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1. Call to Order

President Kumm called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Excuse Absent Board Members

All members were present at the meeting.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda

2.1. Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President) and a second by Brian Wakeley (Board Member).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2.2. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting Passed with a motion by Eric Wynia and a second by Amanda Nipp.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric

Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

3. Guests

4. Re-Organization of the Wausa School Board

4.1. Discuss, Consider, and make a motion to approve the following board positions:

Make a motion to maintain and approve the current board positions as previously held (Mike Kumm-President, Katie Clausen-Vice President, Eric Wynia-Secretary). Passed with a motion by Brian Wakeley (Board Member) and a second by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4.1.1. Board President (Currently Mike Kumm)

4.1.2. Board Vice-President (Currently Katie Clausen)

4.1.3. Board Secretary (Currently Eric Wynia)

4.1.4. Board Acting & Recording Secretary (Currently Katie Smith)

4.2. Appointing of Board Committee assignments (See attached)

Make a motion and approve the current board committee assignments as previously held. Passed with a motion by Amanda Nipp and a second by Brian Wakeley (Board Member).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4.3. Discuss, Consider, and make a motion and a second to approve the following Board Appointees:

4.3.1. Appoint the Newspaper(s) of Record: (Currently the Knox County News Primary, and the Norfolk Daily News Secondary)

Make a motion and approve appointing the Newspaper(s) of Record: (Currently the Knox County News Primary, and the Norfolk Daily News Secondary) Passed with a motion by Derek Cunningham (Board Member) and a second by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4.3.2. Appoint the School District Treasurer (Currently Katie Smith)

Make a motion and approve the appointment of the School District Treasurer (Currently Katie Smith) Passed with a motion by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President) and a second by Eric Wynia.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

4.3.3. Appoint the School Depository (Currently Commercial State Bank of Wausa)

Make a motion and approve appointing the School Depository (Currently Commercial State Bank of Wausa) Passed with a motion by Derek Cunningham (Board Member) and a second by Brian Wakeley (Board Member).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5. Action Items

5.1. Board to consider a Resolution to authorize the issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2026, in an amount NOT TO EXCEED \$2,150,000, for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the construction of a new track and related facilities.

Make a motion to approve the issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the construction of a new track and related facilities Passed with a motion by Brian Wakeley (Board Member) and a second by Derek Cunningham (Board Member).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.2. Discuss, consider, and make a motion and a second to approve the 2026-27 Wausa Public Schools Negotiated agreement as presented (Upon Approval of the WEA membership).

Discuss and make a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Wausa Schools Negotiated agreement as presented (Upon Approval of the WEA membership) Passed with a motion by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President) and a second by Derek Cunningham (Board Member).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

5.3. Discuss, consider, and make a motion and a second to approve the 2024-25 audit by Dana Cole.

Discuss and make a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Dana Cole School Audit Passed with a motion by Amanda Nipp and a second by Eric Wynia.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6. Financial Reports

6.1. Treasurer

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Mr. Hoelsing Passed with a motion by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President) and a second by Brian Wakeley (Board Member).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

6.2. Claims

Motion to approve the Claims as presented by Mr. Hoelsing Passed with a motion by Eric Wynia and a second by Amanda Nipp.

Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Abstain (With Conflict), Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President):

Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

6.3. Activity

Motion to Approve the Activity Fund Report Passed with a motion by Derek Cunningham (Board Member) and a second by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President).

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

7. Reports

7.1. Superintendent

Mr. Hoelsing discussed the partnerships with Bloomfield Community Schools including the potential sharing of coursework in Career and Technical Education (CTE) and other academic areas as well as possible athletic and activity agreements. He also discussed the need to hold a retreat between the January and March board meetings to engage in strategic planning. During this, we gather updated data and work toward providing staff with updates as plans develop. He also spoke on the Rule 10 compliance meeting Mr. Hoelsing, Mr Anderson and Mrs. Heimes attended with zoom with the NDE. This will be a large undertaking as there is a lot of data and evidence to collect prior to the official visit on February 22nd. The track is currently out for bids and we hope to break ground by the spring thaw. Lastly he noted the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature met January 7th. The state is currently facing an estimated \$471 million budget shortfall, largely due to income tax cuts enacted last year. Because of the shortage, several potential actions may need to be discussed during the legislative session.

7.2. Principal

Mr. Anderson discussed WHIP. Juniors are starting this semester and seniors are continuing their WHIP as well. We have 2 students attending Fridays at Northeast. ACT prep 2nd round will start soon and will work with Miss Gragert. Test is in March. Juniors took ASVAB right before Christmas and most of our kids scored at the average or above. College planning is in full force and kids are applying to the college they have chosen. Miss Gragert is keeping in good contact with the students to stay on top of college planning. MAPS testing for high school will be next week. They will have this data for the January 28th parent-teacher conferences

Mrs. Heimes shared the MTSS data. Testing for MAPS is currently taking place. She went over scores so far and we have a lot of positive growth across the board. She also noted our reading scores are improving and increasing. In school savings has dropped to once a week to keep the excitement of savings. 2 days seemed to take away from that. Read your hearts out will be taking

place and parents or family can come and eat and read with their students. Field trips are being scheduled.

7.3. Activities Director

JH girls finished their season 11-3. Great job girls. JH Boys are just getting started with their basketball season and have 13 total boys out. JV and Varsity girls are in full swing. JV is 1-4 and HS is 3-6. We struggle to find full games for JV but have some opportunities in January to get some experience. High school boys are 6-3 and have some key players returning from injury, with the JV boys playing good basketball and having a great record as well. We have 3 boys out for wrestling, with 2 on JV and 1 on Varsity. Varsity has had some solid success. Speech practice has begun, and we have 18 students on the roster. The 1st speech meet is January 31st. Football for next year is in the final scheduling stages. We were placed in class D3 and our district opponents have been set. The final schedule will come out in February.

8. Discussion Items

8.1. 2026-27 Master Calendar

Mr. Hoelsing discussed the Master Calendar with the board. The Knox County fair dates in 2026 presented some problems with what our traditional calendar looks like, so Mr. Hoelsing went to the board with potential options for this year. The board discussed options with teacher workdays and end of the year schedule. The way the calendar sets up, this potentially could be a problem next year as well.

8.2. Strategic Planning retreat date

Mr. Hoelsing discussed board retreat dates and times with the board for the upcoming month.

8.3. Wrestling Coop Update

The board discussed options with other districts. Bloomfield-Crofton officially turned us down, due to the potential of the coop driving them into class B. Other scenarios were discussed for the wrestlers. Wausa would potentially have two returning wrestlers who currently wrestle with Osmond, as well as one eighth grader who wrestles for the Crofton-Bloomfield Club.

9. Executive (Closed) Session (If needed)

Motion to move to executive session at 8:58 PM to discuss a situation involving minor students and discuss personell matters to protect the interests of the individual(s). Passed with a motion by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President) and a second by Amanda Nipp.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike

Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to exit executive session at 9:12 PM. Passed with a motion by Amanda Nipp and a second by Eric Wynia.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike

Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to move to executive session at 8:57pm Passed with a motion by Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President) and a second by Amanda Nipp.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike

Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

10. Dates of Future Board Meetings

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:13 PM. Passed with a motion by Brian Wakeley (Board Member) and a second by Eric Wynia.

Katie Clausen (Board Vice-President): Yea, Derek Cunningham (Board Member): Yea, Mike

Kumm (Board President): Yea, Amanda Nipp: Yea, Brian Wakeley (Board Member): Yea, Eric Wynia: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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