

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
August 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 10, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Leigh 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, Sagar Tolani (excused), and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

6. Recreation Adult Day (RAD) Program Student Showcase

Shelly Strasser, Director of Recreation & Community Services introduced Katie Lindgren, RAD Program Manager, who works with its 40 participants ranging in age from 19 to 64. Ms. Lindgren discussed the history of RAD, current daily lessons and projects, as well as future initiatives. Program participants Brian and Matt shared what they enjoy most about RAD. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, participants, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

Act 10 Upheld on Appeal:

On July 29, 2026, the Wisconsin Court of Appeals ruled that Act 10 is constitutional, overturning a 2024 circuit court decision that found portions of the law violated the state's equal protection clause. As a result, Act 10 remains in effect, though the case is expected to be appealed to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

7.2 District Recognitions:

Caring Beyond Our Schools:

We'd like to recognize one of our own for going above and beyond, not in a school building, but out in our community.

Recently, a parent of Franklin Elementary students shared a heartfelt note about Alberto, who stopped to help after she experienced a flat tire while driving with her three children. On a hot day, Alberto changed the tire, invited the family to wait in the air-conditioned comfort of his vehicle, and helped them safely get back on the road.

The parent shared that his kindness made an incredibly difficult day much easier. She described Alberto as "an angel sent from the heavens above" and wanted the District to know how much his compassion meant to her family.

Thank you, Alberto, for demonstrating the kindness, care, and commitment to others that make our community stronger. Your willingness to stop and help reflects the very best of West Allis-West Milwaukee.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since July 27, 2026, which included the following: Cabinet One on One meetings; Planning meeting for Board Retreat with Dr. Scott; Planning Meeting to discuss Leadership Trainings; Agenda Review Meeting with Board Officers; Meeting with John Stalewski concerning West Milwaukee Intermediate Referendum Projects; Meeting with Johnson Controls Inc.; Leadership Trainings August 4th and 5th; Summer School Recap meeting; Poms Showcase @ E.H. Stech Fieldhouse- Central and Nathan Hale; and Badgerette Midwest Poms/ Dance Competition- Nathan Hale and Central.

Dr. Robinson encouraged parents and students to attend one of the Jump Start events taking place on August 14, 21, and 31, as well as provided a friendly reminder that all bags larger than 5" x 7" must be kept in lockers starting with the 2026-27 school year.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:27 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. After noting no participants, President Burns closed public comments at 6:28 p.m.

9. Board Reports:

9.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

9.2 Board Committee Reports:

9.2.1 Communications & Engagement – Verbos

Committee Chair Verbos reported that Communications & Engagement met on July 27, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed student showcases and the WAWM app.

9.2.2 Recreation & Community Services – Becker

Vice Chair Becker reported that Recreation & Community Services met on July 20, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed proposed projects (AFC Phase 3 and FLW Outdoor Recreation Complex), upcoming Board workshop, high school athletic coach hiring process, and Frontline employee onboarding and management.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Mr. Verbos attended a production of *Anything Goes*.
- Mr. Becker attended a production of *Anything Goes*.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

President Burns noted the upcoming School Board Retreat taking place on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at the AFC.

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 July 27, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Holahan, Casey	Teacher (Soc Studies/Sci)	W. Milw	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Jones, Nicole	Dir of HR and Emp Engagement	Admin	New	Admin	8/24/2026
Lowetz, Laurie	Teacher (SPED - CC)	Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Pipp, Lisa	Teacher (Gr K5)	Irving	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Schmidt, Kristin	Teacher (Gr 2)	Frankin	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Williams, Contina	Custodian II – 2 nd Shift	W. Milw	New	Maintenance	8/10/2026
Williamson, Olivia	Teacher (Math)	FLW	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Bonesho, Samuel	Teacher (Gr 4)	Franklin	Resignation	7/30/2026
Burant, Dorothy	EA (SPED IS)	CTS	Retirement	8/17/2026

Charters, Courtney	Teacher (Soc St)	Dottke	Rescinded	7/28/2026
DeShambo, Daniel	Teacher (Soc Studies)	Central	Resignation	7/30/2026
Divine, Andrea	Teacher (SPED CC)	Dottke	Resignation	7/30/2026
Farmer, Riley	Teacher (Spanish)	FLW	Resignation	8/05/2026
Twinem, Janie	EA (SPED IS)	Irving	Retirement	8/07/2026
Xiong, Mee	EA (SPED)	Irving	Resignation	7/27/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the August 10, 2026, report.

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

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 2027 Post-65 Retiree Health Insurance Renewal – Norris

Recommend approving the 26.2% decrease in the 2027 Post-65 Retiree Health Insurance Renewal.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve the 2027 Post-65 Retiree Health Insurance Renewal, seconded by Mr. Becker.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.2 Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not to Exceed \$25,000,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes – Norris

Recommend approving the following Initial Resolution: Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not to Exceed \$25,000,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not to Exceed \$25,000,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

11.3 Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not to Exceed \$50,000,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes – Norris

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Motion by Ms. Carr to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Borrowing of Not to Exceed \$50,000,000; and Providing for the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Promissory Notes, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. End of Recording/5-Minute Break:

Motion at 6:53 p.m. by Ms. Deal to convene into executive session, seconded by Mr. Leigh, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering and discussing a specific personnel matter, which if discussed in public, would have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person involved.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk