

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 13, 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; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 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: Lincoln Elementary

Lincoln Principal, Ms. Jennifer Davidson, gave a brief presentation to the Board about all the exciting things happening at their school.

VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

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

Mai Pa Yang (Special Education Teacher/Hawthorn Hills) 1.0 FTE, effective 1/7/25; and Brandi Fox (4th Grade Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective 1/13/25.

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

Kerry Euting (3rd Grade Teacher/Marshall) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; and Jon Euting (Assistant Superintendent/District) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/30/25.

E. Minutes: Regular Session of December 9, 2024; Special Session of December 16, 2024; Special Session of January 6, 2025; and the Special Session of January 8, 2025.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

\$4,500 from Brainard Funeral Home and Cremation Center, \$4,500 from Helke Funeral Home, \$500 from Middle Wisconsin Chefs Association, and \$500 from Don

and Joan Smith to the District Nutrition Services; \$645 from Milwaukee Burger Company to Hawthorn Hills Elementary, \$852 from Knights of Columbus to Horace Mann Middle School; \$350 from Apogee Services, \$400 from Aspirus, \$500 from Kristina Barbier, 38 free coffee coupons from Dunkin', 1,000 bags from Festival Foods, \$50 from Frazier Flooring, two chairs from Hub Central Collision, 500 children's prizes from Tammy Johnson, \$50 from Nick and Amy Louis, \$500 from The Optimist Club of Wausau, \$100 from Sam's Club, \$200 from Thao Capital Corporation, \$80 from the Thoun Family, and personal services from the Withers Family to Wausau West High School; \$100 from Jim Zelenka and \$7,500 from The James D. Greenheck Foundation to Wausau East and Wausau West; School supplies from Elizabeth Anderson, \$10,000 from an anonymous donor, \$1,000 from Aspirus, \$852 from Knights of Columbus, \$2,500 from Marathon County Medical Society, \$100 from Kathleen Seidel, \$3,028 from Wausau East Gridiron Club, \$500 from Don and Carrie Zoromski, and \$250 from Roxann Zoromski to Wausau East.

Lance Trollop moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 9-0.

VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 WASB Resolutions (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to direct Delegate Representative Rusch to vote in the affirmative in all resolutions at the Delegate Assembly at the State Education Convention, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 9-0.

B. 2025-26 Retirement Window Extension (**Action Requested**)

Jennifer Paoli moved to approve reopening the teaching retirement window, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 9-0.

Lance Trollop left the room at 5:19 pm

C. April 2025 Referendum (**Possible Action**)

Jon Creisher moved to modify Resolution IX.C.1 and IX.C.2 to reflect \$8,000,000, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-2 via a roll call vote.

Sarah Brock – Yes

Jon Creisher – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli – Yes

Joanna Reyes – Yes

Jane Rusch – Yes

Cory Sillars – No

Jim Bouche - No

1. Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes
(Possible Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve the Resolution authorizing the School District budget to exceed revenue limit by \$8,000,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 7-1 via a roll call vote.

**Sarah Brock – Yes
Jon Creisher – Yes
Pat McKee – Yes
Jennifer Paoli – Yes
Joanna Reyes – Yes
Jane Rusch – Yes
Cory Sillars – No
Jim Bouche - Yes**

2. Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes
(Possible Action Requested)

Jon Creisher moved to approve the Resolution provide for a referendum election on the question of the approval of a Resolution authorizing the School District budget to exceed revenue limit by \$8,000,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 7-1 via a roll call vote.

**Sarah Brock – Yes
Jon Creisher – Yes
Pat McKee – Yes
Jennifer Paoli – Yes
Joanna Reyes – Yes
Jane Rusch – Yes
Cory Sillars – No
Jim Bouche - Yes**

D. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Approve 2023-24 Audit Report **(Action Requested)**

Pat McKee moved to approve the 2023-2024 Audit Report as presented, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 9-0.

2. 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 2025-2026 school year as presented, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 9-0.

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Sarah Brock shared that the Wausau School Foundation will be hosting a fundraising event on February 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that he was planning to attend the WASB Day at the Capitol in March.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman shared that members of LAT were able to be at all of the affected buildings with the consolidation.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for the month of January is as follows: Sarah Brock attended the Rib Mountain Genius Hour event, went on a Tech. Ed tour with Jon Winter at both East and West, judged at the Shark Tank event at John Muir, two Wausau School Foundation meetings, the Community Conversation Leadership Team meeting, Community Summit Design Team Meeting, and the Friends of Education breakfast.

XI. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

Lance Trollop moved to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried 9-0 at 6:10 pm via a roll call vote.

Sarah Brock – Yes

Jon Creisher – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli – Yes

Joanna Reyes – Yes

Jane Rusch – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop - Yes

Jim Bouche - Yes

A. Red Granite Charter School Contract Evaluation S. 19.85 (1)(e)(g)

B. Reconvene in Open Session, to take further action if necessary and appropriate

Pat McKee moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Joanna Reyes.

The motion carried 9-0 at 6:49 pm.

XII. ADJOURN

Jennifer Paoli moved to adjourn, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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