

Minutes of REGULAR 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, January 26, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; Nick Crochiere; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approve the Minutes

Lance Trollop moved to approve the minutes of December 15, 2025, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried 9-0.

III. Excellence in Action: G.D. Jones Elementary

G.D. Jones Principals, Jen Davidson and Phil Beck, shared a brief presentation on the progress of the newly consolidated staff, students, and families at G.D. Jones.

IV. Excellence in Action: Rib Mountain Elementary

Rib Mountain Principal, Rachel Jean, shared data on CIP plans and positive impacts in staff and student culture this year at Rib Mountain.

V. Public and Student Comment

There were none.

VI. Franklin, Rib Mountain, Lincoln & John Marshall 95% Design (**Action Requested**)

Charles Burger moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of plan designs for Franklin, Rib Mountain, Lincoln, and John Marshall Elementary Schools as presented to be issued for bidding, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 9-0.

VII. Legal Expenses for 2nd Quarter of 2025-2026

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Elizabeth Channel presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during the second quarter of 2025-2026.

VIII. Approve 2026-2027 District Calendar (**Action Requested**)

Jennifer Paoli moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the 2026-2027 District calendar, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried 9-0.

IX. Presentation of Financial Projection Model Assumptions

Interim Assistant Superintendent of Operations, Elizabeth Channel, shared many of the key variables contributing to the District's multi-year financial projection model.

X. 2025-2026 Student Demographic Report

Director of Technology, Ralph Williams, presented the Demographics Report for the 2025-2026 school year.

XI. Governance Model Option (**Possible Action**)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board to change the name of the “Education/Operations Committee of the Whole” to “Committee of the Whole” while changing the responsibility of reviewing the “Audit of the Bills” to the new “Committee of the Whole” to take place during that meeting. The “Audit of the Bills Committee” would then dissolve, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 9-0.

XII. ADJOURN

Charles Buger moved to adjourn, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried at 6:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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