

Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, June 8, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: Sarah Brock; Nick Crochiere; Pat McKee; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop; Yauo Yang.

Absent: James Bouche; Charles Burger; Jon Creisher.

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Peck read the roll call.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Trollop led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Vice President Trollop read the mission statement.

V. Excellence in Action: Art

Art Department Coordinator, Rachel Jean, provided a brief presentation on the progress of the art department's 3-year goals, as well as meaningful professional development opportunities and the impact it has on students.

VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There was none.

VII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (Action Requested)

A. Appointments (Additional Staff, Replacement Staff, Contract Increases)

Brooke Heise (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Micah Kurtzman (School Social Worker/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Jordan Brummond (School Counselor/John Marshall) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Isabella Grieser (3rd Grade Teacher/Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Morgan Paulsrud (4th Grade Teacher/Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Jill Tetzlaff (Math Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Jacob Pease (Physical Education Teacher/Mann & Muir) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Jena Treu (Principal/WAVE) 1.0 FTE, effective 7/1/26; Madison Gamez (Special Education Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Joshua Phillips (Special Education Teacher/West) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; Jennifer Krueger (Special Education Teacher/Jefferson) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26; and Jennifer Prideaux (4K/K Teacher/ Red Granite) 1.0 FTE, effective 8/24/26.

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Kristin Widmar (5th Grade Teacher/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Debra Schultz (Special Education Teacher/Rib Mountain) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Haley Graves (Music Teacher/Rib Mountain & Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Caitlyn Gessler (3rd Grade Teacher/Jones) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Morgan Ball (Math Teacher/East) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Marshall Delonay (Music Teacher/Marshall) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Morgan Persha (Speech and Language Pathologist/Riverview) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; and Bradley Bernarde (Social Studies Teacher/WAVE and East) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

Krista Tretter (Principal/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, Effective 6/22/26.

E. Minutes: Regular Session of May 11, 2026; and Special Session of May 18, 2026.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. Donations to the District

\$150 from CW Flybags, \$100 from Hub Central Collision, \$200 from King Buffet of Wausau, and \$100 from Lee Insurance to Thomas Jefferson Elementary; \$382 from Peace United Church of Christ to the District Nutrition Services; Taxidermy Displays from Fred Prehn to the School Forest; 100 bike helmets from Safe Kids Marathon County Coalition to the District Out of School Programming Department; \$1,200 from Wausau Breakfast Optimist Club to Wausau East High School; \$250 from ENT & Allergy Associates, and \$250 from Cloverbelt Credit Union to Wausau West High School.

Cory Sillars moved to approve the consent agenda, with great gratitude for donations to the District, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

B. Recommendation for Preliminary 2026-27 Budget (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to approval of the initial budget as presented in order to proceed with the 2026-27 expenditures, before final budgets are approved, seconded by Yauo Yang. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Lance Trollop abstaining.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Education/Operations Committee Meeting

1. Employee Handbook Updates for 2026-27 (**Action Requested**)

Sarah Brock moved to approve the recommended changes to the 2026-27 Employee Handbook Language, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

2. 2026-2027 Paid Meal Price Update (**Action Requested**)

Pat McKee moved to approve of the proposed changes to the meal prices as presented, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried 6-0.

3. Activities & Athletics Code (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve the revised Athletics & Activities Code, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

4. Policy 9270 - Home-Based, Private, or Tribal Schooling (Action Requested)

Yauo Yang moved to approve of the proposed changes to Policy 9270 - Home-Based, Private, or Tribal Schooling, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried 6-0.

5. Policy 2431.01 - High School Activities Code (Action Requested)

Sarah Brock moved to approve of the proposed changes to Policy 2431.01 - High School Activities Code, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 6-0.

6. Riverview RFP Approval (Action Requested)

Yauo Yang moved to proceed with Miron Construction Corporation, Inc. as the general contractor for the Riverview HVAC and roofing project, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried 6-0.

B. Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation School Building and Facility Improvement Bonds, Series 2022, dated July 6, 2022 (Action Requested)

Pat McKee moved to approve of the debt defeasance strategy as accepted for presentation and final adoption, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried 6-0.

C. 2026 Summer Learning Update

Dr. Rob Phelps and Mrs. Vickie Christianson gave a brief summary of our Summer Learning Program in the Wausau School District.

D. DPI CEP Update

Tiffany Miskowski shared a brief update on the recent change to the DPI CEP program.

X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

Pat McKee thanked Superintendent Bushman and his team for the smoothest year he could remember in his 14 years on the Board. He also shared that he had been consistently receiving fantastic feedback on the District Leadership Team.

B. Legislative Liaison

Cory Sillars shared that Representative Snyder was in the audience and thanked him for his attendance. Mr. Sillars shared that the recent education related funding did not make it through the Senate. He also shared that serving on the CESA 9 Board of

Control Board has been helpful; especially the time spent on the appeals board. He has been able to get a broader view statewide of annexation appeals.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman welcomed Representative Snyder to the meeting. He shared that Friday was the student's last day of school and that today (Monday) was the staff's last day. He shared that the year was successful, but not easy. He was grateful for our amazing staff and commended the Maintenance and Operations Department and the Board for their part in making this such a successful year.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison Report for the month of June is as follows: Charles Burger attended the Muir and Mann softball games, East vs West JV Softball games, the John Muir 8th Grade Awards Night, Wausau West and John Muir end of the year concerts, and the Baccalaureate Graduation at Wausau West; Lance Trollop attended the Wausau East and West Graduations.

XI. REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO STATE STATUTES

Pat McKee moved to enter into Closed Session, seconded by Nick Crochiere. The motion carried via a roll call vote at 5:38 pm.

Sarah Brock – Yes

Nick Crochiere – Yes

Pat McKee – Yes

Cory Sillars – Yes

Lance Trollop – Yes

Yauo Yang - Yes

A. Preliminary Discussion Regarding Potential Litigation 19.85 (g)

B. Reconvene in Open Session, to take further action if necessary and appropriate

Pat McKee moved to reconvene in Open Session, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried at 5:53 pm.

C. ADJOURN

Nick Crochiere moved to adjourn, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried at 5:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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