

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
May 18, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

Vice President Deal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Keller 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 (excused), Noah Leigh, Sagar Tolani, and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

6. Wilson Elementary School Student Showcase

Wilson Elementary School Principal Pluta briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action and how it connects to the learning that the students would be sharing. First grade teachers Ms. Azzolina and Ms. Petitt walked through reading lessons, including word mapping, with students Betty Lou, Ayden, Zaharra, and Kamryn. Vice President Deal and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

On May 13, 2026, the Senate voted down the Budget Surplus Deal, AB1. This deal was to provide \$600 million towards K-12 education.

7.2 District Recognitions:

WAWM Music Program Receives National Recognition:

We are proud to announce that our District's music program has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This year over 1,000 school districts were recognized across the country with the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District being one of 32 in the State of Wisconsin to receive this honor. This is the 12th time that our music program has received national recognition from the NAMM Foundation. [Click here](#) to read more about this recognition and the WAWM music program.

WAWM in the News:

- [Teacher Appreciation Week: Celebrating Jefferson Elementary and the heart of classroom 202](#)
- [West Allis Central High School teacher's art class offers students a safe place to express themselves](#)
- [West Allis Blue Jays softball team bonds over family ties — and winning](#)
- [Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association receives \\$50,000 grant for new sports wheelchairs and equipment](#)
- [A young Liberace's promising beginning in West Milwaukee](#)

Nathan Hale High School's Junior Achievement Business Challenge Team:

Congratulations to Junior Achievement Business Challenge Team-National Qualifiers: Sam Kabb ('26), Robert Kovacic ('26), and Ashton Stonecypher ('26). A special thank you to business teacher Mr. Mrochinski.

7.3 Other Updates:

Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:

Dr. Robinson introduced the Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Toby Jesse. Mr. Jesse is a senior at West Allis Central, captain of the football team, has a 4.0 GPA, and is a member of the WAC Leadership Team. Mr. Jesse shared that Central recently had its Spring Orchestra Concert and prom was held at The Emerald. Mr. Jesse congratulated Mr. Tolani on being elected to West Allis-West Milwaukee School District's Board of Education and Dr. Robinson on being elected to WIAA's Board of Control.

8. Public Comment(s):

Vice President Deal opened the floor for public comments at 6:35 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. Vice President Deal closed public comments at 6:36 p.m.

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

Vice President Deal reviewed the Board calendar.

9.2 Board Committee Reports:

There were no Committee Reports.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Mr. Verbos attended a production of *The Boxcar Children* at Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School.
- Mr. Tolani attended the Mental Health & Community Resource Fair at Central High School.
- Mr. Becker attended the track and field meet at Nathan Hale and noted how exciting it was to see the entire facility in use as a baseball game and girls soccer game were also going on.
- Mr. Leigh attended the track and field meet at Nathan Hale, the JV GMC Conference, and the orchestra and choir concerts at Nathan Hale.
- Ms. Deal attended the Mental Health & Community Resource Fair at Central High School.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Deal

None

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Mr. Becker to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4, seconded by Ms. Carr.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the May 11, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Maglio, Crystal	Instructional Coord	H. Mann	New	At Will	7/01/2026
McManus, Emma	Teacher (Math)	W. Milw	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Miner, Gwendolyn	Teacher (English)	Central	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Firle, Anthony	Teacher (BL/SS)	FLW	Retirement	End of the 25-26 SY
Hoheneder, Sarah	Teacher (Gr 5)	Mitchell	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Picazo, Katherine	Teacher (SPED)	Pershing	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Roberson, Richard	Custodian II	W. Milw	Resignation	4/30/2026
Stahl, Tyler	Asst Director- Community Svcs	Rec Dept	Resignation	6/15/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the May 18, 2026, report.

10.4 Financial Summary Report

Approval of the Financial Report Summary for the Month of April 2026 including Receipts #8076 through #8158 in the amount of \$7,473,126.03 and Vouchers Payable #380694 through #381138, wire transfers, and payroll disbursements in the amount of \$10,029,854.24 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for ten Months Ending April 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, and 10.4.

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 Nathan Hale Travel to Junior Achievement Nationals in Boston, MA – Dr. Robinson & Burrage

Approval for extended travel to Boston University in Massachusetts for Junior Achievement Nationals from June 7-11, 2026. Three students from Nathan Hale High School who qualified for this national competition would travel.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve Nathan Hale Travel to Junior Achievement Nationals in Boston, MA, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 6-12 Social Studies Adoption: McGraw Hill – Burrage & Kelly

Approve McGraw Hill as the 6-12 Social Studies Core Resource for West Allis-West Milwaukee School District.

Motion by Ms. Carr to approve the 6-12 Social Studies Adoption: McGraw Hill, seconded by Mr. Verbos.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Temporarily Waive Board Policies 3122.01, 4122.01, 7434, and 830 Rule-2, for a City of West Allis Fireworks Event on School District Property – Dr. Robinson & Strasser

Temporarily Waive Board Policies 3122.01, 4122.01, 7434, and 830 Rule-2, for the City of West Allis's request to use the West Allis Athletic Complex for its 2026 4th of July Fireworks display, scheduled for July 4th, 2026. The City of West Allis is required to hold a single day certificate of insurance as the host of the event. The West Allis Police Department will be on premises during the event.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to approve Temporarily Waiving Board Policies 3122.01, 4122.01, 7434, and 830 Rule-2, for a City of West Allis Fireworks Event on School District Property, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.4 Benefit Consultant Services RFP - Howden Contract – Norris & Lukomski

Award Howden Insurance Group with the Benefit Consultant Services contract to advise the school district in its health insurance plan and other employee benefit offerings.

Motion by Mr. Tolani to approve the Benefit Consultant Services RFP - Howden Contract, seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.5 2026-2027 District-Wide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) – Norris

Approve the District's application to continue participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2026–2027 school year. Approval would allow all schools within the WAWM District to qualify as CEP schools, ensuring that all students have access to free breakfast and lunch regardless of Free or Reduced eligibility status.

Motion by Mr. Keller to approve the 2026-2027 District-Wide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), seconded by Mr. Becker.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Mr. Keller, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering and discussing a specific personnel matter, which if discussed in public, would have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person involved.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk