

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.
1205 S. 70th Street, West Allis, WI 53214 (Board Meeting Room 6th Floor)
9333 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227 (District Administration Office)

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
January 13, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Leigh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 13, 2025, at 1205 S. 70th Street, West Allis.

2. President Leigh led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Modifications to Agenda

None

6. West Allis Central High School Student Showcase

West Allis Central High School Principal Summerfield shared three groups that would detail how West Allis Central incorporates the district's theory of action in science, art, and mindfulness. Mr. Hawksley, science teacher and students Bryce and Qention detailed their Ogallala Aquifer lesson. Mr. Graf, art teacher and students Rain, Lucy, and Noah (not in attendance) presented their works of art, which were all based on a theme or idea of their choice. Ms. Townsend, PE teacher, and students Aanikka and Avalon shared their experience in the newly created mindfulness course, which may be taken in place of a traditional PE course, and now has a waiting list due to its popularity. President Leigh and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Update:

Record \$70 million in funding announced for public school libraries:

Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski announced a historic \$70 million distribution from the Common School Fund to Wisconsin public schools, marking the largest distribution in the fund's 175-year history. The fund, established in 1848, is the sole source of financial support for books, technology, and other essential learning tools for over 90% of Wisconsin's public school libraries. Under the BCPL's financial stewardship, distributions from the Common School Fund have nearly doubled in recent years. Under Godlewski's leadership, distributions from the fund have diversified hundreds of millions of dollars to include Wisconsin-based venture funds that support new and growing businesses. The Common School Fund bolsters Wisconsin's economy and directly supports schools and libraries, reinforcing its commitment to educational excellence and opportunity.

7.2 District Recognitions:

Congratulations to West Allis Central senior Amadi Cameron!:

On December 18, Amadi secured a pin to earn his 100th career varsity win! We are so proud of his dedication, hard work, and determination on and off the mat.

Congratulations to Hale seniors Thomas Medley and Jay Krueger!:

Congratulations to Nathan Hale Seniors and team captains Thomas Medley and Jay Krueger who both earned their 100th career wins over winter break. Congratulations also to Tristan North who earned his 100th career win just last weekend! We are so proud of all of you and your hard work and determination.

Educators of the Month:

Congratulations to Jen Houston, Deeper Learning Coach at Horace Mann, and Brittany Tessmer, 1st Grade Teacher at Hoover, for being our Educators of the Month for December!

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since December 16, 2024, which included the following meetings: City/Schools, West Allis Rotary, and Parent Teacher Association. Dr. Robinson also noted attending the following events: sledding at Irving Elementary, West Allis Central Wrestling Tournament, passing out ham baskets

with the West Milwaukee Lions Club to Pershing Elementary and West Milwaukee Intermediate families, and the Nathan Hale Winter Band Concert.

“The Voice”- Student Advisory Committee:

Dr. Robinson introduced Student Advisory Committee “The Voice” representative Elena May, a junior at Nathan Hale. Ms. May is a member of the Nathan Hale Renaissance Team, National Honor Society, Rotary, Interact, HOSA, Yearbook Club, Mentor Program, and Symphonic Orchestra (violin). Ms. May shared the climate and culture activities leading up to winter break, which included hot cocoa, spirit day, door decorating for donuts, and “call ins” in which students were provided a hint and must determine what location was being described and call in the fastest with the correct answer. Ms. May stated that students are grateful for the new gym and hallway (near the athletic area) floors, the new sinks, painting of walls, and overall improvement of facilities. Students are excited for the upcoming newly created “Snowblast” competition in which students will compete in teams of six in sports, academics, and popular trends, as well as the upcoming pep rally. Lastly, juniors recently finished their practice ACTs, and all students are now focusing on finals.

8. Public Comment(s):

None

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Leigh reviewed the Board calendar.

9.2 Board Committee Reports:

9.2.1 College & Career Readiness – Keyser

Committee Chair Keyser reported that the Committee met on January 13, 2025. The Committee discussed the strategic plan that is being developed, which will include a profile of a graduate. The profile will be determined by compiling information from focus groups, data collection, and comparisons to other districts. Key performance indicators will be set to determine the success of the goals. Offerings of additional AP courses beginning in the 2026-2027 school year may be included and there will be an emphasis for equity to ensure opportunities are available at all the high schools.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Ms. Keyser encouraged people to attend the upcoming production of “Much Ado About Nothing” from January 23-26, 2025, at Nathan Hale.
- President Leigh attended the Nathan Hale Winter Choir Concert and had lunch at Hale provided by Chartwells. President Leigh noted he would also like to have lunches at an intermediate and elementary school to experience more of Chartwells’ offerings.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Leigh

None

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Keyser, second by Mr. Becker to approve the following:

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Aust, Megan	District Semester Sub	H. Mann	New	Limited Term	1/27/2025
Brenner, Samantha	Teacher (MLL)	H. Mann	New	Renewing	1/27/2025
Gonyer, Mckenna	District Semester Sub	Irving	New	Limited Term	1/27/2025
Gutknecht, Mirka	EA (SPED)	Wilson	New	EA	1/02/2025
Kobs, Raven	District Semester Sub	Franklin	New	Limited Term	1/13/2025
Meunier, Makenna	District Semester Sub	Jefferson	New	Limited Term	1/27/2025
Neubauer, Abbie	District Semester Sub	Pershing	New	Limited Term	1/27/2025
Padilla, Morgan	District Semester Sub	W Milw	New	Limited Term	1/27/2025
Slade, Lauryn	Teacher (Math)	W Milw	New	Renewing	1/27/2025

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Childs, Lekisha	EA (SPED)	Irving	Termination	12/20/2024
Hargous, Kaleb	Teacher (English)	Dottke	Resignation	12/13/2024
Mohr, Caitlyn	Teacher (Gr 1)	Jefferson	Resignation	End of the 24-25 SY
Wankowski, Barb	EA (SPED)	Hoover	Retirement	End of the 24-25 SY

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the January 13, 2025, report.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate Philadelphia Field Trip – Sage

Approval of Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School's 8th grade field trip to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from October 8-10, 2025.

Motion by Ms. Keyser, second by Mr. Burns to approve the Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate Philadelphia Field Trip.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 WASB Resolutions – Keyser & Becker

Approval of the 2025 WASB Resolutions.

Motion by Ms. Keyser, second by Ms. Lee to approve all of the 2025 WASB Resolutions except for Resolution 25-08 (Accountability and School Report Card Standards).

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshop(s):

12.1 Referendum Workshop #2 – Dr. Robinson & Norris

Dr. Robinson and Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Referendum Update #2 workshop, which detailed the finalization of the bond sale on January 7, 2025; the Investment and Financial Advisor Services request for proposal (RFP) and timeline, with a recommendation to proceed with PMA Securities, LLC; updates and next steps for the pending Project Manager position; and the upcoming posting of the Construction Management Firm and Owner's Representative RFPs, which will be published in the January 15, 2025, *South NOW* publication. Mr. Norris noted that anyone can email referenduminfo@wawmsd.org for more information.

12.2 Enrollment Projections & Open Enrollment Seats for 2025-2026 - Bergmann

Connie Bergmann, Manager of School Services, reviewed enrollment projections, open enrollment seats and staffing for the 2025-2026 school year. Ms. Bergmann described the projection process, which included presenting a districtwide outline of the 2025-2026 enrollment projection, as well as by school. In addition, a forecast of how the projection impacts available open enrollment seats for 2025-2026 was shared.

13. End of Recording & Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Carr, second by Mr. Burns, to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Carr, Board Clerk