

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
September 14, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 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 (excused), Noah Leigh, Sagar Tolani, and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Verbos to adopt the agenda as modified, moving the Superintendent's Report to agenda item six and the Public Budget Hearing to agenda item seven, seconded by Ms. Carr. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Superintendent's Report

Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report on behalf of Dr. Robinson.

6.1 Legislative Updates:

November Ballot:

There are currently 78 referenda across 71 districts on the November ballot. This totals 154 total referenda across 145 districts in Wisconsin this year. This is a steep decline from 2024, but is around the average held in even years since 2016.

6.2 District Recognitions:

WAC Automotive Program Donation:

We would like to recognize the generous donation of tools and equipment to the West Allis Central High School Automotive Program in memory of Michael "Satch" Drew, a 1988 West Allis Central graduate. Mike discovered his passion for the automotive trades as a Central student and, in his final days, expressed a desire to give back to the program that helped shape his future. His best friends and fellow Central alumni, Doug Bansemer, Michelle Bansemer, and Brent St. John, recently honored that wish through their generous donation. We are grateful for this meaningful gift and the opportunity to honor Mike's legacy by providing today's students with the tools and experiences to explore their talents, learn a trade, and build their own futures.

Opening Day:

On August 26, we welcomed back all staff at our Opening Day celebration. Opening Day provided an opportunity to reconnect, build community, and set the tone for a successful year ahead.

Back to School Bash:

The district kicked off the school year by bringing families and the community together at our Back to School Bash on August 26 at the West Allis Farmers Market. The event provided an opportunity for families to connect with community partners, enjoy activities and refreshments, and celebrate the start of another great school year.

First Day of School:

The 2026–27 school year got off to a great start as students and staff returned for the first day of school on September 1. Schools were filled with excitement as students reconnected with friends, met their teachers, and began a new year of learning. A special thank you to our principals for organizing First Day Greeters at each school and to our community partners who joined us to welcome students and families. Their presence helped create a warm and welcoming start to the school year.

Battle of the Dogs:

The annual Battle of the Dogs brought WAWM students, staff, families, and community members together for an evening of school spirit, friendly competition, and fun. The event showcased the energy and pride of our school community while providing an opportunity for students and families to connect outside of the school day. Thank

you to everyone who helped organize and support this annual tradition, including our School Board for serving food, and to the students, staff, and community members who made the event a success.

Madison Playground:

The new playground at Madison Elementary School is officially complete! This exciting improvement provides the students and community with a refreshed, engaging space to play and explore.

Nathan Hale Cheer:

Congratulations to the Nathan Hale High School cheerleading team who won its first-ever state championship in February 2026. Way to go Audrina Dippel, Andrea Fitzgerald, Lily Rageth, Venicia Roberts, Jayden Ruplinger, and Maya Tulach and co-head coaches Alison Rageth and Lizzie Trilk.

6.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

None

7. Public Budget Hearing

7.1 Introductory Comments:

President Burns noted Wisconsin law requires all public school districts to hold an annual budget hearing. The annual budget hearing offers the public a chance to review and provide input on the proposed budget for the current (2026–27) school year. The Board will take action on the final 2026-27 budget on October 26, 2026.

7.2 2026-27 Budget Presentation & Annual Report on OPEB Trust:

Assistant Superintendent Aaron Norris presented the 2026-27 budget and annual report on the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits), which can be viewed [here](#). The Public Hearing 2026-2027 Budget report was also provided and can be viewed [here](#).

7.3 Public Comment(s) from Citizens on the Budget:

President Burns opened the floor for public comments related to the 2026-27 Budget Presentation and Annual Report on OPEB Trust at 6:49 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 6:50 p.m.

7.4 Concluding Remarks:

Mr. Norris gave concluding remarks and thanked everyone for their time.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:52 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 6:53 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

On behalf of Committee Chair Verbos, Committee Vice Chair Carr reported that Communications & Engagement met on August 24, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed the results of the 5th and 8th Grade Transition Surveys.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Mr. Verbos attended the Back to School Bash, Nathan Hale’s season opening football game, and Battle of the Dogs.
- Ms. Carr attended Battle of the Dogs, Welcome Back Staff Event – including the staff “Power” session – and was a first day greeter at Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School.
- Mr. Becker attended the Back to School Bash, Welcome Back Staff Event, and several football and volleyball games.

- Mr. Leigh attended several football games, was a first day greeter at Nathan Hale High School and Hoover Elementary School, and Battle of the Dogs.
- Mr. Tolani attended the Back to School Bash, Welcome Back Staff Event, and Battle of the Dogs.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

None

10. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve Consent Agenda items 10.1, 10.2, and 10.3, seconded by Mr. Leigh.

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the August 24, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Bozich, Lauren	EA (SPED-CC)	Pershing	New	EA	9/21/2026
Ebert, Nevaeh	EA (SPED - IS)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026
Kluessendorf, Meghan	Teacher (Art)	H. Mann	New	Renewing	8/31/2026
Kropidlowski, Nicholas	Custodian II 2nd Shift	Franklin/FFH	New	Maintenance	8/31/2026
Linden, David	Teacher (Spanish)	W Milwaukee	New	Renewing	9/08/2026
Lopez, Rteja	EA (SPED-IS)	Hoover	New	EA	8/25/2026
Marks, Thomas	EA (SPED IS)	FLW	New	EA	8/25/2026
Mataljan, Evelyn	Teacher (Gr 4)	Franklin	New	Renewing	8/26/2026
Matel, Michelle	Teacher (Math)	FLW	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Quick, Alexander	Custodian II 2nd Shift	W Milwaukee	New	Maintenance	8/31/2026
Robinson, Aileene	EA (Reg Ed 4K)	H. Mann	New	EA	8/25/2026
Schmidt, Steven	EA (SPED-IS)	Irving	New	EA	8/25/2026
Shea, Tim	Lead Office Ops Spec	Rec Dept	Change	At Will	9/01/2026
Spring, Megan	EA (Reg Ed 5K)	Pershing	New	EA	9/14/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Brendemihl, Jennifer	EA (SPED-CC)	Walker	Resignation	8/28/2026
Castillo, Mateo	Relief Custodian	District	Termination	9/04/2026
Greene, Summor	Teacher (CC)	Irving	Resignation	9/14/2026
Martin, Matthew	Teacher (Spanish)	W Milw	Resignation	8/25/2026
Perry, Jason	Custodian 2nd Shift	Jefferson	Resignation	8/31/2026
Rebro, Phillp	Cleaner	Central	Resignation	9/11/2026
Tyler-Schroeder, Janelle	Secretary III (Part Time)	Jefferson	Resignation	8/25/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the September 14, 2026, report.

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

11. Action Item(s):

11.1 West Allis Central High School Automotive Program Donation – Norris

Approve the West Allis Central High School Automotive Program tools and equipment donation with an estimated value of \$15,000.

Motion by Mr. Tolani to approve the West Allis Central High School Automotive Program Donation, seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. Workshop(s):

- 12.1 Communications & Engagement: Grades 5 & 8 College and Career Readiness Survey Data – Hahn**
Carolyn Hahn, Director of Communications & Engagement, presented the Grades 5 & 8 College and Career Readiness Survey Data, which can be viewed [here](#). Alyssa Burrge, Director of Teaching and Learning; Theresa Morateck, Director of Student Services; and Robert Joyce, Manager of College and Career Readiness, were also present to discuss next steps.

13. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 7:33 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Mr. Keller, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(f) to discuss specific personnel matters related to non-discrimination and employee misconduct, which if discussed in public, would have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the persons involved.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk