

# Minutes of Budget Committee

## The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

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A Budget Committee of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, February 2, 2026, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Hetzel called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Heinrichs (arrived at 7:35am), Hetzel, Sonne

Also present: Brown, Newton, Summers, Blackburn, and Grabarski,

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS**

A motion was made by Sonne to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 2-0.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were no public comments for this meeting.

### **V. 2025-2026 BUDGET**

#### **A. End of the Year Projections**

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the projected end of the year balance for fund 10. The committee indicated that they wanted to act on this item at the next budget committee meeting.

#### **B. Update on Financial Plan / Property Tax Levy**

Summers presented and answered questions regarding an update on the financial plan related to the November 2022 referendum.

#### **C. Waunakee Community Cares Coalition**

Summers presented and answered questions regarding an update on the Waunakee Community Cares Coalition. Attorney Strang provided guidance that the district was able to claim funds through the end of the month of January. WCSD school board approved a one-month funding extension that will cover through February. The remaining 4 months will cost approximately \$32,000 to continue. The WCCC has a fund 21 grant with approximately \$28,000 remaining. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Heinrichs, to recommend that the full board consider partially funding WCCC expenses after the Fund 21 grant is depleted. Motion carried 3-0.

### **VI. 2026-2027 PLANNING**

#### **A. High-Level Budget Planning**

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the 2026-27 budget planning process. Adjustments to the budget planning process for 4K were reviewed. Administration requested consideration of 5 FTE to be approved at the February regular board meeting. A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to recommend that the full board consider the 5 FTE positions, in order to move forward with the hiring process. Motion carried 3-0.

### **VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSALS - NA**

### **VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - NA**

**IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The committee would like to see a comparison with our comparable districts in regard to expenditure and staffing for the March meeting.

**X. ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32am.  
Motion carried 3-0.