

# 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, January 12, 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.

Absent: Charles Burger

## 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. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

## VI. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

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

Madison Gamez (Special Education Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective 2/23/26; and Joshua Phillips (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 1/5/26.

### B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

### C. Leaves of Absence

### D. Retirements

Timothy Olson (History Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26.

### E. Minutes: Regular Session of December 8, 2025; Special Session of December 15, 2025; and the Special Session of January 5, 2026.

### F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

### G. Donations to the District

\$19,800 in \$100 grocery gift cards from the Rotary Club of Wausau/Marathon County Hunger Coalition to Franklin, John Marshall, and Thomas Jefferson Social Workers; \$340 from Goetsch's Welding & Machine, and \$340 from Inspired by Design to Maine Elementary; \$6,000 worth of stickers and magnets from Heidi

Sorenson to Riverview Elementary and the School Forest; \$67 from the American Online Giving Foundation to Wausau Area Montessori Charter School; \$1,500 from E. Thomas Smiley, \$100 from Jim Zelenk, and \$250 from Roxann Zoromski to Wausau East High School.

**Pat McKee moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations made to the District, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 8-0.**

## **VII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS**

### **A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting**

There was none.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Approve the 2024-25 Audit Report (Action Requested)**

**Jennifer Paoli moved to approve the 2024-2025 Audit report as presented, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 8-0.**

### **B. WASB Resolutions (Action Required)**

**Jon Creisher moved that the Board direct Sarah Brock to vote as discussed at the WASB Delegate Assembly, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 8-0.**

- 1. Support**
- 2. No**
- 3. Support**
- 4. Support**
- 5. Support**
- 6. Support**
- 7. Support**
- 8. Support**
- 9. Support**
- 10. No Support**
- 11. Support**
- 12. Support**
- 13. No**

Sarah Brock left the meeting at 5:59 pm.

### **C. Wausau West Chiller Discussion (Possible Action)**

**Cory Sillars moved to for the approval to pursue bids for the Wausau West High School Chiller replacement project, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 7-0.**

### **D. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE "WISCONSIN INVESTMENT SERIES COOPERATIVE" AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS OF THE FUND (Action Requested)**

**Lance Trollop moved to approve and adopt the attached resolution authorizing entry into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement relating to the Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative and authorizing participation in the investment programs of the fund, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 7-0.**

**E. Education/Operations Committee Meeting**

**1. Open Enrollment Seat Availability (Action Requested)**

**Cory Sillars moved to approve the regular and special education non-resident spaces available under open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year as presented, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 7-0.**

**2. Approve Co-Ops (Action Requested)**

**Pat McKee moved to approve of the WIAA Co-Op renewals as presented, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 7-0.**

**IX. OPEN FORUM**

**A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report**

Mr. Bouche mentioned the upcoming state education convention.

**B. Legislative Liaison**

Mr. Sillars shared that while attending the CESA 9 Board meeting, they elected to vote in support of the same resolutions the Board approved to support.

**C. Superintendent Commentary**

Mr. Bushman welcomed Elizabeth Channel to her new role and also welcomed back Bob Tess as he assists Elizabeth with the transition to her new role.

**D. Presiding Officer Commentary**

There was none.

**X. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUES**

**Pat McKee moved to enter into closed session, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried 7-0 via a roll call vote at 6:08 pm.**

Jon Creisher – Yes

Nick Crochiere – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop – Yes

Jim Bouche - Yes

**A. Preliminary Discussion Regarding Potential Litigation 19.85 (g)**

**B. Evaluation of Superintendent of Schools s. 19.85 (1)(c)**

C. Reconvene in Open Session, and if Necessary, Take Action as a Result of the Closed Session

**Jennifer Paoli moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 7-0 at 6:23 pm.**

**XI. ADJOURN**

**Pat McKee moved to adjourn, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried at 6:24 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,  
Board Clerk

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