

Minutes of EDUCATION/OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, August 25, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher; Nick Crochiere; Jennifer Paoli; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop.

Absent: Pat McKee.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approve the Minutes

Sarah Brock moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2025, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 8-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

There were none.

IV. Legal Expenses Summary for 2024-2025

Josh Viegut, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2024-2025.

V. Approve List of Legal Firms (Action Requested)

Cory Sillars moved to recommend to the full Board, the approval of the attached list of law firms the Board and the District shall access for legal services deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 8-0.

VI. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location (Action Requested)

Cory Sillars moved to recommend to the full Board, the approval of Monday, September 22, 2025, as the date for the 2025-2026 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 8-0.

VII. Share Equalized Value Estimates

Prior to October 1, only equalized valuations from municipalities are available. In order to project property value changes by school district, an assumption must be made that all property values in any given municipality change in a uniform manner. With this assumption, the District's property value is projected to increase 8.98% for 2025-26

mill rate calculation purposes. Certified property value will not be available until October 1; the given projected property value will be used for the initial budget and during the annual meeting.

VIII. Recommendation for 2025-2026 Budget (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of a preliminary 2025-2026 General Fund budget of \$117,366,124 for expenses and \$117,366,124 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0.

IX. Recommendation for 2025-2026 Tax Levy (**Action Requested**)

Cory Sillars moved to recommend to the full Board of Education, a projected tax levy of \$44,385,271 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 8-0.

X. Red Granite Charter School Student Fees (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the change to the Red Granite student fees for 4K and Kindergarten students as presented, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0.

4K Semester/Annual Fee: \$30 / \$60

Kindergarten Semester/Annual Fee: \$60 / \$120

XI. Girls Golf Co-Op Renewal (**Action Requested**)

Jennifer Paoli moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Girls Golf Co-op between Wausau East and Wausau West, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 8-0.

XII. Adjourn

Lance Trollop moved to adjourn, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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