

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, October 14, 2024, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

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

Absent: Sarah Brock; and Jon Creisher.

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

Vice President Trollop lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Vice President Trollop read the mission statement.

V. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY PROCLAMATION

Vice President Trollop read the proclamation.

VI. EXCELLENCE IN ACTION: Hawthorn Hills Elementary

Hawthorn Hills Principal, Phil Beck, and representatives from Hawthorn Hills Elementary shared a brief presentation.

VII. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

VIII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

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

Holly Stanley (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 9/25/24; David Heckmann (Special Education Teacher/Hewitt-Texas/Red Granite/Montessori) 1.0 FTE, effective 10/21/24;

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Makayla Zipp (Special Education Teacher/Hawthorn Hills) 1.0 FTE, effective 9/10/24; Emily Anderson (Special Education Teacher/Hawthorn Hills) 1.0 FTE, effective 10/4/24; Kristi Kimote (School Social Worker/Lincoln) 1.0 FTE, effective 11/1/24.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

Stephanie Dewitz (Social Studies Teacher/Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 06/06/25.

E. Minutes: Regular Session of September 9, 2024; Closes Session of October 7, 2024.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. School Board Member Salaries

H. Donations to the District

\$3,000 and six boxes of school supplies from Kocourek Subaru, and 270 hot dog buns from Kwik Trip to Grant Elementary; 1 set of 10 flipchart sheets from Wipebook Corporation to Horace Mann; school supplies from Halama's Championship Martial Arts, \$100 from Rosemary and Kenneth Rupe to the District; \$275 from the Needle Workshop, 6 backpacks from Pilgrim Lutheran Church, and \$400 from Sheldon Rouse to Wausau East; and \$5,000 from the MacDonald Foundation, and \$125 from Jon Van Oosten to Wausau West.

Pat McKee moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for donations made to the District, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 7-0.

IX. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Elementary Task Force Update

Mark Roffers of MDRoffers Consulting gave a very brief update on the Elementary Facility Plan Citizen Task Force.

2. Referendum Construction Bid Update

Josh Viegut gave a brief update on the recent bid fore the construction project at Montessori and Horace Mann.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. WSD Code of Conduct

High School AD's, Jason Foster and Darci Mick Beversdorf presented the Board with the Athletics and Activities Code of Conduct that was reviewed by legal counsel. This revised version of the document will be brought to a Code of Conduct Committee as they look at bringing it up to date. It will be brought back before the Board this spring for approval.

B. Seclusion and Restraint Presentation

Wendy Cartledge provided an overview presentation of the 23-24 Seclusion and Restraint report and a brief look at the data over time.

C. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

There was none.

XI. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

There was none.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that while at CESA 9, he saw a presentation on a Federal grant that identifies mental health gaps at schools and creates action plans for them.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman shared that October 6-12 was School Board Appreciation Week. He thanked Board members for everything they do.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison report for the month of October, is as follows: Lance Trollop attended three John Muir soccer games, visited John Muir and G.D. Jones with Mr. Bushman, and attended a WASB seminar; and Sarah Brock visited South Mountain, Rib Mountain, and Wausau East with Mr. Bushman, attended a WASB workshop, a Wausau School Foundation meeting, and a MCEEEDC meeting.

XII. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

Pat McKee moved to enter into closed session, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 6-0 via a roll call vote at 5:58 pm.

Pat McKee – Yes

Jennifer Paoli – Yes

Joanna Reyes – Yes

Jane Rusch – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop - Yes

A. Discuss Recent Invoice S. 19.85(1)(e)

B. Transportation Partner S. 19.85 (1)(e) (**Action Requested**)

C. Evaluation and Goals of Interim Superintendent of Schools s. 19.85 (1)(c)

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

Cory Sillars moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 7:28 pm.

XIII. ADJOURN

Jane Rusch moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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