

Minutes of the ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

A Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, September 23, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: Sarah Brock; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Joanna Reyes; Jane Rusch; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop.

Absent: James Bouché;

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Trollop presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Election of Chairperson

Cory Sillars moved to appoint Lance Trollop as the chairperson for the annual meeting, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried.

Jane Rusch moved to close nominations, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried.

The main motion carried 8-0 (voice).

III. Designate Secretary for Minutes

Lance Trollop appointed Cassie Peck to take official minutes.

IV. Designate Vote Counters

Lance Trollop appointed Cassie Peck and Josh Viegut as vote counters.

V. Enter the Thirty First Annual Meeting Minutes into the Record

Lance Trollop entered the Thirty First Annual Meeting Minutes into the record.

VI. State of the District Presentation

Cale Bushman gave a brief state of the District presentation.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Jon Creisher presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported the following general checking account figures which include Funds 10, 21, 27, 29, 50, and 80 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as of June 30, 2023:

Beginning Cash Balance	
And Investments - July 1, 2023	\$ 34,357,231.59
Receipts	\$146,173,685.58
Disbursements	\$146,440,297.56
Ending Cash Balance	
And Investments - June 30, 2024	\$ 34,090,619.61

VIII. Other Post Employment Benefits Report

Noel Tordsen presented the following Other Post Employment Benefits Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

Cash Balance in OPEB Trust Account - June 30, 2024	\$ 4,830,441.04
Investment Returns July1, 2022 to June 30, 2024	\$ 361,130.29
Dividends	184,078.34
Unrealized Gains/Losses	328,258.03
Long Term Realized Loss	(135,798.99)
Fees	(15,407.09)
Total Claim Disbursements July1, 2023 to June 30, 2024	\$ 1,591 ,833.48

IX. Budget Hearing

A. Review Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

Josh Viegut
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Josh Viegut reported on the school funding formula; changes in revenue limit and school funding; spending and engagement; revenues, expenditures, grant funding; debt mill rate; proposed tax levy; and school tax mill rate.

Mr. Viegut also detailed the Community Service Fund. He shared that funds were established to pay for activities that are accessible to the community at large. The fund pays for costs associated with the out of school enrichment programs, the planetarium, School Resource Officers, and seasonal labor to maintain outdoor facilities accessible to the community.

Total Community Service Tax Levy	\$792,200
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Mr. Viegut also shared the following slides related to Phase 2 & Phase 3 of the Energy Efficiency Exemption:

Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Exemption

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (a) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$11,512,434
Total Project Payback Period			8.8
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Planned Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2024	\$1,040,675
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2024	\$984,494
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2024	\$56,181
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$58,428
Savings Reported for 2024			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Controls Improvements - East High School	\$ 55,055	\$ 7,075	\$ 141,956
Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 731,567	\$ 7,344	\$ 26,949
HVAC and Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 5,415,376	\$ 20,852	\$ 423,022
Controls Improvements - Horace Mann MS	\$ 538,577	\$ 3,848	\$ 59,145
HVAC and Controls Improvements - John Muir MS	\$ 164,565	\$ 4,415	\$ 36,201
Controls Improvements - Maintenance Building	\$ 73,306	\$ 392	\$ 17,175
HVAC and Controls Improvements - West High School	\$ 1,254,323	\$ 9,645	\$ 125,456
Electrical Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 3,279,666	\$ 4,857	\$ 546,546
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$ 11,512,434	\$ 58,428	\$ 1,376,448

Retire w/ 2024 Levy



Phase 3 Energy Efficiency Exemption

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (a) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$44,677,838
Total Project Payback Period			12.0
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Planned Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2024	\$1,146,935
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2024	\$1,117,975
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2024	\$28,960
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$30,118
Savings Reported for 2024			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Building Envelope Improvements	\$ 1,526,742	\$ 3,303	\$ 88,048
Heating System Upgrades	\$ 801,304	\$ 10,538	\$ 36,174
Technology and Controls Upgrades	\$ 3,785,895	\$ 8,898	\$ 490,409
Ventilation and IAQ Improvements	\$ 5,563,898	\$ 7,379	\$ 302,665
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$ 11,677,838	\$ 30,118	\$ 917,297

Retire w/ 2026 Levy

B. Old Business

There was none.

C. New Business

1. Vote - Tax Levy for General Fund and Community Service Fund

Jane Rusch moved that the amount of \$20,597,589 be adopted as the tax levy for the General Fund and \$792,200 for the Community Service Fund for the 2024-2025 school fiscal year, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried.

2. Vote - Tax Levy for Debt Service Fund

Jane Rusch moved that the amount of \$24,373,765 be adopted as the tax levy for the Debt Service Fund for the 2024-2025 school fiscal year, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried.

3. Vote - Furnish School Lunches

Sarah Brock moved to furnish school lunches to the students of the School District and appropriate funds for that purpose. The school lunch program is self-funded through sales of tickets and federal & state subsidies and is accounted for in Fund 50, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried.

4. Vote - Authorize Reimbursement of Expenses for School Board Members

Jon Euting moved to authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a school board member when traveling in the performance of duties, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried.

5. Vote - Salaries of School Board Members

Jon Euting moved that School Board annual salaries be established at \$3,100, for the 2023-2024 school fiscal year, seconded by Julie Schell. The motion carried.

6. Vote - Authorize Resolution Regarding Continuing Authorization to Lease Suitable Buildings and/or Land for School Sites

Joanna Reyes moved that pursuant to Section 120.10(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Board of Education be granted authority through the time of the next annual meeting to lease suitable buildings and/or land for school sites, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried.

7. Vote - Authorize Resolution Regarding Continuing Authorizations to Convey Partial Interests in Real Estate

Jane Rusch moved that pursuant to Section 120.10(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Board of Education be granted authority through the time of the next annual meeting to convey small parcels and/or easements in school lands to governmental authorities or public utilities under circumstances in which property belonging to the School District is not needed for school purposes, and in which the value of consideration to be received in exchange for an easement does not exceed \$20,000, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried.

8. Vote - Establish 2025 Annual Meeting

Jane Rusch moved pursuant to statute (s. 120.08(1)(a)), authorize the Board of Education to establish a date and time of the 2025 Annual Meeting, seconded by Sarah Paoli. The motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Joanna Reyes moved to adjourn, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Paoli,
Board Clerk

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