

Wausau School District  
Board of Education Meeting Agenda  
In Compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law

James Bouché, President  
Public Notice s.19.84 (3)

Cory Sillars, Clerk  
Exemptions s.19.85

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 **4:45 PM** on **Monday, December 15, 2025.**

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- I. Call to Order
- II. John Muir Pop Jazz Performance
- III. Approve the Minutes
- IV. Excellence in Action: John Muir Middle School
- V. Public and Student Comment
- VI. Open Enrollment Seat Availability (**Action Requested**)
- VII. Snow Day Communication & Procedures
- VIII. Approve Co-Ops (**Action Requested**)
- IX. ADJOURN

\*\*\* Following the adjournment of the meeting, the public is welcome to join the Board and Administration on a tour of the recent updates to John Muir Middle School. A quorum of the Board will be present; however, no official Board action will occur. \*\*\*

NOTICE POSTED: Friday, December 12, 2025, at 2:30 pm

By: Cassie Peck

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# Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

## The Board of Education Wausau School District

**DRAFT**

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A Education/Operations Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, November 24, 2025, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: Sarah Brock; Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; Nick Crochiere; Jennifer Paoli; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop.

Absent: James Bouche; and Pat McKee.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approve the Minutes

**Cory Sillars moved to approve the minutes of October 27, 2025, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried 7-0.**

III. Public and Student Comment

There was none.

IV. Excellence in Action: John Marshall Elementary

John Marshall Elementary Principal, along with a student representative, shared the student leadership opportunities at John Marshall Elementary.

V. 4K Program Agreement (**Action Requested**)

**Sarah Brock moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the 4K Program Agreements as presented, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 7-0.**

VI. Annual Safety Update / Drill Debrief

A comprehensive report was shared with the Committee on the annual safety update and the partnership with the Wausau Police Department.

VII. Neola Policies Update (**Action Requested**)

**Sarah Brock moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the proposed changes to the attached policies, seconded by Jennifer Paoli. The motion carried 7-0.**

VIII. Adjourn

**Jon Creisher moved to adjourn, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried at 5:56 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,  
Board Clerk

CS:cp



**WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Special Education and Pupil Services Department  
Longfellow Administration Center

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Wendy Cartledge, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services

**Date:** 12/15/2025

**To:** Wausau School District Board of Education

**From:** Wendy Cartledge, Director of Pupil Services/Special Education

**RE:** Open Enrollment Space Determinations 2026-2027

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## **BACKGROUND**

The Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment Program, Wis. Stat. § 118.51, and Wis. Admin. Code Chapter PI 36 requires School Boards to designate the number of regular education and special education spaces available for the next school year. Space determinations must be made and approved by the School Board at its January Board meeting. If the Board does not intend to deny applicants due to space, it may make that determination and document it as such in the January Board minutes.

The changes in the Open Enrollment Program also require school districts to consistently apply specific criteria to ensure decisions on special education space are not arbitrary or unreasonable. Criteria utilized for determining regular and special education spaces available for Open Enrollment are as follows:

### **Regular education Open Enrollment availability considerations:**

- District policies, procedures, or other factors regarding class size for particular programs or classes;
- District policies, procedures, or other factors regarding student-teacher ratios for particular programs, classes or buildings;
- District policies, procedures, or other factors regarding building capacity;

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- Enrollment projections for the schools of the district which include, but are not limited to, the following factors; projected student transfers in and out of the district, preference requirements for siblings of non-resident open enrollment students, reserved space for potential growth based on a Board established percentage, and current and future space needs for special programs, laboratories (e.g., in technology or foreign languages), or similar district educational initiatives;
- the number of nonresident students currently attending the schools of the district; and
- the number of resident home schooled or private school students likely to attend the schools of the district in accordance with §118.145.

**Special Education Open Enrollment space availability considerations:**

- Review each special education teacher and related service providers' current caseload, projected caseload for the next school year, and compare the projected caseload with projected enrollment and DPI caseload recommendations,
- Utilization of the Wisconsin DPI caseload factoring analysis,
- Review of current and projected special education programs and services
- Review of current staffing patterns, certifications, experience

**SUMMARY**

Following an analysis using the criteria detailed above, in tandem with District Policy, the administration projects the following spaces to be available under open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Regular education:**

- Grade 4K: No limit set
- Grade KG: No limit set
- Grade 1: No limit set
- Grade 2: No limit set
- Grade 3: No limit set
- Grade 4: No limit set
- Grade 5: No limit set
- Grade 6: No limit set
- Grade 7: No limit set
- Grade 8: No limit set
- Grade 9: No limit set
- Grade 10: No limit set

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- Grade 11: No limit set
- Grade 12: No limit set
- Red Granite:Based on lottery in February (Tentative) - State statute
- Montessori: Based on lottery in February - State statute
- WAVE Elementary: No limit set
- WAVE Secondary: No limit set

### **Special Education:**

The District will not have available open enrollment space available for students requiring:

- Cross Categorical Special Education services, including all specially designed instruction, services, supports, and related services PK-12+
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs or services for all grade levels PK-12+
- Physical Therapy programs or services for all grade levels PK-12+
- Occupational Therapy programs or services for all grade levels PK-12+
- Speech Language Pathology services for all grade levels PK-12+
- Vision Impairment Services PK-12+
- Orientation and Mobility Services PK-12+
- Transition Age 18-21 programs or services

The Pupil Services and Special Education Departments will maintain waiting lists for Open Enrollment applicants, should additional spaces become available the Friday following the first Monday in June. The availability of additional spaces will be determined by applying the aforementioned criteria, and in accordance with Board policy.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Motion to approve the regular and special education non-resident spaces available under open enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

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# Beyond the Snow Days



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# Snow Days

For the 2025-26 school year, we have enough instructional minutes built into the calendar to have 3 traditional snow days.



# Our Plan Beyond the 3 Days...



4K: At-home learning



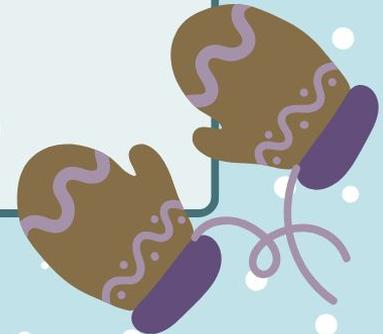
K-5: Asynchronous Learning via Canvas

- Canvas announcement from teacher with activities for students to complete



6-12: Asynchronous Learning via Canvas

- Teachers will have scheduled office hours posted in Canvas of when they will be available on Google Meet to help students with their work



# Your Thoughts?





# Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association

## Cooperative Team Sponsorship Signatures

2026-27 & 2027-28 Co-op Application (except Football)

\*Gymnastics co-ops are due annually

*By our signatures we agree we have, as a school administration and school board, reviewed and discussed the items indicated on this form. We further confirm that our school district will provide the same level of institutional oversight to this program as to other sports sponsored by our district. In addition, we acknowledge that any monetary funds provided to us by outside sources will be handled according to district policies. Parent support groups, etc., shall not be involved in paying program expenses directly.*

**Applications submitted without all required signatures will be considered incomplete and not accepted.**

Co-op Application ID: 30500

(found on Cooperative Team Sponsorship form)

SCHOOL NAME: Wausa East

SPORT: Hockey

GIRLS/BOYS: Boys

**Board of Education or Governing Body President:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**District Administrator:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Conference: Wisconsin Valley

*Signature from a person authorized to represent the conference affiliation of this co-op program; typically, a conference commissioner or the equivalent.*

*If, at the time of the signature, conference affiliation has yet to be determined for this cooperative agreement, signatures should be ascertained from the current affiliation of the involved schools. If a school(s) is currently unaffiliated/independent, no signature is required.*

*(Through the conference realignment application process, approval and opinion of all affected conferences and schools will be required.)*

Commissioner Approval Signature: Mark J Lacke

Print Name: Mark J Lacke



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Co-op Application ID: 03871

(found on Cooperative Team Sponsorship form)

SCHOOL NAME: Wausau East

SPORT: Hockey

GIRLS/BOYS: Girls

**Board of Education or Governing Body President:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**District Administrator:**

Signature: /

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Conference:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Commissioner Approval Signature: Mark J Lache

Print Name: Mark J Lache



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Co-op Application ID: 94982

(found on Cooperative Team Sponsorship form)

SCHOOL NAME: Wausau East

SPORT: Lacrosse

GIRLS/BOYS: girls

### Board of Education or Governing Body President:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### District Administrator:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Commissioner Approval Signature: 

Print Name: Samuel P. Engellund



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Co-op Application ID: 63871

(found on Cooperative Team Sponsorship form)

SCHOOL NAME: Wausau West SPORT: HOCKEY

GIRLS/BOYS: GIRLS

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