

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

Public Notice s.19.84 (3)
Exemptions s.19.85

Patrick McKee, President
Karen Vandenberg, Clerk

A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the BOARD OF EDUCATION will be held in the **John Muir Middle School Auditorium, 1400 West Stewart Ave., Wausau , WI 54401** at **5:00 PM or immediately following the previous meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021.**

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VI. Adjourn	

NOTICE POSTED: Friday, September 24, 2021, at 2:15 pm.

By: _____

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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, August 23, 2021, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

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

Absent: Pat McKee.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

II. Approve the Minutes

Karen Vandenberg moved to approve the minutes of June 28, 2021, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 8-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

The following individuals made public comments: Roger Jolly, Debra Krahn, Jane Rusch, Bruce Grau, Lisa Ort-Sondergard, Sandra Flanagan, Mary Hoefs, Norah Brown, and Evan Pupp.

IV. Meal Price Recommendations for 2021-22

WSD Nutrition Services Department has updated adult meal pricing for the upcoming school year. The "non pricing" option of the Wisconsin DPI Adult Meal pricing tool was used to set this pricing. The "non-pricing" formula accurately reflects the higher reimbursement rates being received for meals this school year. The 2021-2022 Adult Meal Prices will be \$2.50 for breakfast, and \$4.55 for lunch.

V. Legal Expenses Summary for 2020-21

Chief Finance and Business Services Officer, Bob Tess shared a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2020-2021. The report is broken down by law firm and by type of legal advice sought.

VI. Approved List of Legal Firms for 2021-22

Cody Nikolai moved to approve the attached list of law firms the Board and the District shall access for legal services deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee, seconded by Jane Rusch. The motion carried 8-0.

VII. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location

Jane Rusch moved to approve Monday, September 27, 2021, as the date for the 2021-2022 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Lee Webster. The motion carried 8-0.

VIII. Share Equalized Value Estimates

Prior to October 1, only equalized valuations from municipalities are available. In order to project property value changes by school district, an assumption must be made that all property values in any given municipality change in a uniform manner. With this assumption, the District's property value is projected to decrease 1.06% for 2021-22 mill rate calculation purposes. Certified property value will not be available until October 1; the given projected property value will be used for the initial budget and during the annual meeting.

IX. Recommendation for the 2021-22 Budget

Karen Vandenberg moved to recommend to the Board of Education a preliminary 2021-2022 General Fund budget of \$112,804,864 for expenses and \$112,260,768 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 27, 2021, seconded by Cody Nikolai. The motion carried 7-1.

X. Recommendation for 2021-22 Tax Levy

Jane Rusch moved to recommend to the Board of Education, a projected tax levy of \$47,481,497 for presentation at the Annual meeting and Budget Hearing on September 27, 2021, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 8-0.

XI. School Resource Officer Agreement

Lee Webster moved to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) memorandum of understanding (MOU) as presented, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 6-2.

XII. Community and Staff Engagement Process

Diana White reviewed the proposed plan for community and staff engagement over the next four months. The proposal included surveys, a social media campaign, in-person community and staff engagement sessions, and mailers. After reviewing the results of the campaign, the administration may request a possible decision about an April 2022 referendum.

XIII. Proposed Board Project

Dr. Hilts, and Wausau East and West High School Principals and Athletic/Activities Directors thanked the Board for considering a special fundraising project. They then reviewed the co-curricular and athletic needs and visions for each school. The Board requested more information regarding financial implications, maintenance requirements, co-curricular opportunities, and the long term vision of the high schools.

XIV. Adjourn

Cody Nikolai moved to adjourn, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Vandenberg,
Board Clerk

KV:cp

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

[SURVEY: WSDsurvey.org](https://WSDsurvey.org)

*Opens up Monday, September 27 and will stay open until October 15.

*Postcard informing community of survey will arrive in mailboxes around October 1.

Community Engagement Sessions

Thursday, October 28

5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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John Muir Middle School

Monday, November 8

5 p.m.- 6 p.m. (Prior to Board Meeting)

John Muir Middle School

Book	Policy Manual
Section	0000 Bylaws
Title	PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS
Code	po0167.3
Status	Active
Adopted	December 9, 2019
Last Revised	November 9, 2020

0167.3 - **PUBLIC COMMENT AT BOARD MEETINGS**

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters.

Public Comment Section of the Meeting

To permit fair and orderly public expression, the Board may provide a period for public comment at any meeting of the Board and publish rules to govern such comment in Board meetings.

The presiding officer of each Board meeting at which comment participation is permitted shall administer the rules of the Board for its conduct.

The presiding officer shall be guided by the following rules:

- A. Public comment shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business, before the Board takes official action on any issue of substance, and/or at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- B. Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may comment during the public portion of a meeting.
- C. Attendees must register their intention to comment in the public portion of the meeting prior to the start of the meeting.
- D. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name; address; and/or group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- E. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
- F. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic at the same meeting.
- G. Speakers shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants. Public comments identifying specific personnel or students by name or through the use of sufficiently detailed description so as to identify the individual staff or student referenced are not appropriate subjects for presentation to the Board and should be referred to the superintendent's office. Comments will be rejected if the content is reasonably interpreted to constitute discriminatory or harassing statements on the basis of any protected classification identified in District policy, or constitute threats, intimidation, obscene or of a sexual nature, or that are otherwise inappropriate for the forum of a public Board meeting. Speakers bear the personal risk if anything he/she says during the public comment period is defamatory, slanderous, or otherwise harmful to another individual. The presiding officer values civil discourse and may interrupt, terminate, or prohibit comments that do not adhere to the rules. No comment will be excluded based on the commenter's particular viewpoint or perspective on a topic.
- H. Participants shall address only topics within the legitimate jurisdiction of the Board.
- I. The presiding officer may:
 1. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;

2. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
 3. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
 4. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
 5. waive these rules with the approval of the Board when necessary for the protection of privacy or the administration of the Board's business.
- J. The portion of the meeting during which the comment of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.
- K. Recording, filming, or photographing the Board's open meetings is permitted. Recording, filming, or photographing the Board's closed session is only permitted pursuant to Bylaw 0167.2 – Closed Session. The person operating the equipment should contact the District Administrator prior to the Board meeting to review the possible placement of the equipment, and must agree to abide by the following conditions:
1. No obstructions are created between the Board and the audience.
 2. No interviews are conducted in the meeting room while the Board is in session.
 3. No commentary, adjustment of equipment, or positioning of operators is made that would distract either the Board or members of the audience or otherwise disrupt the meeting while the Board is in session.
- L. Written public comment may be submitted via electronic form on the District website. The written comments will be shared with the Board and uploaded in redacted format to the District website following the meeting; however, the comments will not be read aloud at the meeting.
1. The required fields to submit written public comment shall be:
 - a. Name
 - b. Home Address
 - c. Email Address
 - d. Public Comment Content
 2. The public comment must be submitted by 3 pm prior to the meeting in order for it to be recognized for that meeting.
 3. Comments may not exceed 350 words in length.
 4. Comments must be related to a matter on the agenda for the Board meeting which the comment was submitted, or if not on the current agenda, the comment must pertain to a matter within the scope of the Board's authority.
 5. The content of the written public comment is held to the same standards as in sub section G.
 6. Public comments may not be submitted anonymously, but rather must identify the commenter and home address. Home address and personal email addresses will be redacted prior to publishing the written public comment on the website, however, anonymity is not guaranteed and commenters are reminded that once submitted, the public comment is subject to the Public Records Laws.

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