

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 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Ms. Carr led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

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

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Ms. Deal to adopt the agenda as posted, seconded by Ms. Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Deeper Learning Virtual Academy (DLVA) Student Showcase

Deeper Learning Virtual Academy Principal Dr. Devone Smith briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action and how it connects to the learning that the student would be sharing. Maya S., junior, presented an extension writing project about a topic of interest in collaboration with Ms. Skiba, her advisory teacher. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked Maya, her parent, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Robinson recognized Student Resource Officer Herpin and Kane, West Milwaukee Intermediate School's therapy dog, as well as Principal Jeff Thomson and Social Studies Mr. Grabner for the positive impact Kane has had on the West Milwaukee Community.

7.1 Legislative Updates:

Legislators recently held a floor session to determine how to allocate the state's current budget surplus. They reached an agreement that includes a \$600 million investment in K-12 education, featuring the largest increase to the special education reimbursement rate in state history and \$300 million in general school aid intended to help reduce property taxes. The agreement also includes \$50 million in support for Wisconsin technical colleges.

7.2 District Recognitions:

May Celebrations:

Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month, and Memorial Day.

Teacher Appreciation Week:

Last week we celebrated our amazing WAWM staff and the impact they make on the lives of students each and every day. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment to excellence help shape the future of our schools and community. We would also like to thank the many organizations, businesses, families, and community groups who generously provided meals, treats, gifts, and messages of appreciation throughout the week.

Happy Mother's Day:

Thank you to all the moms and mother figures who lead with love, support learning, and inspire every day. We appreciate you today and every day.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since April 27, 2026, which included the following: Cross-Functional Team meetings (Teaching and Learning/ Student Services); Summer Learning Professional Development Planning; Preview of the 2026-27 WAWM Youth Theater

Show Lineup; CG Schmidt planning meeting; Instructional Coordinators Collaboration; Principal Collaboration; West Allis Rotary Club meeting; Snacks with the Superintendent and Cabinet- Franklin and West Milwaukee; School Visits- Mitchell, Walker, Central, and Pershing; and Board Member one-on-one meetings.

Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:

Dr. Robinson introduced the Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Tobi Weimer. Ms. Weimer, a senior at Dottke, is a member and second year captain of Central’s dance team, a senior girl scout, and a Badgerette Pom Pon Camp All Star. Ms. Weimer shared that Dottke's Exhibition Night is coming up on June 9, so be sure to come check out all the students' projects. Attendance is currently at an all-time high of 92.4%, and they are aiming to reach at least 93%. Dottke will also be hosting Chef Jonathan Zaragoza on May 19.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:33 p.m., allowing district residents up to three minutes each to speak in person or via Zoom, and provided instructions for participation. President Burns 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. President Burns closed public comments at 6:34 p.m.

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns 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 State Solo & Ensemble at Carroll University and West Allis Central’s band concert, where seniors were recognized and varsity letters and pins were distributed.
- Mr. Tolani attended Jefferson Elementary School’s Math Night and noted that his wife and daughters attended the Mommy & Me Tea at the Rec.
- Ms. Deal attended the Nathan Hale band and the Frank Lloyd Wright orchestra concerts.
- Mr. Becker attended Nathan Hale’s spring concert, where seniors were honored, as well as a track meet.
- Mr. Leigh attended Frank Lloyd Wright’s orchestra concert, State Solo & Ensemble at Carroll University, and a track meet.
- Ms. Lee attended Nathan Hale’s prom.
- Mr. Burns attended Frank Lloyd Wright’s orchestra concert.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

None

10. Consent Agenda:

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

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the April 27, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Beckman, Amber	Teacher (SPED CC -ES)	District	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Grisius, Angela	GEDO2 Coordinator	GEDO2 Program	New	At Will	7/01/2026

Lillo, Emily	Teacher (MLL)	Intermediate Level	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Simonson, Joshua	Teacher (Gr 4)	Wilson	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Williams, Zoe	Teacher (Gr 5)	Pershing	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Wise, Daniel	Teacher (BL)	West Milw	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Erickson, Melanie	Teacher (Gr 3)	Mitchell	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Fauerbach, Grace	Teacher (Gr 4)	Franklin	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Geraci, Samantha	Teacher (SPED IS)	Irving	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Holt, Samantha	Teacher (SPED CC)	Pershing	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Jackson, Romel	Custodian	Central	Resignation	5/01/2026
Kelley, Isabella	EA (SPED IS)	Irving	Resignation	5/11/2026
Khopkar, Sapna	Teacher (Math)	NHL	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Leal, Antonia	Teacher (Gr 1)	Mitchell	Retirement	End of the 25-26 SY
Mrochinski, Jeffrey	Teacher (Business Ed)	NHL	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Phillips, Lindsey	Custodian	NHL	Resignation	5/04/2026
Schroeder, Marissa	Teacher (Gr 3)	Mitchell	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Spore, Gentry	Teacher (Gr 2)	Jefferson	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Zill, Joshua	Teacher (Sci/SS)	West Milw	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the May 11, 2026, report.

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

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 Neola Bylaw & Policy Updates, Special Update: School Support Organizations (SSO), and Special Update: Act 57 - Dr. Robinson

11.1.1 35-1 (Released November 2025):

Bylaw 0100 - Definitions (Revised); Bylaw 0142.7 - Orientation (Revised); Bylaw 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications, And Code Of Conduct (Revised); Policy 1210 - Board - District Administrator Relationship (Revised); Policy 1230.01 - Development Of Administrative Guidelines (Revised); Policy 1240 - Evaluation Of The District Administrator (Revised); Policy 2131.01 - Reading Instructional Goals And Kindergarten Assessment (Revised); Policy 2261.01 - Parent And Family Engagement In Title I Programs (Revised); Policy 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics (Revised); Policy 4140 - Termination And Resignation (Revised); Policy 5112 - Entrance Age (Revised); Policy 5135 - Student Identification Numbers And Cards (New); Policy 5136 - Personal Communication Devices (Revised); Students 5310.01 - Emergency Nursing Services (Replacement); Policy 5411 - Third Grade Promotion And Retention: At-Risk Students (Revised); Policy 5514 - Use Of Personal Transportation Devices (Replacement); Policy 5515 - Student Use And Parking Of Motor Vehicles (Revised); Students 5530 - Student Use Or Possession Of Intoxicants, Drugs, Or Paraphernalia (Revised); Students 5772 - Weapons (Revised); Policy 6152.01 - Waiver Of School Fees Or Fines (Revised); Policy 6320 - Purchasing (Revised); Policy 7540.02 - Digital Content And Accessibility (Replacement); Policy 7540.08 - Artificial Intelligence (AI) (Replacement).

Motion by Mr. Becker to approve 35-1 (Released November 2025), seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.1.2 35-1 Special Update - School Support Organizations (SSO) (Released November 2025):

Policy 5830 - Student Fundraising (Revised); Policy 6605 - Crowdfunding (Revised); Policy 7230 - Gifts, Grants, And Bequests (Revised); Policy 9211 - School Support Organizations

(Rescind); Policy 9215 - School Support Organizations (Renumbered/Replacement); Policy 9700 - Relations With Non-School Affiliated Groups (Revised); Policy 9700.01 - Advertising And Commercial Activities (Revised).

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve 35-1 Special Update - School Support Organizations (SSO) (Released November 2025), seconded by Mr. Verbos.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.1.3 35-1 Special Update Act 57 (Released February 2026):

Policy 1213/3213/4213 - Student Supervision And Welfare (Revised); Policy 8462 - Child Abuse And Neglect (Revised).

Motion by Ms. Lee to approve 35-1 Special Update Act 57 (Released February 2026), seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 2025-2026 Budget Amendments – Norris

Approve the 2025-2026 budget amendments as outlined in the attached document.

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve the 2025-2026 Budget Amendments, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Resolution Approving Underground Easement at Pershing Elementary School – Norris

Resolution approving the district's grant of a permanent underground distribution easement to Wisconsin Electric Power Company d/b/a We Energies and authorizing the Superintendent of the School District to execute the easement document on behalf of the School District.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to approve the Resolution Approving Underground Easement at Pershing Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.4 2026-27 CESA 1 Agreement for Services – Burrage & Sage

Approve the attached CESA1 Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Motion by Ms. Lee to approve the 2026-27 CESA 1 Agreement for Services, seconded by Ms. Deal.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshop(s):

12.1 Teaching + Learning: 6-12 Social Studies Adoption Workshop – Burrage

Alyssa Burrage, Director of Teaching and Learning; Emma Kelly, Coordinator of Secondary Literacy; Jason Grabner, Social Studies Teacher at West Milwaukee Intermediate School, and Jill Miller, Social Studies Teacher at West Allis Central High School presented the 6-12 Social Studies Adoption Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#). The Board will be asked to adopt the 6-12 social studies curriculum at the May 18, 2026, Board meeting.

13. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 7:42 p.m. by Mr. Keller to convene into executive session, seconded by Ms. Carr, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, or compensation of the Superintendent.

14. Begin Recording/The Board will reconvene into open session, if needed, to approve the Superintendent's compensation.

14.1 Roll Call

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

14.2 Approve Superintendent's Compensation

Motion at 8:20 p.m. by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Keller, to approve the Superintendent's Compensation as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Adjournment

There was no further business and no objections to the meeting adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk