

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 6:30 PM
D.C. Everest Administration Building
6100 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476



I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM. Ben Bliven: Present, Joshua Dickerson: Present, Katie Felch: Present, Shannon Grabko: Present, Lindsey Lewitzke: Present, Larry Schaefer: Present, Yee Leng Xiong: Present - virtually. Present: 7. Also present were Dr. Lindell, Dr. Nye, Dr. Strike, Student Representative Costa, and Ellen Suckow.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Shannon Grabko and seconded by Katie Felch to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. With a voice vote, this motion passed.

V. Public Comment -None

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Joshua Dickerson and seconded by Larry Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda without B3. With a roll call vote, this motion passed. Ben Bliven: Yea, Joshua Dickerson: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea, Yee Leng Xiong: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Motion made by Felch, second by Grabko to approve B3. With a roll call vote, this motion passed. Ben Bliven: Yea, Joshua Dickerson: Abstained, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea, Yee Leng Xiong: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

VI.A. Approval of Minutes

VI.B. Recommended Employment/Resignations/Contract Adjustments

VI.B.1. Approval of Administrator Contracts

VI.B.2. Teachers for Contracts 2025-2026

VI.B.3. Teacher Contract for 2025-2026

VI.C. Treasurer's Report - General/Other Fund Bills

VI.D. Balance Sheet

VI.E. Budget Transfers

VI.F. Budget Revisions

VI.G. Grant Application(s)/Budget(s) Approval

VI.H. Fundraising Requests

VI.H.1. Riverside Fundraiser Request

VI.I. Gift/Bequests

VI.J. Bus Accident Report

VI.K. Second Reading of Policies

VI.K.1. po1130 Ethics and Conflict of Interest

VI.K.2. po2270 Religion in the Curriculum

VI.K.3. po2271.01 Start College Now Program

VI.K.4. po2440 Summer Learning

VI.K.5. po2440.01 Summer or Interim School Attendance

VI.K.6. po2464 Advanced Learning Instruction - Gifted and Talented

VI.K.7. po3120.04 Employment of Substitutes

VI.K.8. po3230 Ethics and Conflict of Interest

VI.K.9. po3281 Personal Property of Staff Members

VI.K.10. po4124 Notice of Reasonable Assurance of Employment

VI.K.11. po4131 Ethics and Conflict of Interest

VI.K.12. po4131 Reduction in Staff

VI.K.13. po5512 Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students

VI.K.14. po5610 Suspension and Expulsion

VI.K.15. po5611 Due Process Rights

VI.K.16. po5710 Student Complaints

VI.K.17. po6231 Budget Implementation

VI.K.18. po6620 Petty Cash

VI.K.19. po7230 Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

VI.K.20. po7410 Maintenance

VI.K.21. po7430 Safety Standards

VI.K.22. po8510 Wellness

VI.K.23. po8531 Free and Reduced-Price Meals

VI.K.24. po8600 Transportation

VII. Reports/Considerations

VII.A. WASB Legislative Network Member – Grabko reported that Board members may send email statement to the JFC via an email address she will give to Ellen. The hearing is April 29.

VII.B. CESA #9 Representative – Schaefer reported CESA gave an update on the Wisconsin Resource Center for Charter Schools.

VII.C. Student Representative – Costa reported All Shook Up was a success. Spring sports are enjoying GTCC for practices and their indoor, early season events. Sophomores have had testing and AP tests begin in May. A canine police dog presentation was held which students enjoyed. Various clubs are wrapping up state competitions.

VII.D. Board Clerk Election Canvas Result

VII.E. Superintendent

VII.E.1. District Updates

VII.E.1.a. Budget, Staffing, and Facility Planning

VII.E.1.b. Demonstrating Compliance with Federal Expectations

VII.E.1.c. Partnership Highlight

VIII. Unfinished Business

VIII.A. Mission Moment: Rothschild Elementary Family Engagement

IX. New Business

IX.A. Authorization of Year End Spending

Motion made by Katie Felch and seconded by Shannon Grabko to allow administration to strategically spend year end funds to best meet the needs of the District and deposit all remaining funds into Fund 46 by the statutory deadline of July 30, 2025. With a voice vote, this motion passed.

IX.B. District Depository Resolution

Lewitzke motioned: BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the D.C. Everest Area School District that the following banks be and are hereby designated as public depositories for funds of the school district and the secondary and elementary activity accounts and authorizes as signers of the respective accounts the district business office officials, principals and principal's secretaries, and other authorized signers recorded at each financial facility. Intercity State Bank Associated Bank BMO Bank Incredible Bank State of Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) PMA Financial Network, Inc. (WISC) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be delivered to each of the above named depositories, and said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution and a copy of such resolution has been given to the cashier of the respective above-named depositories. Motion seconded by Larry Schaefer. With a roll call vote, motion passed. Ben Bliven: Yea, Joshua Dickerson: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea, Yee Leng Xiong: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

IX.C. District Facsimile Resolution

Lewitzke motioned: BE IT RESOLVED the facsimile signatures of the President, Treasurer, and Clerk adopted April 16, 2025, be authorized for use in signing school district checks or orders until new facsimile signature plates are acquired for the period mentioned above to wit: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk cause to be mailed to the respective depositories of the School District a certified copy of this resolution. Seconded by Grabko. With a roll call vote, this motion passed.

Ben Bliven: Yea, Joshua Dickerson: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea, Yee Leng Xiong: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

IX.D. Compensation Plans

Motion by Ben Bliven and seconded by Joshua Dickerson to approve the compensation plans as presented and contained in the background. With a voice vote, this motion passed. Felch and Dickerson abstained.

IX.E. Wage Increases for 2025-2026

Motion by Katie Felch and seconded by Shannon Grabko to approve the wage increases as presented and contained in the background. With a voice vote, this motion passed.
Joshua Dickerson abstained.

IX.F. First Reading of Policies

Motion made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Katie Felch, to approve the policies listed on first reading. With a voice vote, this motion passed.

IX.F.1. po0167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings

IX.F.2. po2210 Curriculum Development

IX.F.3. po2416 Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information

IX.F.4. po7440 Facility Security

IX.F.5. po7440.02 Smart Sensor and Monitoring Technology

IX.F.6. po7440.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety

IX.F.7. po7440.04 Staff Technology and Acceptable Use and Safety

IX.F.8. po7540.07 District-Issued Student Email Account

IX.F.9. po8120 Volunteers

IX.F.10. po8305 Information Security

X. Petitions and Communications

X.A. Thank You for Memorial Tribute from C. Belanger

XI. Future Meeting Dates

XI.A. District Recognition Celebration

April 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

D.C. Everest Senior High

6500 Alderson St.
Weston, WI

Regular School Board Meeting
May 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
D.C. Everest Administration Building
6100 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476

Regular School Board Meeting
June 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.
D.C. Everest Administration Building
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The Board was reminded graduation is May 28 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Discussion regarding a possible closed session discussion under 19.85(1)(e) to review bargaining status and negotiation parameters with D.C. Everest Teachers' Association (DCETA) will occur prior to any potential closed session. The requirement for the closed session to discuss negotiations with the DCETA is due to the fact that the parties have not reached a tentative agreement, and the possible closed session will afford the Board the ability to be apprised of the status of negotiations and the establishment of potential counterproposals to be presented to the DCETA.

XIII. Motion by Lewitzke and seconded by Larry Schaefer to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1) (e) Wis. Stats. for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Update on Negotiations with DCETA)

This motion, made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Joshua Dickerson, passed.

Ben Bliven: Yea, Joshua Dickerson: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey

Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea, Yee Leng Xiong: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0. Time was 7:10 p.m. Meeting adjourned from Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon E. Grabko, Clerk

Ellen Suckow, Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent & School Board

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not the official minutes of the School Board until they are approved at the May 21, 2025, meeting of the School Board.