

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.
1300 S. 109th St., West Allis, WI 53214 (Boardroom, 2nd Floor)
9333 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227 (District Administration Office)

Regular Board of Education Meeting
July 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Vice President Deal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 13, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Verbos led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll was called with the following members present: Joe Becker, Brendan Burns (excused), Jane Carr, Amy Deal, Brian Keller, Rebecca Lee, Noah Leigh (excused), Sagar Tolani (excused), and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Keller to adopt the agenda as posted, seconded by Ms. Car. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Superintendent's Report

6.1 Legislative Updates:

General Aid Estimates for 2026-27 Released

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has released estimates for general school aid for the 2026-27 fiscal year, indicating that 59.9% of Wisconsin's public school districts (252 districts) will see a decrease in aid compared to 2025-26. In contrast, 38% (160 districts) are expected to receive more aid, while nine districts will have no change. Notably, 92 districts are projected to experience a maximum allowable decrease of 15%. The general school aid appropriation remains unchanged at \$5.58 billion for the third consecutive year, with distribution occurring through Wisconsin's equalization aid formula.

6.2 District Recognitions:

Summer Learning Camp

Summer Learning Camp continues to provide students with engaging opportunities to strengthen academic skills. Through hands-on activities, and enrichment experiences, students are preparing for a successful start to the upcoming school year.

6.3 Other Updates:

Summer Youth Theater Productions

Seussical KIDS, directed by Ashley Patin, will have performances July 17-19 at Dottke High School. *Anything Goes: Youth Edition*, directed by Jordan Pollard, will have performances July 30-August 2 at Central High School.

ACT Prep Summer Workshop

Students can get ready for the ACT with our Summer ACT Prep Workshop. The workshop will help students build confidence, learn effective test-taking strategies, practice with ACT-style questions, and more. All rising Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to sign up!

7. Public Comment(s):

Vice President Deal opened the floor for public comments at 6:05 p.m., allowing district residents up to three minutes each to speak in person or via Zoom, and provided instructions for participation. Vice President Deal noted that the Board could not discuss, debate, or act on any items raised, and that the Superintendent may provide follow-up at the next regular Board meeting. The following people made public comments: Katie Gast, district resident; Cindy Radtke, district resident; Julie Elgeti, district resident; Julie Elgeti on behalf of daughter Morgan Elgeti, district resident; and Jeanne Engelkemeir, district resident. Vice President Deal closed public comments at 6:17 p.m.

8. Board Reports:

8.1 Review of Board Calendar

Vice President Deal reviewed the Board calendar.

8.2 Board Committee Reports:

8.2.1 Communications & Engagement Committee – Verbos

Committee Chair Verbos reported that the committee met on June 22, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed Student Voice, school showcases, Back to School Bash, and Opening Day. Items to be considered for future discussion include how school showcases will align with the SAIL process and the WAWM app.

8.2.2 Employee Engagement & Culture – Carr

Committee Chair Carr reported that the committee met on June 22, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed the vacancy rate, open positions, and suggestion box themes.

8.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Mr. Verbos participated and represented the Board in the West Allis Independence Day Parade.
- Ms. Deal participated and represented the Board in the West Allis Independence Day Parade and gave a shoutout to Shelly Strasser, Director of Recreation & Community Services, and her team for their hard work.

8.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Deal

None

9. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Becker to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3, seconded by Ms. Lee.

9.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the June 22, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

9.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Behrendt, Ashley	Teacher (SPED IS)	Irving	Change	Renewing	8/25/2026
Betz, Kelly	Teacher (Art)	H. Mann	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Donson, Jyron	Custodian II – Part Time	Dottke	New	Maintenance	7/06/2026
Grabowski, Cole	Teacher (Gr 4)	H. Mann	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Herrick Marlee	Teacher (SPED IS)	Hoover	Change	Renewing	8/25/2026
Kaczowski, Robert	Facility Support/Cleaner	Rec Dept	New	Cleaner - PT	6/27/2026
Kealty, Aaryn	Instructional Coordinator	H. Mann	New	At Will	7/14/2026
Neese, Leann	Coor of Secondary Literacy & Soc Studies	District	New	At Will	7/14/2026
Reindl, Cole	Teacher (Business Ed)	NHL	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Robison, Kelsey	Coor of Elementary Literacy & Soc Studies	Admin	New	At Will	7/14/2026
Ruffolo, Keith	MTSS Coordinator	District	Change	Admin	8/15/2026
Tercha, Amanda	Teacher (Reading)	Jefferson	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Zemel, Melissa	Teacher (SPED CC)	Pershing	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Croteau, Nathaniel	Head Custodian	W. Milw	Resignation	7/13/2026
Garcia, Deirdre	Dir of Talent Acquisition & Emp Engagement	District	Resignation	6/30/2026
Haubenschild, Timothy	Carpenter	District	Resignation	7/06/2026

McGrath, Alexandra	Teacher (SPED)	District	Resignation	6/22/2026
Valdovinos, Mark	Teacher (Soc Studies)	NHL	Resignation	7/02/2026
Walker, William	Teacher (SPED IS)	Wilson	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY

9.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the July 13, 2026, report.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3.

10. Action Item(s):

10.1 2026-27 Academic Standards Adoption – Burrage

Adopt the 2026-2027 Academic Standards with which West Allis-West Milwaukee School District has aligned its curriculum for 2026-2027.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to adopt the 2026-27 Academic Standards, seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

10.2 2026-27 Rights & Responsibilities Handbook for Students & Parents – Norris & Hahn

Adopt the Rights & Responsibilities Handbook for Students & Parents for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion by Mr. Keller to adopt the 2026-27 Rights & Responsibilities Handbook for Students & Parents, seconded by Ms. Le.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. End of Recording/Adjournment

There was no further business and no objections to the meeting adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk