

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
April 27, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 27, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Mr. Becker led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Newly Elected Board Members Take Oath of Office – Mayor Dan Devine

West Allis Mayor Dan Devine administered the Oath of Office to Noah Leigh, Brian Keller, and Sagar Tolani for a three-year term on the West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board.

4. 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.

5. Declaration of Public Notice

6. Adoption of Agenda

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

7. Election of Board Officers:

7.1 President – Dr. Robinson opened nominations for the office of president. Amy Deal nominated Brendan Burns, seconded by Jane Carr. Motion by Joe Becker to close the nominations for president, seconded by John Verbos. Motion carried. Brendan Burns was nominated to the office of president by a unanimous voice vote.

7.2 Vice President – President Burns opened nominations for the office of vice president. Rebecca Lee nominated Amy Deal, seconded by Jane Carr. Motion by Jane Carr to close the nominations for vice president, seconded by Brian Keller. Motion carried. Amy Deal was nominated to the office of vice president by a unanimous voice vote.

7.3 Treasurer – President Burns opened nominations for the office of treasurer. Rebecca Lee nominated Jane Carr, seconded by Joe Becker. Motion by Rebecca Lee to close the nominations for treasurer, seconded by Joe Becker. Motion carried. Jane Carr was nominated to the office of treasurer by a unanimous voice vote.

7.4 Clerk – President Burns opened nominations for the office of clerk. Brian Keller nominated John Verbos, seconded by Jane Carr. Motion by Amy Deal to close the nominations for clerk, seconded by Sagar Tolani. Motion carried. John Verbos was nominated to the office of clerk by a unanimous voice vote.

8. Jefferson Elementary School Student Showcase

Jefferson Elementary School Principal Burto briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action and how it connects to the learning that the students will be sharing. Ms. Jelacic, 5K teacher and students Victoria, Wes, Juniper, and Colton demonstrated a UFLI Foundations lesson. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

9. Superintendent's Report

9.1 Legislative Updates:

There were no Legislative Updates.

9.2 District Recognitions:

DPI Schools of Recognition - High Impact Schools:

Congratulations to the 2024-25 Schools of Recognition – High Impact Schools: Nathan Hale High School, Pershing Elementary School, and Walker Elementary School.

Hale Unified Basketball & Cheer Compete at State!

Hale's Unified Basketball and Cheer teams competed at the Ralph Davis State High School Unified Basketball Tournament at Gateway Sports Academy, joining Unified Champion Schools from across the state in celebration of inclusion, teamwork, and the spirit of competition. We are proud of our teams for representing Hale at the state level!

WAWM Youth Theater:

Jordan Pollard introduced the following cast members from the upcoming production of The Boxcar Children: Carlie Burns, 6th grade, FLW, Stage Manager; Vivian Staffeldt, 6th grade, FLW, Mrs. Toliver; Suabnag Yang, 6th grade, WMIS, Jess. The Boxcar Children runs May 14-17 at Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School.

Save the date- June 26! Join us for the 2026-27 WAWM Youth Theater season reveal mystery dinner at West Allis Central High School. More clues to come!

2026 WIAA Elections and Congratulations:

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Robinson was elected to the WIAA Board of Control for the 2026-27 school year. Dr. Robinson will serve as the Board of Control At-Large representative.

The 2026 election results were announced at the Annual Meeting last Friday in Stevens Point.

9.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since April 13, 2026, which included the following: Catch Me if You Can at West Allis Central; City/Schools Monthly Meeting; Snacks with the Superintendent at Wilson, Nathan Hale, Mitchell, and Hoover; Track and Field Competition at the West Allis Athletic Complex; Board Member one on one meetings; partnership meetings with Ascension and Johnson Controls; Guiding Coalition Team Meetings- MLSS; Cabinet one on one meetings; Mitchell ES choir, orchestra, and band concerts.

Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:

Dr. Robinson introduced the Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Djurdja Davidovic. Ms. Davidovic, a junior at Hale, is a member of Renaissance Leadership team as a mentor, part of the Track and Field team, member of Rotary Interact Club, enrolled in multiple AP classes, member of Hope Squad, and a drum major for Hale Band. Dr. Robinson introduced the Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Djurdja Davidovic. Ms. Davidovic, a junior at Hale, is a member of Renaissance Leadership team as a mentor, part of the Track and Field team, member of Rotary Interact Club, enrolled in multiple AP classes, member of Hope Squad, and a drum major for Hale Band. Ms. Davidovic noted Rotary held a highway cleanup on Sunday, where students had fun helping out together. This Saturday, students will attend State Solo Ensemble at Carroll University during the day and prom at the Harley-Davidson Museum in the evening. AP testing begins next Monday after prom, and next week also includes Hope Week with Spirit Week activities and penny wars fundraising, along with Teacher Appreciation Week.

10. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:42 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. The following person made a public comment: Representative Angelito Tenorio, district resident. President Burns closed public comments at 6:47 p.m.

11. Board Reports:

11.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

11.2 Appointment of District Parliamentarian, CESA #1 Delegate, WASB Delegate & WASB Alternate

- District Parliamentarian will be Sagar Tolani
- CESA #1 Delegate will be Noah Leigh
- WASB Delegate will be Noah Leigh
- WASB Alternate will be Joe Becker

11.3 Board Committee Reports:

11.3.1 Financial Stability & Efficiency – Carr

Committee Vice Chair Carr reported that the committee met on April 16, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed high-cost claim reporting - claim submitted; health insurance / benefits broker - RFP update; monthly finance reporting; lower class size evaluation; referendum finance update; AFC pool and FLW track with Shelly Strasser, Director of Recreation & Community Services; and an under levy strategy with Baird representatives.

11.3.2 Recreation & Community Services – Lee

Committee Chair Lee reported that the committee met on April 20, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed the RFP for Before & After School Care and the High School Athletics End of Year Satisfaction Survey.

11.4 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Mr. Verbos attended *Catch Me If You Can* and the National Honors Society Induction Ceremony at West Allis Central.
- Ms. Carr attended *Catch Me If You Can* and Jefferson Elementary School’s 4K/5K spring concert.
- Mr. Tolani attended Jefferson Elementary School’s 4K/5K spring concert.
- Mr. Becker attended *Catch Me If You Can* and the JV and varsity track meets.

11.5 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

President Burns noted May committee meetings would be canceled and resume in June.

12. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Deal to approve Consent Agenda items 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, and 12.5, seconded by Ms. Carr.

12.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the April 13, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting and the April 20, 2026, Board of Education Workshop Meeting.

12.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	
Bishop, Shareena	Custodian II - 2nd Shift	Walker	New	Maintenance	4/27/2026
Giesfeldt, Hunter	Custodian II - 2nd Shift	Mitchell	New	Maintenance	4/21/2026
Gumm, Alyssa	Teacher (Gr 5K)	Jefferson	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Hernandez, Shondell	Teacher (Soc Studies)	Central	Rehire	Limited Term	8/25/2026
Howard Jr. David	Custodian II - 3rd Shift	Central	New	Maintenance	4/20/2026
Kosek, Justin	Coordinator of School Svcs	Admin	Change	At Will	7/1/2026
Leffler, Zoe	Teacher (Music)	PRH/FKN	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Pond, Sarah	Finance	Admin	Change	Admin	7/1/2026
Ziebert, Rose	School Psychologist	Central	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Hoffmann, KDee	EA (SPED IS)	Irving	Resignation	4-20-2026
Mathews, Aaliyonce	EA (SPED IS)	Hoover	Resignation	4-20-2026
Pack, Spencer	Teacher (SPED CC) PT	Mitchell	Conclusion of Employment	End of the 25-26 SY
Statza, Diane	Teacher (Reading)	Jefferson	Retirement	End of the 25-26 SY
Sullivan, Katherine	Teacher (SPED)	FLW	Retirement	End of the 25-26 SY
Wells, Chad	Teacher (SPED CC)	Central	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY

12.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the April 27, 2026, report.

12.4 Financial Summary Report

The Financial Report Summary for the Month of March 2026 including Receipts #8007 through #8075 in the amount of \$21,753,943.02 and Vouchers Payable #380257 through #380693, wire transfers, and payroll disbursements in the amount of \$10,743,545.11 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for nine Months Ending March 31, 2026.

12.5 Approval of Continued Use of Facsimile Signatures

The continued use of facsimile signatures of the President, Treasurer, and Clerk where Board Officers are required to sign school district checks or purchase orders and, in all cases, where Board Officers are required to sign a contract.

The Administration will continue to use the signatures as adopted on May 12, 2025, for the period from April 27, 2026, through June 30, 2026. This allows for the continued use of the current signature plate, showing Board Officers elected as of May 12, 2025, until a new signature plate can be obtained.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, and 12.5.

13. Action Item(s):

13.1 School District Financial Depositories – Dr. Robinson & Norris

In accordance with S120.12 (7), Wisconsin Statutes, approved the resolution that the following banks be and are hereby designated as public depositories for funds, including investments, of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al.: BMO Harris Bank NA, Milwaukee, WI. For Investment Purposes Only: BMO Harris Bank NA, Milwaukee, WI; Wisconsin Investment Series Cooperative, Milwaukee, WI; MidAmerica Administrative & Retirement Solutions, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Keller to approve the School District Financial Depositories, seconded by Mr. Becker.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.2 Release of 2026-2027 Purchase Orders – Dr. Robinson & Norris

Approve the release of Purchase Orders for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve the Release of 2026-2027 Purchase Orders, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.3 2026-2027 Delegation of Leasing Authority – Dr. Robinson & Norris

Approve the 2026-2027 Delegation of Leasing Authority to approve, authorize, and direct the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, for a period of one (1) year, to take all necessary and appropriate actions and make all necessary and appropriate decisions in their business judgment on behalf of the District in connection with the negotiation of any amendments, extensions, renewals, or other modifications to, and the enforcement of, existing leases with tenants located at the properties owned by the District, and including, but not limited to, initiating and taking appropriate actions to enforce the District's rights and tenant's obligations under any such leases. The Superintendent and

Assistant Superintendent are authorized, either alone or together, to execute and deliver any and all documents, instruments, other agreements, and certificates contemplated in and consistent with this Motion.

Motion by Ms. Lee to approve the 2026-2027 Delegation of Leasing Authority, seconded by Mr. Keller.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.4 Designating *South NOW* as the Paper to Publish Board Minutes – Dr. Robinson

Approve designating *South NOW* as the paper to publish Board minutes.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to approve Designating *South NOW* as the Paper to Publish Board Minutes, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.5 Seek Position CESA 1 Seat on Board of Control (2-Year Term) – Burns & Dr. Robinson

The Board to consider whether it would like to fill its seat on the Board of Control with CESA 1. The District currently holds the Group B seat for the CESA 1 Board of Control and has two years left of the three-year term (26-27 and 27-28). Kristen Keyser served the first year of the term (25-26).

Motion by Mr. Keller to have Noah Leigh, who also serves as the CESA 1 Delegate, fill its CESA 1 Seat on Board of Control (2-Year Term), seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

13.6 Approval of 2026-2027 Base Wage Increase – Norris

Approve a 2.7% base wage increase (CPI) for returning employees. This increase will apply to the following employee groups: administrators, at-will staff, educational assistants, facilities staff, hourly lay personnel, secretaries, and substitutes. Additionally, the Board of Education, while not an employee group, will also receive the approved increase.

The total base wage increase shall be effective from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 for all returning employees; this does include an increase to the base wage for new hires in the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Mr. Leigh proposed an amendment to the 2026–2027 Base Wage Increase so that the 2.7% base wage increase would apply to all employees except the Board of Education, seconded by Mr. Verbos.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to approve the 2026-2027 Base Wage Increase as amended, seconded by Mr. Becker. Let the minutes reflect Ms. Carr, Ms. Deal, and Ms. Lee opposed.

Motion carried by majority vote.

14. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 7:18 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Ms. Deal, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section §19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering a student disciplinary expulsion order, which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial effect upon the reputation of the student involved.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk