

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, June 9, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars arrived at 5:01 pm; and Lance Trollop.

Absent: Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher; and Nick Crochiere;

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: Odelia Holdhusen (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to approve Odelia Holdhusen to receive the Resolution of Commendation, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 6-0.

VI. EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: Grant Elementary School

Grant Elementary Principal, Megan Korcoh, provided a brief presentation on the recent family and community activities at Grant and the anticipated move to Thomas Jefferson with the closure of Grant.

VII. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

VIII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (**Action Requested**)

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

Paige Ravet (Grade 2 Teacher/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Josh Steinagel (Grade 2 Teacher/GD Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Perry Scott (Choral & General Music Teacher/Horace Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Rachel Vogel (Grade 5 Teacher/Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Morgan Durst (Grade 4 Teacher/Rib Mountain) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Natasha Potrykus (Grade 5 Teacher/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Terrie Lang (Reading Intervention

Teacher/Muir) .55 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Hailey Krueger (Grade 2 Teacher/GD Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; Fanny Duran Morantes (ML Teacher/Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/25/25; and Jason Foster (Assistant Principal/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 7/1/25;

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Susan Elliot (Math Teacher/John Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; Austin Bradley (Music Teacher/Lincoln & Hawthorn) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; Brandi Fox (Grade 4 Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; Cassidy Ferguson (Grade 3 Teacher/Hewitt-Texas) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; Tessa Pellman (ML Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; Cortney Sears (School Social Worker/Rib Mountain & Maine) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25; and Holly Stanley (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/9/25.

C. Leaves of Absence

Lea Carroll (Chemistry Teacher/East) .6 FTE, effective 8/25/25.

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Regular Session of May 12, 2025; and Special Session of May 19, 2025.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

\$7,390 from the Wausau East Basketball Booster Club to Wausau East; and wildlife mounts and prints from Diane Moberg to the School Forest.

Pat McKee moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for Donations to the District, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 6-0.

IX. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Legal Expense Summary for 3rd Quarter

At the May Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Assistant Superintendent Josh Viegut presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during the third quarter of 2024-2025.

2. Recommendation for Preliminary 2025-26 Budget (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to approve of the preliminary budgets as presented in order to proceed with the 2025-26 expenditures committed to before final budgets are approved, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Lance Trollop abstaining.

3. Activities & Athletics Code (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to approve the revised Athletics & Activities Code as presented, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 6-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Summer Learning Preview

Dr. Rob Phelps, Mrs. Tami Cummings, and Mrs. Vickie Christianson shared a brief preview of the Summer Learning Program for 2025.

B. TID Discussion (**Action Requested**)

After much discussion, the Board directed Josh Viegut to vote nay in regards to the TID on behalf of the District.

C. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Employee Handbook Updates for 2025-26 (**Action Requested**)

Jennifer Paoli moved to approve the recommended changes to the 2025-26 Employee Handbook language as presented, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 6-0.

2. Various Group Wage/Salary Increase (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to approve the recommended wage/salary increase for non-teaching staff groups as presented, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 6-0.

3. Neola Update (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to approve the proposed changes to Policy 5410 and Policy 5411, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

XI. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Jane Rusch shared that she attended 5 graduations. Jim Bouche shared that he attended the WASB & WIAA meetings. He also congratulated District students that competed in State Track and wished luck to the District student golfers headed to State.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared the state budget should be shared before the end of the month.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman thanked the staff for making it a successful year. He also thanked the students and families. He also congratulated Mr. Bouche on representing on the WIAA Board of Controls.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for June is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the Wausau West Pop Concert, Wausau West and John Muir Academic Awards, WAVE and West Graduation ceremonies; Jim Bouche attended the Wausau East Graduation; and Jane Rusch attended the WAVE, EEA, Alternative High School, West and East Graduations.

XII. ADJOURN

Lance Trollop moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

CS:cp

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk