

Minutes of Budget Committee Meeting

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Budget Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, July 13, 2026, beginning at 8:00 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetzel called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Ensign, Hetzel, Sonne

Also Present: Brown, Newton, Robin Savola from EUA, Jake Ring, Jay Thomson, and Jamie Benson from Vogel, Angie Sullivan from Waunakee Senior Center, Blackburn, and Grabarski.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Ensign, second by Sonne, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. 2026-2027 PLANNING

A. Timeline

The budget planning timeline for 2026-27 is attached to the agenda.

B. Approval of Third Draft of 2026-27 Budget

Newton presented and answered questions regarding the third draft of the budget.

Angie Sullivan shared information regarding the senior dining program and how beneficial it would be for the community to continue this relationship with the district.

A motion was made by Ensign, second by Sonne, to recommend to the full board to approve the third draft of the budget as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

VI. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. November 2026 Referendum Presentation

Newton and members of the EUA and Vogel Teams presented and answered questions on the upcoming 2026 referendum. The presentation will be presented to the full board at the regular July meeting.

A motion was made by Sonne, second by Ensign, to recommend that the full board approve the referendum as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

B. District Operated Transportation System for McKinney-Vento Students

Newton presented and answered questions regarding the district operated transportation system as well as the total savings for running this program internally.

Board members asked that information is shared both with the full board and community regarding the efforts the district has made to find savings opportunities.

C. Natural Gas Purchasing

Newton presented and answered questions regarding seeking feedback on the purchasing of natural gas. The committee asked the administration to bring this forward for August with an option to pre-purchase 80%.

VII. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The board would like to see the budget numbers around the 4K impacts.

Administration would like to bring this back after the 3rd Friday count.

VIII. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Ensign, second by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49am. Motion carried 3-0.