Controls Improvements - Horace Mann MS	\$ 538,577	\$3,700	\$56,870
HVAC and Controls Improvements - John Muir MS	\$ 164,565	\$4,245	\$34,809
Controls Improvements - Maintenance Building	\$ 73,306	\$377	\$16,515
HVAC and Controls Improvements - West High School	\$ 1,254,323	\$9,275	\$120,630
Electrical Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 3,279,666	\$4,670	\$525,526
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$11,512,434	\$56,181	\$1,323,511

Retire w/ 2024 Levy



Phase 3 Energy Efficiency Exemption

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (a) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$11,677,838
Total Project Payback Period			12.0
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining useful life of the facility			40
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2023	\$1,148,535
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2023	\$1,120,689
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2023	\$27,846
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$28,960
Savings Reported for 2023			
	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products			
Building Envelope Improvements	\$ 1,526,742	\$3,175	\$84,662
Heating System Upgrades	\$ 801,304	\$10,133	\$34,783
Technology and Controls Upgrades	\$ 3,785,895	\$8,556	\$471,547
Ventilation and IAQ Improvements	\$ 5,563,898	\$7,096	\$291,024
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$11,677,838	\$28,960	\$882,016



B. Old Business
There was none.

C. New Business

1. Vote - Tax Levy for General Fund and Community Service Fund

Jon Creisher moved that the amount of \$24,417,069 be adopted as the tax levy for the General Fund and \$662,200 for the Community Service Fund for the 2023-2024 school fiscal year, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried.

2. Vote - Tax Levy for Debt Service Fund

Cody Nikolai moved that the amount of \$24,612,366 be adopted as the tax levy for the Debt Service Fund for the 2023-2024 school fiscal year, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried.

3. Vote - Furnish School Lunches

Cory Sillars moved to furnish school lunches to the students of the School District and appropriate funds for that purpose. The school lunch program is self-funded through sales of tickets and federal & state subsidies and is accounted for in Fund 50, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried.

4. Vote - Authorize Reimbursement of Expenses for School Board Members
Diana White moved to authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a school board member when traveling in the performance of duties, seconded by Julie Schell. The motion carried.

5. Vote - Salaries of School Board Members
Julie Schell moved that School Board annual salaries be established at \$3,100, for the 2023-2024 school fiscal year, seconded by Diana White. The motion carried.

6. Vote - Authorize Resolution Regarding Continuing Authorization to Lease Suitable Buildings and/or Land for School Sites
Pat McKee moved that pursuant to Section 120.10(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Board of Education be granted authority through the time of the next annual meeting to lease suitable buildings and/or land for school sites, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried.

7. Vote - Authorize Resolution Regarding Continuing Authorizations to Convey Partial Interests in Real Estate
Lance Trollop moved that pursuant to Section 120.10(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Board of Education be granted authority through the time of the next annual meeting to convey small parcels and/or easements in school lands to governmental authorities or public utilities under circumstances in which property belonging to the School District is not needed for school purposes, and in which the value of consideration to be received in exchange for an easement does not exceed \$20,000, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried.

8. Vote - Establish 2024 Annual Meeting
Cody Nikolai moved pursuant to statute (s. 120.08(1)(a)), authorize the Board of Education to establish a date and time of the 2024 Annual Meeting, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried.

IX. Adjournment

Karen Vandenberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Vandenberg,
Board Clerk

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