

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 24, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 24, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Becker 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, and John Verbos (excused).

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Leigh to adopt the agenda as modified, removing the executive session and the approval of closed session minutes from August 10, 2026, seconded by Mr. Becker. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Superintendent's Report

6.1 Legislative Updates:

Wisconsin awarded 5-year federal grant to bolster special education workforce:

Wisconsin has been awarded a five-year, \$10.5 million federal grant to strengthen the state's special education workforce through recruitment, preparation, and retention efforts. The initiative, STAIRS-WI, will expand "earn while you learn" apprenticeship opportunities and provide mentoring, coaching, professional learning, and leadership support for special educators. The need is significant, as only 43% of special education teachers remain in Wisconsin public schools through their eighth year, making these efforts critical to building a stronger and more sustainable workforce.

6.2 District Recognitions:

Welcome Home – New Teacher Kickoff:

We hosted our New Staff Welcome in the Central Fieldhouse on August 19, with a focus on building community among new staff and introducing them to the district's priorities, including our work centered on instruction and student well-being.

Coach Calvin Memorial Game:

The West Allis Central community came together for a special memorial football game honoring the life and legacy of Coach Stevie Calvin. It was a meaningful evening filled with Bulldog pride as players, families, staff, alumni, and community members gathered to remember a coach who made a lasting impact on so many. It was a celebration of Coach Calvin's life, his love for his players and the legacy he leaves with the Bulldog community.

Upcoming Events:

- 2026 Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 26 from 5-7 p.m. at the West Allis Farmers Market.
- FLW and WMIS Student Jump Start on Monday, August 31 from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- 2026 Battle of the Dogs on Friday, September 11 starting at 5:30 p.m. (cookout) and 7:00 p.m. (kickoff)

High School Jump Start:

A combined 1,355 of 1,995 (68%) of Dottke, WAC, and Hale students attended one of the high school jump start dates on August 14 and 21. Dottke: 141/157 (89%); WAC: 515/882 (58%); Hale: 699/956 (73%).

2026 Fall Sports Captains:

Nathan Hale Huskies: Football- Cason Lee, Mason Moltehn, Coleton Cohen, Dom Dorsey; Girls Cross Country- Nina Stuller, Piper Meunier; Boys Cross Country- Joseph Ventura, Caleb Jensen, Koda Bruner; Girls Volleyball- Kayla Foster, Tori Lee, Savannah Byrge; Cheer- Lily Rageth, Andrea Fitzgerald; Dance- Haily McCarron, Bella Schmitz, Kayla Foster, Izzy Pryal. West Allis Central Bulldogs: Football- Karon Alston, Andy Potter, Diez DeBerry, Cooper Fox; Girls Cross Country- Delilah Estrada; Boys Cross Country- Tony Matinez; Girls Volleyball- Maddie Falk, Lily Doorn, Nagtshia Yang; Cheer- will attend in the winter; Dance- will attend in the winter. West Allis-West Milwaukee Co-op Teams: Boys Volleyball- Riley Stryck, Timothy "TJ" Zepeda Jr., Reed Byrge; Girls

Flag Football- Leah Norton, Jubilee Borges, Latrice Smith, Jamyah Simos; Girls Swim & Dive- Kylee Kanter; Boys Soccer- Eli Pavlik, Yadi Barbosa; Girls Tennis- Bri Kendall, Celeste Lochner.

6.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since August 10, 2026, which included the following: Guiding Coalition Meeting- Teaching and Learning/ Student Services; Team meeting concerning Jump Start- High School and Intermediate; New Teacher Orientation; Recreational Adult Day Program (RAD) Passion Project Fair; Jump Start at Nathan Hale and Central HS; WAWM Board Retreat; Teaching and Learning Team Meeting; Meeting with Johnson Controls and District Budgeting Department; City/ Schools Meeting; Meeting with Athletic Directors; One on one meetings with Cabinet Members; Coach Calvin's Memorial Service; WIAA Board of Control Meeting; Nathan Hale versus Kaukauna; and meeting with the City of West Allis- Longfellow Property.

7. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:16 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 6:17 p.m.

8. Board Reports:

8.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

8.2 Board Committee Reports:

8.2.1 College & Career Readiness – Deal

Committee Chair Deal reported that College & Career Readiness met on August 10, 2026. The committee received a summer school recap and reviewed and discussed proposed course catalog updates for the 2027-28 school year and educational program information.

8.2.2 Employee Engagement & Culture and Financial Stability & Efficiency Joint Committee – Deal

Joint Committee Chair Deal reported that Employee Engagement & Culture (EEC) and Financial Stability & Efficiency (FSE) met on August 13, 2026. In relation to EEC, the joint committee reviewed and discussed the current vacancy rate, open positions, turnover trend data, and suggestion box response cards. In relation to FSE, the joint committee reviewed and discussed the pre-65 health insurance renewal, financial stabilization plan, compensation model timeline/ employee groups, and 2025-26 audit dates.

8.2.3 Recreation & Community Services – Lee

Committee Chair Lee reported that Recreation & Community Services met on August 17, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed Fund 80 in relation to program participation eligibility.

8.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Ms. Carr attended the RAD Passion Project Fair, the Board Retreat, and the new staff kickoff.
- Mr. Becker attended the RAD Passion Project Fair and the new staff kickoff.
- Mr. Leigh attended a West Allis Central football game and a Nathan Hale football game.
- Mr. Verbos attended a Nathan Hale Huskies football game.
- President Burns attended a Nathan Hale Huskies football game and the welcome back event for teachers and staff.

8.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

None

9. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5, seconded by Ms. Lee.

9.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the August 10, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

9.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Anthony, Martha	EA (SPED-IS)	Irving	New	EA	8/25/2026
Bloomer, Mitchell	Office Ops Spec	Rec Dept	New	Clerical	9/01/2026
Burr, Mercedes	EA (SPED-IS)	Irving	New	EA	8/25/2026
Dent, Robert	Teacher (Soc Studies)	Central	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Johnson, Alicia	Teacher (Spanish)	FLW	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Kraker, Brakken	Teacher (Phy Ed)	Dottke	Rehire	Limited Term	8/25/2026
Looze, Casey	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026
Richardson, Stacy	EA (Reg Ed 4K)	Franklin	New	EA	8/25/2026
Piva, Jonathan	Teacher (SPED-CC)	District	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Pluta, Stephanie	EA (SPED-CC)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026
Sanders, Austyn	Custodian II - 2nd Shift	NHL	New	Maintenance	8/17/2026
Schreiner, Klarissa	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026
Smith, Amonti	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026
Stephens, Jylahna	EA (SPED-IS)	Irving	Rehire	EA	8/25/2026
White, Aaron	Coordinator of Elementary Math & Science	Admin	New	Admin	8/25/2026
Williams, Cordilya	EA (SPED-CC)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Arndt, Briar	EA (SPED-CC)	Hoover	Resignation	8/19/2026
Betz, Kelly	Teacher (Art)	H. Mann	Rescinded	8/14/2026
Bhulanja, Ravi	Custodian II	Central	Termination	8/07/2026
Landherr, Jennifer	Teacher (SPED-CC)	H. Mann	Resignation	8/17/2026
Murphy, Janet	SLP	Mitchell	Retirement	8/11/2026
Williams, Contina	Custodian II	W. Milw	Resignation	8/12/2026
Williamson, Olivia	Teacher (Math)	FLW	Rescinded	8/17/2026
Wojciechowski, Christine	Asst Principal	H. Mann	Resignation	8/20/2026
Zuniga, Celeste	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	Resignation	8/13/2026

9.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the August 24, 2026, report.

9.4 Financial Report Summary

Approval of the Financial Report Summary for the Month of July 2026 including Receipts #8310 through #8341 in the amount of \$1,215,442.98 and Vouchers Payable #382135 through #382445, wire transfers, and payroll disbursements in the amount of \$5,440,234.00 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for one Month Ending July 31, 2026.

9.5 Update Title and Contact Information for Human Resources on Board Policies & Administrative

Guidelines: ag2266, ag3111A, ag3120A, ag3120B, ag3121, ag3430.01B, po1422, po1662, po2260, po2266, po3122, po3362, po4122, po4362, and po8913

Approval to update the title and contact information for Human Resources on Board Policies & Administrative Guidelines: ag2266, ag3111A, ag3120A, ag3120B, ag3121, ag3430.01B, po1422, po1622, po2260, po2266, po3122, po3362, po4122, po4362, and po8913.

The title shall be updated to Director of Human Resources & Employee Engagement. The contact information shall be updated to Dr. Nicole Jones <jonesn@wawmsd.org>.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5.

10. Action Item(s):

10.1 2027-28 Course Catalog Updates – Burrage

Approve the following changes for 2027-2028 Course Catalog listed [here](#).

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve the 2027-2028 Course Catalog changes, seconded by Mr. Becker.

Motion carried unanimously.

10.2 Establishing the Madison School – Norris

Approve establishing Madison School as an alternative school within the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District.

Motion by Ms. Lee to approve establishing Madison School as an alternative school within the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, with the understanding that the name of the school and other optics would be revisited at a later date, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

10.3 Resolution Authorizing Easement at Irving Elementary School – Norris & Smith

Resolution authorizing the district's grant of a permanent 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 Ms. Deal to approve the Resolution Authorizing Easement at Irving Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Workshop(s):

11.1 Recreation & Community Services: High School Athletics – Strasser

Shelly Strasser, Director of Recreation & Community Services; Trevor Leopold, Nathan Hale Athletic Director and Assistant Principal; and Katie Rucka, West Allis Central Athletic Director and Assistant Principal presented the High School Athletics Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#).

11.2 2024 Referendum Updates Workshop #5 – Hahn & Smith

Carolyn Hahn, Director of Communications & Engagement and Bill Smith, Facilities Project Manager, presented the 2024 Referendum Updates Workshop #5, which can be viewed [here](#).

12. End of Recording/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