

Minutes of Budget Committee

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Budget Committee of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, December 1, 2025, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetzel called the meeting to order at 7:31am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Heinrichs, Hetzel, Sonne

Also present; Brown, Summers, Newton

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. 2025-2026 BUDGET

A. End of the Year Projections

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the review of the projected end of the year balance for fund 10. Summers reviewed budget accomplishments and risks.

B. Update on Financial Plan / Property Tax Levy

Summers presented and answered questions regarding an update on the financial plan related to the November 2022 referendum and the 2025-2026 property tax levy.

VI. 2026-2027 PLANNING

A. Enrollment Planning

Summers presented and answered questions to discuss future enrollment planning.

Administration recommended planning for 2026-27 utilizing the 3-year average projection model rather than the 5-year projection model used previously. Enrollment projections are used to then calculate class size information for open enrollment for the January 2026 school board meeting and for staffing projections which are shared at the January budget committee meeting.

B. High-Level Budget Planning

Summers presented and answered questions to provide a high-level overview of 26-27 budget planning. Administration received feedback on the topic of staffing levels and open enrollment options that will need to be approved in January 2026.

C. 4K Planning

Brown, Summers, and Moe presented and answered questions to receive a budget committee recommendation for the 4K planning for the 2026-2027 school year.

Administration requested consideration of the following:

1. Increase the stipend amount from \$3600 to \$5500

2. Additional request for 4K open enrollment seats in January 2026

3. Form a 4K task force in preparation for the 27-28 school year .

Summers reviewed the financial scenarios related to a \$5,000 payment, a \$5,500 payment, and no 4K program.

Regarding administration request #3: A motion was made by Heinrichs, seconded by Sonne, to recommend that the full board consider forming a 4K task force in preparation for the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Regarding administration request #2: A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to recommend that the full board consider more 4K open enrollment seats in January 2026 as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Regarding administration request #1: A motion was made by Heinrichs to recommend to the full board to consider increasing the stipend amount from \$3,600 - \$5,000 per 4K student for the 2026-2027 school year. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Heinrichs to recommend that the full board to consider increasing the 4K stipend to \$5,000 for 2026-2027 and to set targets for the 4K sites to meet. If these targets are met, then the stipend will be increased to \$5,500 for the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried 2-1

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSALS - NA

VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - NA

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Items were discussed for the January 2026 meeting.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Heinrichs, seconded by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40am. Motion carried 3-0.