

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, February 10, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Joanna Reyes via Webex; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop.

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. EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: WAVE

WAVE Principal, Dr. Shannon Young and students Jack Kleman, and Sawyer Burrish gave a brief presentation to the Board on the extracurricular opportunities at their school.

VI. Proclamation: School Bus Driver Appreciation Week

President Bouche read the School Bus Driver Appreciation Week Proclamation.

VII. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

VIII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (**Action Requested**)

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

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Special Session of January 13, 2025; Regular Session of January 13, 2025; Special Session of January 27, 2025; and the Special Session of February 4, 2025.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

\$350 from Apogee Services Inc, \$250 from Rob & Kristine Barbier, \$442 from Bluejacks Hockey, \$250 from Harry C. Cole, \$1,000 from Green Bay Packers

Foundation NFL Programs, stained glass materials from Mrs. Lin Hilger, various vinyl materials, 3 wheeled scooter, and driving simulator from Katherine Mueller, and \$800 from On Time Sports LLC to Wausau East High School; and \$1,500 from Chatterbox Charities to Wausau West High School.

Cory Sillars moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations made to the District, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 8-0.

IX. Petition to Alter District Boundaries **(Possible Action)**

Pat McKee moved to grant the transfer of territory described in the petition, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion failed via a roll call vote. The petition to transfer was denied.

Sarah Brock – Yes
Pat McKee – Yes
Jennifer Paoli – Yes
Joanna Reyes – No
Jane Rusch – No
Cory Sillars – No
Lance Trollop – No
James Bouche - No

X. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Legal Expense for 2nd Quarter of 2024-25 **(Estimated Time to Present)**

At the January Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Assistant Superintendent Josh Viegut presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during the second quarter of 2024-2025.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve 2025-2026 School Calendar **(Action Requested)**

Sarah Brock moved to approve the 2025-2026 District calendar as presented, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 8-0.

B. Approve Elementary Boundary Changes **(Action Requested)**

Lance Trollop moved to approve of the Elementary Boundary Changes beginning in the 2025-2026 school year as presented, seconded by Cory Sillars.

Lance Trollop moved to amend the Marshall Franklin division to follow Forest Street as discussed, seconded by Sarah Brock. The amendment carried 8-0.

The amended main motion carried 8-0.

C. Review Policy 5540 - The Schools and Governmental Agencies

Administration reviewed Policy 5540 - The Schools and Governmental Agencies. They also reviewed protocols and practices currently used with Governmental agencies.

D. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Neola Update (**Action Requested**)

- 0164 - Meetings
- 2131 - Educational Outcomes Goals and Expectations
- 2340 - District Sponsored Trips
- 3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
- 5200 - Attendance
- 5430 - Class Rank
- 5460 - Graduation Requirements
- 5505 - Academic Honesty
- 5610 - Suspension and Expulsion
- 5771 - Search and Seizure
- 6423 - Use of Credit Cards
- 7540.05 - Assistive Technology and Services
- 7544 - Use of Social Media
- 8395 - Student Mental Health Services
- 8500 - Food Services
- 8510 - Wellness
- 8531 - Free and Reduced Meals
- 8540 - Vending Machines
- 8660 - Transportation by Private Vehicle

EDGAR (Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval System) Related

- 3440 - Job-Related Expenses
- 440 - Job-Related Expenses
- 6110 - Federal Funds
- 6111 - Internal Controls
- 6112 - Cash Management
- 6114 - Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds

Pat McKee moved to approved the proposed changes to the attached policies as presented, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0.

2. Presentation of Financial Projection Model Assumptions

At the January Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Josh Viegut, shared many of the key variables contributing to the District's multi-year financial projection model.

3. Report Card Presentation

At the January Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Julie Schell, Director of Elementary Education, shared information around the exploration of moving from quarterly to semester grading at the elementary level.

4. Consolidation Update

At the Education/Operations Committee Meeting, Ralph Williams gave a brief update on the planning of the consolidation.

5. Real Estate Sales (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to approve Administration to move forward with the early stages of selling the vacant buildings. The use of a relator will be left at the discretion of Administration, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 8-0.

XII. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Jane Rusch shared information from the Baraboo sectional she attended at the State Education Convention about the positives in having a full time 4K.

Jim Bouche shared that the State Education Convention in Milwaukee was a success.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that he plans to attend the WASB Day at the Capitol event. He also shared that he met with a representative from the St. Croix area about Technology funds/grants.

Jane Rusch shared that the Education Committee has met and shared the updates.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman shared that Mr. Williams and the Longfellow Administration Team are doing a fantastic job with the consolidation planning. He also shared that the planning for the Community Conversation March 6-8, 2025, is going well.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for February is as follows: Lance Trollop participated in a WASB Online Seminar on Complaint Procedures.

XIII. ADJOURN

Jane Rusch moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

JP:cp

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk