

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, March 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; 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: Thomas Jefferson Elementary

Thomas Jefferson Principal, Matthew Schilling gave a brief presentation to the Board on the student-led conferences happening at Thomas Jefferson Elementary.

VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

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

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

William Giese (Special Ed Teacher/Wausau East) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; Minh Huynh (Math Teacher/John Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 2/28/25; Elizabeth Kallas (At Risk Teacher/Wausau West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25; Megan Wallenfang (Special Ed Teacher/John Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/6/25.

C. Leaves of Absence

Kristin Hall (Riverview) effective 6/6/25.

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Regular Session of February 10, 2025; Special Session of February 12, 2025; and Special Session of February 24, 2025.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. CESA 9 Shared Services Contract

H. Donations to the District

Boxes of clothes from Liz Paul to Grant Elementary; \$200 from Kwik Trip to Lincoln Elementary; \$553 from American Online Giving Foundation, \$250 from Schier Tire and Auto to Wausau Area Montessori Charter School; \$2,000 from Bluejacks Hockey, \$3,000 from Chatterbox Charities, \$1,050 from Meghan Harding, \$500 from Barbara Johnson, and \$337 from Wausau East Junior Jacks Youth Wrestling inc. to Wausau East High School; and \$100 from Bartells & Pease LTD, \$200 from Brickner Motors, Inc., \$650 from Scott and Amy Cattnach, \$200 from Contract Carpets of Wausau Inc., \$1,000 from the Law Office of Mary Sue Anderson, \$300 from Weld Riley, \$1,000 from Schuette Inc., and \$115 from Wausau Elks Lodge #248 to Wausau West High School.

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

VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Consolidation Update

Ralph Williams gave a brief update on the District Consolidation project.

B. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Five-Year Fiscal Forecast

The Board was presented with a five-year fiscal forecast model for the District. The projection model will continue to be applied during the next three months to aid in constructing the 2025-26 budget reconciliation plan and ultimately the 2025-26 budget.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 4K Update Discussion

Julie Schell, Director of Elementary Education, and Kara Rakowski, 4K Principal & Early Childhood Coordinator, will present information pertaining to the 4K program and the move to have Hawthorn Hills 4K students attend 4K at the Lincoln Early Learning Center.

B. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. AGR Annual Report

At the February Education /Operations Meeting, Julie Schell, Director of Elementary Education, presented the first of two annual AGR Update reports to the school board.

2. Recommendation for 2025-2026 Capital Projects (**Action Requested**)

Joanna Reyes moved to approve of the 2025-2026 Capital Projects and corresponding budget as presented, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 9-0.

3. Title IX Policy Updates (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to approve of the recommended changes to the attached Title IX policies, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 9-0.

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Sarah Brock shared that the Community Conversation at Wausau East went very well.

Jane Rusch shared that she attended the WASB Law Seminar and had information to share about expulsions.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that he and Jim Bouche would be attending the WASB Day at the Capitol. He also shared that Representative Pat Snyder was now serving on the Education Assembly.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman shared that more data would be coming after the Community Summit and provided some of the positive feedback he had heard about the event.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison report for the month of March is as follows: Lance Trollop attended the Wausau School Foundation Comedy Night, the Community Conversation at Wausau East and a WASB Online seminar; Jim Bouche attended the Community Conversation at Wausau East and a Referendum Informational Meeting at Wausau West.

XI. Request for Closed Session Pursuant to State Statutes

Sarah Brock moved to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried via a roll call vote 8-0 at 5:32 pm.

Sarah Brock – Yes

Jon Creisher – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli – Yes

Jane Rusch – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop – Yes

Jim Bouche - Yes

A. Administrator Contract Review s. 19.85 (1)(c)

B. Discuss Superintendent Evaluation Language Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c)

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

Pat McKee moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0 at 6:35 pm.

XII. ADJOURN

Pat McKee moved to adjourn, seconded by Cory Sillars the motion carried at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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