

Minutes of Regular Meeting Open

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, June 8, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Ensign called the meeting to order. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Murray, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c), (e), (f) and (g) to review individual teacher contract recommendations, resignations and retirements, review individual co-curricular contract recommendations, review individual support staff/custodial staff recommendations, resignations, and retirements, and review student requests. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Time 6:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

Eaton -Yes, Ensign- Yes, Frey-Yes, Hetzel-Yes, Murray,-Yes (left after closed session), Sonne -Yes, Thornberg - Yes

III. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PER WISCONSIN STATUTES 19.85 (1) (c), (e), (f) AND (g)

A. The minutes of May 10, 2026 Regular Meeting were reviewed.

B. Update and Consideration of Legal Matters Related to the School District Including Current and Potential Actions Involving the School District.

A motion was made by Sonne, second by Hetzel, to approve the student discipline recommendation as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

C. Review Individual Administrator, Teacher, Co-Curricular, Support Staff & Custodial Recommendations, Resignations, Leaves & Retirements

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Frey, seconded by Sonne, to adjourn closed session and reconvene in open session. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 6:57pm.

V. BOARD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

A. *Great on Their Behalf* by AJ Crabill book study

There was not time for board development at this meeting.

Ensign welcomed all in attendance at 7:01pm.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. The minutes of the May 11, 2026, regular meeting were reviewed.

A motion was made by Frey, seconded by Eaton, to approve the minutes as posted. Motion carried 6-0.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Sonne, seconded by Frey, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 6-0.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments were made by the following:

David Boetcher - County Board rep. Waunakee resident. Referendum and property tax.

Liam Collins – District parent & resident. Class rank calculation

Kami Dodge – District parent. Bussing change.

Kevin Kurt - District parent. Transportation/bussing.

IX. BOARD REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Student Reports

1. Student Council Report

Abigail Anderson and Alena Wagoner are the student representatives from the high school. They are unable to attend the meeting on June 8, 2026. They will be the board of education representatives for the 2026-2027 school year.

B. Board Reports/Action Items

1. Individual Board Reports on Educational Related Events, Meetings, or Training's Attended by Individual Board Members

Several board members attended the High School Graduation ceremony.

X. 2026-2027 TRANSPORTATION

Summers presented and answered questions regarding options for transportation for the 26-27 school year.

An option for consideration for the school board is to align the 1.0 mile transportation policy for grades K-8 which will bring back bussing for middle school students who live beyond 1.0 mile from the intersection of Knightsbridge and South Street. The board asked the administration review alternate transportation possibilities for older students. The administration will review this practice and bring this back to the policy committee.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Hetzel, second by Frey, to align the 1.0 transportation policy for grades K-8. Motion carried 6-0.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Budget Committee

1. The June 2, 2026 budget committee meeting minutes were reviewed.

2. Approval of the Second Draft of the 2026-2027 Budget

Newton presented and answered questions regarding the second draft of the budget for the 26-27 school year. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Eaton, to approve the second draft of the budget as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Consideration of 2026-2027 Lease Agreements

Newton presented and answered questions regarding the approval of the lease agreements for the 26-27 school year. The lease agreement with the Wisconsin Youth Company (K-4 after-school program for the school year) and the New Teacher Project. The New Teacher Project is moving to CESA #2 is attached to the agenda. A motion was made by Hetzel, second by Frey, to approve the WI Youth Co. Lease agreement as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

4. Consideration of Fund Balance Classifications

Newton presented and answered questions regarding the fund balance classifications. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Thornberg, to approve the fund balances as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Consideration of 25-26 Budget Revisions

Newton presented and answered questions regarding 2025-2026 budget revisions. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Eaton, to approve the 2025-2026 budget revisions as

presented. Motion carried 6-0

B. Facility Committee

1. The minutes of the June 1, 2026 facility committee meeting were reviewed.

2. Consideration of Capital Projects Approval

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the approval of robotic cleaning equipment for the Intermediate School and the High School South Campus. Administration is recommending a reallocation of .5 FTE custodial staff from the Intermediate School to either the new Middle School or High School. A motion was made by Eaton, second by Frey, to approve the Capital projects for robotic cleaning equipment as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

C. Co-Curricular Committee Meeting

1. The minutes from the June 1, 2026 co-curricular committee meeting were reviewed.

2. Consideration of a Best Buddies group at the Middle School.

Loken presented and answered questions regarding the Best Buddies program at the Middle School. A motion was made by Hetzel, second by Sonne, to approve the Best Buddies program at the Middle School as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

3. 2026-2027 Co-Curricular Booster Handbook Updates

Conrad presented and answered questions regarding the 2026-2027 booster club handbook as presented. A motion was made by Sonne, second by Eaton, to approve the booster handbook as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Administrative Reports/Action Items

1. 2025-2026 End of School Year Review

Dr. Brown provided an overview of accomplishments for the 2025-2026 school year.

2. Announcements/Correspondence - NA

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Hetzel, second by Sonne, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

A. Finance

1. Monthly Finance Reports

B. Approval of Checks

C. Consideration of School Safety Drills

D. Consideration of Dane County Driver Education Scholarship Program

E. Consideration of Middle School Family Handbooks

F. Consideration of the 26-27 Employee Guidelines

G. Gifts and Field Trips

1. Gifts

2. Field Trips

H. Approve Individual Administrative, Teacher, Co-curricular, Support Staff & Custodial Recommendations, Resignations, Leaves & Retirements

New Administrative Staff

Brandon Tewalt, Associate Principal, IS

New Teaching Staff

Ashley Daane, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, MS

Heather Denniston, Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher, MS

Lauren Frey, 4th Grade Teacher, PES

Abbey Meffert, Agriculture Teacher, MS
John Ploeser, French Teacher, HS
Michelle Quednow, Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher, WaunaGrow
Daryn Schaefer, 2nd Grade Teacher, AES
Grace Whelan Tweedt, Bilingual Speech & Language Pathologist, HES

New Support Staff

Erika Betz, Para Educator Special Education, HS
Samantha Martin, Para Educator Special Education, MS
Elena McDonnell, Para Educator Special Education, MS
Matthew Richards, Custodian, HES

Resignations

Racheal Boyle, Para Educator, Special Education, PES
Mya Bowman, Para Educator Special Education, PES
Sarah Eiserman, Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher, HS
Kyle Garland, Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher, HES
Jaymi Jensen, Head Custodian, PES
Sarah Kraegel, Para Educator Special Education, PES
Elizabeth Nederhoff, Para Educator Regular Education, IS
Lakin Pitz, Custodian, HS
Emily Thompson, Para Educator Special Education, HS

Retirements

Denise Mehlhoff, Administrative Assistant, Summer School

Internal Changes - No Action

Laura Hansen, from 1-year 20% Physical Therapist, to regular 20% contract
Dan Horan, from Custodian, PES, to Head Custodian, PES
Ashley Wichmann, from 100% FTE Physical Therapist, to 80% FTE Physical Therapist

Terminations

Tonia Ready, Special Ed Para Educator, MS

Co-Curriculars posted on the extras section of the agenda.

XIV. BOARD BUSINESS

A. Legislative Update

1. Consideration of a District Statement on State of Wisconsin Budget Surplus sent to legislators. The Board asked administration to draft a statement representing the WCSD view of the State of WI Budget surplus. A motion was made by Hetzel, seconded by Sonne, to approve that this statement is drafted and sent out. Motion carried 6-0.

XV. FUTURE AGENDAS AND MEETINGS

A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

B. Special Meeting

June 29 @ 3:30pm BOE Training — DAPES

June 29 @ 5:00pm BOE Workshop

C. Budget Committee -July 13, 2026 at 8:00am

D. Co-Curricular Committee

E. Curriculum Committee

F. DEI Committee

G. Facility Committee

H. Human Resources Committee

I. Policy Committee — July 15, 2026 at 7:30am

XVI. **RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION** - NA

XVII. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** - NA

XVIII. **ACTION AS APPROPRIATE, ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION** - NA

XIX. **ADJOURN**

The Board of Education adjourned at 8:50pm on a motion by Eaton, second by Frey, and passed unanimously by voice vote 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlena Eaton, Clerk

Date: _____

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