

Shared Key Interests

1. Advance student learning, achievement, and success by keeping it at the heart and as the filter for our decision making.

2. Utilize research-based curricula that reflects 21st Century themes and applications and are responsive to the needs and potential of all students, preparing them for a global society.

3. Provide real-life, diverse learning opportunities with practical applications in the classroom and beyond.

4. Inform and engage the community in shaping educational strategy and formulating responses to change.

5. Attract, retain, and develop a high quality, diverse, creative, and innovative workforce of leaders.

6. Provide safe, secure, flexible, inviting, and well-maintained environments that nurture student well-being and enhance teaching and learning.

7. Identify, integrate, and expand technology to foster adaptability and maximize learning for all.

8. Foster mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations that expand learning opportunities and resources.

Wausau School District

Board of Education Meeting Agenda

In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

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Patrick McKee, President
Karen Vandenberg, Clerk

A **Education/Operations Committee Meeting** of the BOARD OF EDUCATION will be held in the **Horace Mann Middle School Large Group Room, 3101 North 13th Street, Wausau, WI 54403 at 5:00 PM or immediately following the previous meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021.**

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- Thursdays at 8 AM

- Sundays at 8 PM

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XII. Adjourn	

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Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, April 26, 2021, beginning at 5:15 PM in the Wausau East High School Auditorium, 2607 N. 18th Street, Wausau, WI 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Jon Creisher; Lo Ka ; Pat McKee; Cody Nikolai; Jane Rusch; Lance Trollop; Karen Vandenberg; and Lee Webster via conference phone.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

II. Approve the Minutes

Lance Trollop moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2021, seconded by Jim Bouché. The motion carried 9-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

Cory Sillars made brief comments.

IV. Legal Expense Summary for 3rd Quarter

Chief Finance and Business Services Officer, Bob Tess presented a summary report representing all legal expenses incurred by the District during the third quarter of 2020-21.

It was the consensus of the Board to allow the 2021 Summer School Presentation to move further up on the agenda.

V. 2021-22 Budget Reconciliation Plan (Action Requested)

Lance Trollop moved to recommend to the full Board, the 2021-22 budget reconciliation plan as presented, seconded by Jim Bouché. The motion carried 8-1.

VI. Charter School Contract Renewals EEA and Montessori (Action Requested)

Jane Rusch moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the charter contracts as presented, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 9-0.

VII. Girls Lacrosse Cooperative Club Agreement (Action Requested)

Jim Bouché moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the girls lacrosse cooperative club agreement as presented, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 9-0.

VIII. Project Relaunch (Action Requested)

Jon Creisher moved to reduce the social distance requirement from 6' to 3' at the elementary level, seconded by Cody Nikolai. The motion carried 9-0.

IX. 2021 Summer Learning Program Report

This item went fifth on the agenda. Rob Phelps and Deb Heilmann shared a brief presentation on the summer learning program for 2021.

X. School Forest Capital Improvement Update

Mr. Tess reviewed the funding sources that were dedicated to the School Forest and the capital improvements that have been made so far on the property. He also shared the next steps for the current Red Lodge and the proposed Environmental Learning Center.

XI. School Board Workshop Facilitator

It was the consensus of the Board to allow Dr. Hilts to arrange an interview with a potential workshop facilitator for the school board.

XII. Adjourn

Jim Bouché moved to adjourn, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Vandenberg,
Board Clerk

KV:cp

Initial 2021-22 District Budget

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Education/Operations Committee of the Whole
May 17, 2021



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Highlights of the Initial 2021-22 District Budget

- [Budget Calendar](#): The budget process started in November, 2020 and will develop over the next few months until ultimately approved in late October, 2021
- [Basis of the Initial Budget](#): This version of the 2021-22 budget is built from the publicly presented [assumptions](#) as well as the initial approved budget reconciliation plan along with a few changes highlighted in subsequent slides.
- [The Budget Will Continue to Change](#): The State biennial budget has yet to be decided as well as some other significant factors that influence our local budget. Some of these factors will not be known until mid October.
- [Continuation of Defeasance Strategy](#): The continuation of a previously successful strategy to pre-pay future referendum debt is included in this version of the budget and will need to be finalized in the coming months. This strategy saves taxpayers millions of dollars in interest payments while stabilizing the tax levy and mill rate.
- [The Initial 2021-22 Budget by Fund](#): The initial District expense and revenue budgets for each fund are shown on a subsequent slide and are recommended for approval.
- **Recommended Motion: Motion: to recommend to the full Board, approval of the preliminary budgets as presented in order to proceed with 2021-22 expenditures committed to before final budgets are approved.**



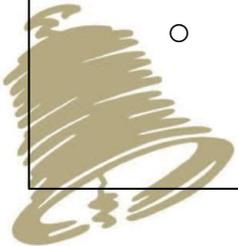
2021-2022 Budget Calendar

- **May 17, Committee of the Whole**
 - Committee approval of the initial 2021-2022 budget
- June 9, Board of Education
 - BOE approval of the initial 2021-2022 budget
- August 23, Committee of the Whole
 - Share equalized value
 - Set Annual Meeting date
 - Recommendation for 2021-2022 budget and tax levy
- September 13, Board of Education
 - Approve the 2021-2022 budget and tax levy for publication and presentation at Annual Meeting
- September 27, Board of Education and Committee of the Whole
 - Regularly scheduled Ed/Ops Committee meeting
 - Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing
- October 11, Board of Education
 - Full Board approvals from September Committee of the Whole
- October 25, Board of Education (Special Meeting)
 - Adopt final budget
 - Adopt District tax levy



Basis of the Initial Budget

- Budget assumptions presented in November, 2020 have been used to build the 2021-22 initial budget
 - With more complete data on teacher salary schedule advancement, the percent increase for all employee groups is adjusted from 2.10% in the last reconciliation plan, up to 2.15%. This does not change the teacher compensation plan that was originally approved 1 ½ years ago or what any teacher was expecting from this plan. As a benchmark, the current consumer price index (CPI) for bargaining purposes is 1.23%.
 - Both health and dental insurance premiums for all group plans were assumed to remain flat for 2021-22 and this remains to be the case in the initial budget.
 - Most non-personnel expenses were assumed to remain flat for the 2021-22 initial budget.
 - District revenue, generally speaking, is assumed to remain flat under the 2021-22 initial budget.
- The budget reconciliation plan presented in April, 2021 has been used to build the 2021-22 initial budget
 - A decrease in the expected Special Ed transfer amount from the General Fund by an increased use of Federal flow through funds, will allow moving some personnel costs from being ESSER funded into the regular budget. This decreases the dependence on ESSER funds in the long term and frees up an additional \$1 million in ESSER funds.
 - The adjustment to the reconciliation plan leaves us with a deficit budget near that presented at the April Ed/Ops Committee meeting. A deficit of approximately \$150,000.



Basis of the Initial Budget (reconciliation plan and changes in bold)

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	May 11, 2021	Target ----->	-1,677,377			
Type	Abbreviated Description	Request/R eduction Amount	Running Net Total of Requests/Re ductions	Running Comentary	Changes from 4-26-21	
Expense reduction	Reduce 10% of Gas, Elect, and Water	-200,000	-200,000	Must reduce additional	1,477,377	
Expense reduction	Reduced contracted services that are not being used	-82,000	-282,000	Must reduce additional	1,395,377	
Assumption modification	Change all employee salary/wage increase assumption from 2.10% to 2.15% (CPI Is 1.23%)	-224,438	-506,438	Must reduce additional	1,170,940	changed from 2.10% to 2.15%
Expense reduction	Reduce 5 FTE at Elem Level	-432,805	-939,243	Must reduce additional	738,135	
Expense reduction	Reduce 0 FTE support staff at Elem Level	0	-939,243	Must reduce additional	738,135	8
Expense reduction	Reduce 8 FTE at M.S. Level; repurposed to Accelerated Learning Recovery	-692,488	-1,631,731	Must reduce additional	45,647	
Assumption modification	Change in Spec Ed transfer amount	-291,000	-1,922,731	May add additional	245,354	This budget releif was recently revealed
Additional expense	HS Accelerated Learning Recovery Programing Creation (4.2 FTE)	363,556	-1,559,174	Must reduce additional	118,203	This expense was moved out of ESSER
Additional expense	"Club Connections" Partnership (academic and SEL support) - Middle Schools	21,986	-1,537,189	Must reduce additional	140,188	
Additional expense	School Counselor Dept Chair - Elementary	4,380	-1,532,809	Must reduce additional	144,568	
Additional expense	Create a Softball Program at John Muir	5,000	-1,527,809	Must reduce additional	149,568	
Additional expense	Assistant girls swim coach at East for the JV team	3,566	-1,524,243	Must reduce additional	153,134	



Basis of the Initial Budget (reconciliation plan)

		May 11, 2021	Target ----->	-1,677,377		
Type	Abbreviated Description	Request/ Reduction Amount	Running Net Total of Requests/ Reductions	Running Comentary	Changes from 4-26-21	
Additional expense	▼ Pupil Services Staffing in All Elem Schools	1,900,000	-3,624,243	May add additional	1,946,866	
Additional expense	▼ Short Term Tech Assets	750,000	-2,874,243	May add additional	1,196,866	
Additional expense	▼ Short Terms B&G Assets	750,000	-2,124,243	May add additional	446,866	
Additional expense	▼ Alt High Add'l Expenses	100,000	-2,024,243	May add additional	346,866	
Additional expense	▼ Referendum Funded Equipment Replacement	300,000	-1,724,243	May add additional	46,866	
Additional expense	▼ Raptor Visitor Management System (Annual Fee)	12,000	-1,712,243	May add additional	34,866	
Additional expense	▼ Support for underfunded budgets, preserve for matching grants, other	188,000	-1,524,243	Must reduce additional	153,134	



Basis of the Initial Budget (reconciliation plan and changes in bold)

		May 11, 2021	Target ----->	-1,677,377		
Type	Abbreviated Description	Request/R eduction Amount	Running Net Total of Requests/Re ductions	Running Comentary	Changes from 4-26-21	
Revenue generation	ESSER II,III Grant Funding	-4,905,726	-6,429,969	May add additional	4,752,592	Current amount of ESSER funds accessed for 21-22
Additional expense	WAVE expansion and integration (2.8 FTE)	242,371	-6,187,598	May add additional	4,510,221	
Additional expense	MS Accelerated Learning Recovery Programming Creation (Houses) (8.0 FTE)	692,488	-5,495,110	May add additional	3,817,733	
Additional expense	GEDO2 Graduation Pathway (GEDO2) (1.0 FTE)	86,561	-5,408,549	May add additional	3,731,172	
Additional expense	Additional HS Level Staffing Need to meet registration requests (4.8 FTE)	415,493	-4,993,056	May add additional	3,315,679	10
Additional expense	Spec Ed Staffing (2.5 FTE)	216,403	-4,776,654	May add additional	3,099,277	
Additional expense	ESSER II,III Qualifying Expenses (not listed above anywhere)	3,252,411	-1,524,243	Must reduce additional	153,134	Current amount of ESSER funds accessed for 21-22



The Budget Will Continue to Change

- Every other year the State biennial budget is unknown until July. This year there seems to be more disagreement between the Governor and the Legislature, so that timeline could get extended.
- Annual pupil counts are conducted in September each year and determine many things including State aid and revenue limit. District fluctuations in revenue are somewhat protected from a decline in enrollment for the current year, this makes projecting enrollment less important for revenue purposes. Open enrollment revenue for incoming students and expenses for outgoing students is more sensitive, but will remain unknown until fall.
- Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (private vouchers) costs will not be known until October. Although changes in this expense do not displace other expenses in the District budget, they¹ do change the amount of the General Fund tax levy; as vouchers are used more, the local tax support needs to increase to fund them.
- Tax levy and mill rates are not projected in this version of the budget as they would not include accurate aid amounts, District-wide property valuations, or any final defeasance amounts. Continuation of a strategy used in the past four years is to allow the mill rate to go down from the current rate.



Continuation of Defeasance Strategy

- The pre-payment of future callable debt issues is done through a process called defeasance.
- This strategy has been used over the past four budget cycles and is recommended once again.
- During this four-year period approximately \$30.8 million of future callable debt has been retired.
- Also during this time period, taxpayers have saved over \$3.4 million of interest payments.
- This strategy can also be used as a final variable, once other factors determining the mill rate are established, to achieve a desired target mill rate or tax levy.
- While applying this strategy the District mill rate has reacted as follows:
 - 2016-17 \$11.14 per \$1000 of equalized value
 - 2017-18 \$11.12 “
 - 2018-19 \$11.00 “
 - 2019-20 \$10.79 “
 - 2020-21 \$10.29 “
- This reduction in mill rate is made possible by property value increases outpacing overall tax levy increases. Since 2016-17 the levy has increased annually by 3.24%, while property values have increased annually by 5.31%. This has allowed the mill rate to decrease annually by 1.96% over this same period, which is seen above.



The Initial 2021-22 Budget by Fund

- Fund 10: \$116,334,043 (Expense including Transfers to Fund 27 and Fund 38) \$116,180,909 (Revenues)
- Fund 27: \$17,150,507 (Expense) \$17,150,507 (Revenue of \$7,091,745 plus a \$10,058,762 transfer from Fund 10)
- Fund 38: \$2,208,435 (Expense) \$2,184,857 (Revenue of 2,109,168 plus \$75,689 transfer from Fund 10)
- Fund 39: \$10,055,106 (Expense) \$10,055,106 (Revenue)
- Fund 50: \$4,227,827 (Expense) \$3,785,000 (Revenue)
- Fund 80: \$662,200 (Expense) \$662,200 (Revenue)

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	General Fund	Special Education	Non-Ref Debt	Ref-App Debt	Food Service	Community	
	Fund 10	Fund 27	Fund 38	Fund 39	Fund 50	Fund 80	
2021-22 Surplus/(Deficit) From The Original Projection	\$ (1,677,377.00)	\$ -	\$ (23,578.00)	\$ -	\$ (442,327.00)	\$ -	
Expenditure Budget	\$ 108,952,559.00	\$ 17,150,507.00	\$ 2,208,435.00	\$ 12,420,106.00	\$ 4,227,827.00	\$ 662,200.00	
Transfer From Fund 10 to (Fund 27 and Fund 38)	\$ 10,425,451.00	\$ 10,349,762.00	\$ 75,689.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Revenue Budget	\$ 107,275,182.00	\$ 6,800,745.00	\$ 2,109,168.00	\$ 12,420,106.00	\$ 3,785,500.00	\$ 662,200.00	
Revised 2021-22 Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (153,134.00)	\$ -	\$ (23,578.00)	\$ -	\$ (442,327.00)	\$ -	
Expenditure Budget	\$ 116,334,043.00	\$ 17,150,507.00	\$ 2,208,435.00	\$ 10,055,106.00	\$ 4,227,827.00	\$ 662,200.00	
Transfer From Fund 10 to (Fund 27 and Fund 38)	\$ 10,134,451.00	\$ 10,058,762.00	\$ 75,689.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Revenue Budget	\$ 116,180,909.00	\$ 7,091,745.00	\$ 2,109,168.00	\$ 10,055,106.00	\$ 3,785,500.00	\$ 662,200.00	

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**Wausau School District
Buildings and Grounds
10-Year Capital Improvement Plan
May 1, 2021**

The Wausau School District has developed a 10-year capital improvement plan as required to enable the District to establish a Long Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46). Fund 46 is established to enable the District to appropriately budget and distribute funds within projects that span multiple fiscal years as well as to retain unspent funds to be used for projects that are too large to afford in a single fiscal year through the normal capital maintenance budget. The projects listed in the plan are outlined below.

Roofs:

The District will replace or repair roofs on an as-needed basis throughout the district. Roof projects shall include insulation, flashings and all associated plumbing as needed to assemble a complete roof system.

Pavement:

The District will replace or repair pavement as needed on all district owned properties. Pavement projects will include bituminous pavement, concrete as well as aggregate. Pavement replacements will include all necessary subgrade work and materials as well as any required drainage as needed to insure the pavement will remain stable.

Grounds:

The District will replace, repair or augment existing grounds to include turf areas, plantings and athletic fields as required to insure the safety and athletic needs of the district are met. Work will include, but not be limited to excavation, grading, drainage and establishment of turf.

Building envelope:

The District will repair, replace or remodel building envelopes to insure the buildings remain watertight and viable for the life of the building. Items include but are not limited to tuck-pointing, brick replacement, re-siding, replacing windows and doors.

Building interior finishes:

The District will repair or replace interior finishes of all buildings to maintain a safe, attractive and sustainable environment for our students, staff and community. Items included, but not limited to replacement of paint, floor tile, ceilings, carpet, wall coverings and architectural details.

Building mechanical systems:

The District will repair, replace, augment or add building mechanical systems as needed to maintain an environment conducive to learning, safe for building inhabitants and economical to operate. Items include, but are not limited to boilers, furnaces, air handling equipment, fans, ductwork, plumbing, electrical and air conditioning.

Building safety and security:

The District will repair, replace, augment or add components to the buildings and grounds that maintain, improve or replace items needed for building safety and security. Items include but are not limited to cameras, locks, software and hardware.

Outbuildings and storage:

The District repair, replace or add out buildings and/or storage facilities as needed to meet the storage needs of the District including those required for academic equipment, athletic equipment and other tools or equipment required for proper maintenance of the District.

Transfer of Funds from General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund

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Use of a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46)

- The District's Fund 46 was established in June of 2016
- Fund 46 spending is limited to capital improvements included in a Board-approved 10-year capital improvement plan
- Access to Fund 46 begins five years after the fund is established
- Any amount transferred from the General Fund (Fund 10) to Fund 46 is considered "spent" by the State's aid formula
- Funds can only be transferred to Fund 46, from Fund 10
- Transferring from Fund 10 to Fund 46 is a tool used to maximize State aid as well as maintain consistency in shared costs that contribute to consistency in State aid and ultimately in tax levy
- Application of Fund 46 also establishes a segregated trust fund dedicated exclusively to long-term capital improvements, this allow funding to span fiscal years to mitigate disruption in State aid amounts
- The current budget presents an opportunity to execute a significant transfer from Fund 10 to Fund 46 without creating a need to short-term borrow
 - Availability of ESSER funds after the 2020-21 budget was finalized displaced expenses from our regular budgets
 - Special Ed transfer amount is expected to be lower than budgeted
 - Transportation spending is lower this year for a variety of reasons
 - Utility spending is lower than expected this year



Use of a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46)

- **Recommended Action: to approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund to the Long-term Capital Improvement Trust Fund during the 2020-21 fiscal year.**



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School Forest Storage Replacement

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Existing storage buildings / proposed replacement

- **Carpenter shed**: The 560 sq ft repurposed garage is currently used for completing small scale woodworking projects as well as craft projects with students.
- **Kayak shed**: The 560 sq ft building currently stores kayaks and other equipment for students to explore adjacent water features.
- **Deer shed**: the 1200 sq ft garage is used for storage of trail grooming equipment, educational materials, and deer carcasses when weather permits.
- **Wood shed**: the 1200 sq ft building is a hand framed structure that is used to store firewood and landscape materials.
- **The 5000 sq ft Proposed replacement building** will supplant all four aforementioned buildings with an enhanced carpenter shop, climate controlled storage and additional room for newly acquired saw mill (Tech Ed) and future program enhancements.

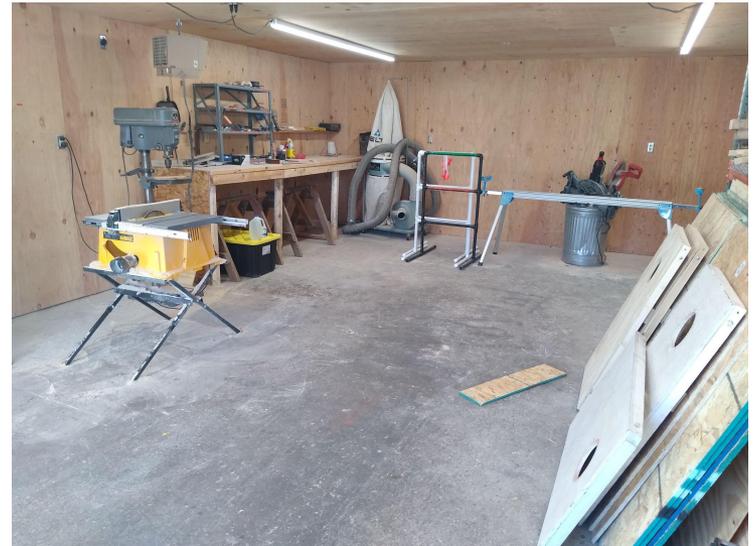
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- **Recommended Motion: to recommend to the full Board, approval to demolish the existing storage buildings and construct a single replacement building, funded jointly by the annual capital budget and the long-term capital improvement fund (Fund 46).**

Carpenter Shed

- Repurposed garage with very low ceilings
- Lack of size limits student involvement
- Uneven floor is difficult to clean, hard to level equipment
- Low ceiling and lack of ventilation creates poor air quality when in use.
- Plywood siding requires annual maintenance and is subject to intrusion by rodents and birds
- Current electrical distribution is inadequate and not code compliant

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Kayak Shed

- Wood framed garage originally built on wood piers
- The original piers have rotted away, building is now sitting on a concrete slab that was poured inside the piers
- Existing overhead doors are in poor condition and irregular sizes requiring remodeling to replace
- The building lacks electricity for lights or outlets
- The building lacks heat so rubber components of water equipment degrades during cold weather

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Deer Shed

- Wood framed garage
- Existing roof in need of replacement.
- Plywood siding requires annual maintenance
- Electricity is not code compliant
- Very old overhead door requires replacement with remodeling to accommodate a modern size, commercially available door.
- Storage is limited due to rodent and bird intrusion

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Wood Shed

- Hand framed building lacking a floor or foundation
- Repurposed siding on walls in poor condition, (3) of (4) side have no exterior walls
- Building is subject to snow and wind loads that could destroy it easily
- Lacking an impervious floor, storage of materials is subject to contamination
- Building is subject to frequent animal infestations
- Building is not tall enough to allow for the use of equipment to move materials.

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Proposed Building

- 50' x 100' insulated, maintenance free metal building
- Concrete floor throughout with floor drains
- Ability to minimally heat the building to store equipment and supplies in a manner that will not degrade them during the winter months
- Bird and rodent resistant construction
- Building height will allow equipment to be used
- Carpenter shop to allow safe operation of equipment and expanded student involvement.
- Code compliant electrical systems throughout.
- Designed to match adjacent buildings and compliment future Environmental Learning Center
- Current supply chain conditions allow contractors to guarantee pricing for 10 days, hence expedited approval process
- Estimated cost of building \$218,000, excavation \$25,000, MEP \$10,000

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RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE	
Approving COVID-19 Related Mask Requirement City Wide	
Committee Action:	Approved 3-2
Fiscal Impact:	None
File Number:	20-0317
Date Introduced:	March 23, 2021

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY			
COSTS	<i>Budget Neutral</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Included in Budget:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Budget Source:</i>
	<i>One-time Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Recurring Costs:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amount:</i>
SOURCE	<i>Fee Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Grant Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amount:</i>
	<i>Debt Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amount</i> <i>Annual Retirement</i>
	<i>TID Financed:</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amount:</i>
	<i>TID Source: Increment Revenue</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Debt</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Funds on Hand</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Interfund Loan</i> <input type="checkbox"/>		

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues throughout the United States, including throughout the State of Wisconsin and the City of Wausau; and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation under Wis. Stat. §62.11(5) to act “for the health, safety, and welfare of the public” to protect residents and employees; and

WHEREAS, evidence suggests that COVID-19 spreads mainly from person to person through respiratory droplets when a person infected with the disease, symptomatic or not, coughs, sneezes, or talks; and further, that wearing a cloth face covering reduces the risk of a person with a COVID-19 infection from spreading the infection to others and can also protect people without an infection from exposure to droplets that may contain the virus; and

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2021, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has further confirmed present in Wisconsin a more contagious strain of COVID-19 which is more infectious, and more easily transmissible; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services advise that wearing a cloth face covering reduces the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evers issued Executive Order #82, requiring the wearing of face coverings effective 12:01 AM on August 1, 2020 and expiring at midnight on September 28, 2020 and corresponding Emergency Order #1, requiring face coverings for people over the age of 5 whenever one is indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and other people are present in the same room or space; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed Resolution File No. 20-0712 on September 22, 2020, approving COVID-19 related mask requirements in eleven (11) City owned facilities through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020, Governor Evers, through Executive Order #90, declared a Public Health Emergency, in effect for 60 days until November 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed Resolution File No. 20-0317 on November 10, 2020, approving mask wearing requirements city-wide through January 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2020, Governor Evers, through Executive Order #95, declared a new Public Health Emergency, in effect for 60 days until January 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2021, Governor Evers, through Executive Order #104, declared a new Public Health Emergency, in effect for 60 days until March 20, 2021 and corresponding Emergency Order #1, requiring face coverings for people over the age of 5 whenever one is indoors or in an enclosed space, other than a private residence, and other people are present in the same room or space; and

WHEREAS, the Council passed Resolution File No. 20-0317 on January 26, 2021, approving mask wearing requirements city-wide through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Marathon County COVID-19 Order #1 provides that pursuant to Wis. Stat. §252.03(1)(2), the Health Officer recommends the use of a mask or cloth face covering when physical distancing of six (6) feet between people not residing in a single living unit or household is impractical.

WHEREAS, Marathon County is advising as of March 15 2021, that fully vaccinated (two or more weeks past single-dose vaccine or second of two-dose series) persons can visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors or unvaccinated people from a single household who are all at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease, indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing; when visiting unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease in public spaces, it is recommended that public health best practices be followed: wear a mask, physically distance, and avoid crowds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor Katie Rosenberg and the Common Council of the City of Wausau, that every individual age five (5) and older who is present in the City of Wausau shall wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth of that individual in indoor areas accessible to the public and while driving or riding public transportation or a qualifying vehicle, unless exempted below.

Exemptions.

- (1) Persons who have chronic upper respiratory conditions or are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove their own face covering without assistance;

- (2) Persons with medical conditions, intellectual or developmental disabilities, mental health conditions, or sensory sensitivities that prevent or impair the person's ability to wear a face covering;
- (3) Persons who fall within the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for those who should not wear face coverings due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering;
- (4) Persons who are communicating with an individual who is deaf or hard of hearing and communication cannot be achieved through other means;
- (5) Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by government safety guidelines;
- (6) Persons in a setting where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering when obtaining or rendering goods or services to the extent necessary to obtain or render such goods and services including but not limited to the receipt of dental services or medical treatments or while consuming food or beverages;
- (7) Persons actually engaged in exercising in a gym or other similar indoor facility, so long as physical separation of not less than six (6) feet is maintained and the individual wears a face covering at all times when not actually engaged in exercising;
- (8) Whenever federal, state or local law otherwise prohibits wearing a face covering or where it is necessary to evaluate or verify an individual's identity;
- (9) Persons whose religious beliefs prevent them from wearing a face covering;
- (10) Persons who are fully vaccinated visiting other fully vaccinated people indoors, or visiting indoors with unvaccinated people from a single household who are all at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease.

Definitions.

- (1) "Face covering" means a manufactured or homemade cloth covering that fully covers an individual's nose and mouth and that is secured with ear straps or otherwise tied so as to prevent slipping, and/or a face shield which covers the mouth and nose, covers the side of the face, and is secured on the head.
- (2) "Indoor area accessible to the public" means any interior area of any structure or premises licensed by the City of Wausau or used in whole or in part as a place of resort, assemblage, lodging, trade, traffic, occupancy, or other use by the public, to which the public customarily has access, but does not include any private residence.

(3) “Fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 means it has been two or more weeks since receiving the second dose in a two-dose series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

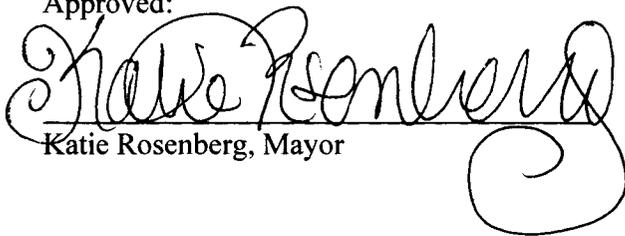
(4) “Qualifying vehicle” a paratransit vehicle, a taxi, a private car service vehicle, a ride-sharing vehicle, or any other for-hire vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all businesses, organizations, and non-profit entities within the City of Wausau are encouraged to post notice requiring employees, customers, visitors, members, or members of the public to wear a face covering whenever those persons are in a building open to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect March 31, 2021 and shall remain in effect until May 31, 2021, unless terminated earlier by the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any ordinance, resolution or City policy in conflict with the above Resolution shall be superseded by this Resolution. This Resolution shall further supersede the Governor’s Emergency Order #1, to the extent that it is more restrictive than that Order.

Approved:



Katie Rosenberg, Mayor