

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

James Bouché, President
Karen Vandenberg, Clerk

A meeting of the **AUDIT OF THE BILLS COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403 at 5:30 PM on Monday, September 26, 2022.**

I. Call to Order	
II. Approve the Minutes	2
III. Public and Student Comment	
IV. Security Firm Approval (Action Requested)	5
V. WSD App	13
VI. Adjourn	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT OF THE BILLS COMMITTEE MAY ATTEND THIS COMMITTEE MEETING AS TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. ANY SUCH BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE WILL BE FOR INFORMATION GATHERING, DISCUSSION, AND/OR RELATED PURPOSES AND WILL NOT RESULT IN DIRECT DECISION MAKING BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Action Item*

NOTICE POSTED: Friday, September 23, 2023, at 9:30 am

By: _____

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Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

DRAFT

A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, August 22, 2022, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Jon Creisher; Cody Nikolai; Joanna Reyes; 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

Cody Nikolai moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2022, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried 7-0.

III. Public and Student Comment

There was none.

IV. Design Plans for Riverview (**Action Requested**)

Karen Vandenberg moved to approve the plan designs for Riverview Elementary School as presented to be issued for bidding, seconded by Lee Webster. The motion carried 7-0.

V. Proposed New Charter School (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to approve the Intention of Authorization of the Wausau Environmental Charter School, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried 7-0.

VI. Legal Expenses Summary for 2021-22

Chief Finance and Business Services Officer, Bob Tess presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2021-2022. The report is broken down by law firm and by type of legal advice sought.

VII. Approve List of Legal Firms (**Action Requested**)

Joanna Reyes 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 Cody Nikolai. The motion carried 7-0.

VIII. Set Annual Meeting Date and Location (**Action Requested**)

Lance Trollop moved to approve Monday, September 26, 2022, as the date for the 2022-2023 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Nicolson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center, beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried 7-0.

IX. 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 increase 11.98% for 2022-23 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.

X. Recommendation for 2022-23 Budget (**Action Requested**)

Cody Nikolai moved to recommend to the Board of Education a preliminary 2022-2023 General Fund budget of #111,939,464 for expenses and \$111,238,596 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 26, 2022, seconded by Karen Vandenberg. The motion carried 7-0.

XI. Recommendation for 2022-23 Tax Levy (**Action Requested**)

Lee Webster moved to recommend to the Board of Education, a projected tax levy of \$48,295,967 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 26, 2022, seconded by Joanna Reyes. The motion carried 7-0. The

XII. Strategic Planning Renewal

It was the consensus of the Committee that Dr. Hilts continue his work in planning and bringing stakeholders together for feedback in renewing the strategic interests of the District. This work will also inform the work begun by the school board subcommittees who are exploring the possibility of restructuring the Wausau School District.

XIII. Adjourn

Karen Vandenberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Lance Trollop. The motion carried 7-0 at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Vandenberg,
Board Clerk

KV:cp



SCHOOL SAFETY WSD

Education/Operations Committee
September 26, 2022



OBJECTIVE:

To identify, and obtain, an external safety and security firm to complete an assessment of overall safety measures in the Wausau School District in order to receive recommendations to enhance our current safety practices.

PROPOSALS:

Analysis of safety and security of district

Review previous audits and security personnel

Assess current security technologies

Evaluate incident reporting systems

Police/Security staff and response capabilities

Review physical buildings

Evaluate emergency planning process

Review standard operating procedures

Assessment of current practices related to drills

Assessment of emergency communications capabilities

AGENCIES:

Seven agencies submitted proposals

2 Wisconsin based firms and 5 Nationally based firms

Proposals ranged from \$47,000 to \$266,000 (*1 firm did not list a cost)

PROCESS:

ROUND 1 - Initial Vetting of the Proposals

Representatives:

- Wausau Police Department
- Head of Security with a WSD community partner
- WSD Building Administrators
- WSD District Level Administrators

The Lens:

Identifications of desirables

Provision of “Roadmap” of improvement

Focus on Climate and Culture

Best Practices

Common sense approach

Soft skills, as well as school hardening

School Based Focus

Follow up relationship

- From this initial process, 4 firms moved to the next level of consideration

PROCESS:

ROUND 2 - Virtual Interviews conducted with each of the remaining firms

The Lens:

Strategies

Organization

Communication

Goodness of Fit

*2 front runners emerged following the interview process

PROCESS:

ROUND 3 - Final Decision

After a final meeting was held between Director of Pupil Services, Chief Finance Officer and the Superintendent of the WSD, it was determined to move the prospective firm forward to the Board.

“National School Safety and Security Services - Kenneth Trump”

SEEKING:

A motion to approve the Wausau School District to enter into an agreement with National School Safety and Security Services to conduct a comprehensive school safety and security assessment during the 2022-2023 school year, for a cost of \$62,750.

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