

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, May 11, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop; Yauo Yang.

Absent: Nick Crochiere.

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: Maine Elementary

Maine Elementary Principal Laura Pedretti, along with four Maine students, provided a brief presentation on the exciting activities that happen in their school.

VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

Dana Parlier made brief comments.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

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

Paige Blaschka (Special Education Teacher/Marshall) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Alyssa Fecker (School Counselor/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Kayley Devenney (Special Education Teacher/District) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Amy Van Alstine (School Psychologist/Marshall) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Luke Tappan (Technology Education Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Michelle Zoromski (Business Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Madelyn Wathke (Math Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Will Reiche (School Counselor/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Cassandra Cerny (School Counselor/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Sawyer Stevens (Math Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Carli Newberry-Cricks (Speech & Language Pathologist) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Lydia Gantert (Art Teacher/Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Melissa Goessl-Heiser (Special

Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Hannah Glaza (Special Education Teacher/Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; and Miay See Cha (School Counselor/Jefferson) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26.

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Samantha Slowiak (Art Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Jenna Morrow (School Counselor/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; and Caryn Casserilla (School Psychologist/East, EEA, and WAVE) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; and Melissa Goessl-Heiser (Spanish Teacher/Muir) 0.6 FTE, effective 6/8/26.

C. Leaves of Absence

Samantha Singleton (ML Teacher/Mann) 1.0 FTE, effective 26-27 School Year; and Casey Hildebrandt (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 26-27 School Year.

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: April 13, 2026, Special Minutes; April 13, 2026, Regular Minutes; April 27, 2026, Special Minutes; April 27, 2026, Special Minutes II; and April 30, 2026, Special Minutes.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

Boxes of hygiene supplies from Miron Construction to the District; Boxes of hygiene and food from Horace Mann Neighbors to Horace Mann; \$92 from American Online Giving Foundation to Wausau Area Montessori Charter School; Boxes of food and hygiene items from Forest Park Neighborhood to Wausau East; and \$1,450 from Charles Burger, \$150 from Josh Duwe, and \$2,500 from M3 Insurance to Wausau West.

Charles Burger 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. Committee of the Whole Meeting

B. Legal Expense Summary for 3rd Quarter

At the April Committee of the Whole, Elizabeth Channel, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented a summary report of all legal counsel expenses incurred during the third quarter of 2025-2026.

C. 2026-27 Budget Reconciliation Plan (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve the 2026-27 budget reconciliation plan as presented, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Lance Trollop abstaining.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026-27 Teacher Contract Approvals (Action Requested)

Charles Burger moved to approve the list of teacher contracts for 2026-27 as presented, seconded by Yauo Yang. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Lance Trollop abstaining.

B. Various Group Wage/Salary Increase (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve the 2.63% wage adjustment for the district's non-teacher employee groups, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 8-0.

C. Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Charter School Contract Renewal (Action Requested)

Lance Trollop moved to approve the renewal for the 5-year charter contract for Wausau Area Montessori Charter School so that this school can continue to serve in the Wausau School District and surrounding areas, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried 8-0.

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Yauo Yang shared that he attended the WASB's New Board Member meeting in Marathon.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that CESA 9 met last week and that Representative Snyder was there. He also stated that he was hopeful for the special education funding and would learn more soon.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman shared that the District has been a flurry of activity as the end of the year wraps up. He attended the East Scholarship night, and the 25 Year Club & Retirement banquet recently. Later this week, Wausau East would be holding their annual Café, Wausau West would have their scholarship night, and all of the graduations were right around the corner.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for the month of May is as follows: Jim Bouche attended the Wausau East scholarship night; and Lance Trollop attended the 25 Year Club & Retirement Banquet and West Pop Concert.

XI. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

Jon Creisher moved to enter into closed session, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried via a roll call vote 8-0 at 5:22 pm.

A. Final Notice of Non-renewal ss. 19.85(1)(c)

B. Contract Evaluation S. 19.85 (1)(e)(g)

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

Charles Burger moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 8-0 at 5:43 pm.

XII. ADJOURN

Charles Burger moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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