

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 13, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Ms. Lee 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, Kristen Keyser, Rebecca Lee, Noah Leigh, and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

6. Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School Student Showcase

Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School Principal Fish briefly reviewed the District's Theory of Action and how it connects to the learning that the students will be sharing. Mrs. Czajka-Glisch, art teacher; Mrs. Dubois-Zeck, STEM/technology teacher; Grayson B., 8th grade; Simone W., 8th grade; Kaitlin K., 7th grade; and Molly M., 8th grade discussed Frank Lloyd Wright's Hope Squad's values, theory of action alignment, and how it promotes student well-being. President Burns and Dr. Robinson thanked parents, students, and staff for attending.

7. Superintendent's Report

7.1 Legislative Updates:

There were no Legislative Updates.

7.2 District Recognitions:

Dr. Robinson recognized and had the French foreign exchange students introduce themselves.

April Celebrations:

April celebrations include Passover, National Library Week, Easter, Administrative Professionals Day, Earth Day, and School Bus Driver Appreciation Day.

Elementary Music Video:

Ms. Burley, music teacher at Horace Mann; Ms. Radiske, choir teacher at Hale and music teacher at Mitchell; and Ms. Moore, music teacher at Pershing and Franklin discuss why music matters. Watch the video [here](#).

4K Enrollment Event:

On April 7th, we welcomed incoming 4K families to our first-ever 4K Enrollment Fair. Families enrolled, connected with teachers and community partners, and enjoyed a fun, celebratory atmosphere. Thank you to the staff who brought this event to life. We can't wait to do it again.

High School Athletics Spring Sport Captains:

The High School Athletics Spring Sport Captains were introduced. Nathan Hale: Baseball- Luke Schaning, Mason Shore, and Beckham Shoults; Golf- Alex McMillin and Liam Devine; Soccer- Bella Royse, Jackie Pedroza, Kaleigh Reilly, and Ava Schmidt; Softball (CoOp)- Mackenzie Dent, Stephanie Burke, Audrey Werra, and Maura Meunier; Tennis (CoOp)- Micah Davis and Lincoln Stuller; Track (Boys)- Nolan Colson, Jacob Engel, Sam Kabb, Nathan Geboy, Ethan Plier and Preston Plier; Track (Girls)- Leah Norton, Kayla Foster, and Riley Lee. Central: Baseball- Julian Molthen; Golf- Shea Welch, Caden Schaeffer Rose, and Kaden Sormrude; Soccer- Ariela Florentino and Rain Verdugo-Hernandez;

Track- Demesha Sampton, Jamyah Simos, Latrice Smith, Brian DeLeon, Chloe Beal, Diego Loeza, Antonio Martinez, AJ Torres, and Laniyah Varela.

7.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Class of 2026 Senior Walks:

Join us on Monday, June 8 as the Class of 2026 returns to their elementary school hallways for one last walk before they cross the stage! Line the halls, bring your cheers, and help us send our seniors off in style! This is a celebration you won't want to miss! Central Seniors: Franklin from 12:30-1 p.m., Horace Mann from 1-1:30 p.m., and Pershing from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Dottke Seniors: Jefferson from 12:30-1:15 p.m. and Wilson from 1:15-2 p.m. Hale Seniors: Irving from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Mitchell from 12:30-1:15 p.m., Hoover from 1:15-2 p.m., and Walker from 1:15-2 p.m.

Student Jump Start:

Save the dates for the "The Year Starts Here" Student Jump Start for the 2026-27 School Year! Nathan Hale and Central: 9th and 12th Graders, August 14th, 8am-6pm; 10th and 11th Graders August 21st, 8am-6pm; Dottke PBL: All Grades, August 21st, 8am-6pm; Frank Lloyd Wright and West Milwaukee: All 6th-8th Grade Students, August 31st, 8am-4pm. Click [here](#) for more information and printable flyers.

Community Visits and Meetings:

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since March 23, 2026, which included the following: Snacks with Superintendent and Cabinet at Dottke and Nathan Hale, Instructional Rounds at Dottke and West Milwaukee Intermediate, Partnership Meetings with Ascension and Johnson Controls, West Allis Rotary Club Meeting, and The Student Advisory Group- The Voice Meeting.

Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:

Dr. Robinson introduced Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Joey Dombrowski. Mr. Dombrowski, a junior at Dottke, is a member of the Video Games Club, a straight-A student, and an organizer of multiple Dottke events. Mr. Dombrowski reported that Dottke had 100% ACT and 97% pre-ACT completion rates. Students are expanding their experiences through opportunities like hosting a French exchange student and participating in MATC's Start College Now program. School spirit and inclusion are thriving through initiatives such as a newly formed unified basketball team, a March Madness Crew competition won by Ms. Ettsman's group, and consistently rising attendance nearing the 93% goal, supported by creative incentives. Dottke also continues to showcase student work through its Phoenix Market and will host key upcoming events, including Exhibition Night on June 9 and a graduation ceremony at the school featuring a reception, formal ceremony, and senior dinner.

Recognition:

Dr. Robinson recognized Ms. Keyser for her time serving on the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District's Board of Education, as well as the impact she made in the District. Several of Ms. Keyser's friends and former colleagues briefly introduced themselves and shared their admiration for her.

8. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:48 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: Justin Bielinski, district resident. President Burns closed public comments at 6:49 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 College & Career Readiness – Becker

Committee Chair Becker reported that the committee met on April 13, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed elementary math changes similar to Act 20, social studies curriculum adoption for grades

6-12, and a safety and bags update. Items to be considered for future discussion: partnership with the West Allis Farmers Market.

9.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

➤ Due to Spring Break, there were no Board Member Reports of Community Events.

9.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

President Burns presented Ms. Keyser with The WASB Certificate of Commendation for her service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools from April 2020 – April 2026. On behalf of the Board, President Burns honored Ms. Keyser’s six years serving as a West Allis-West Milwaukee School Board Member and read the following tribute:

A TRIBUTE

*Whereas, the conclusion of public service of **Kristen Keyser** Board of Education Member, School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., on **Monday, April 13, 2026**, will historically be recorded as being a total of **6 years** of significant educational contributions to this School District; and*

Whereas, she has, with exceptional spirit, self-dedication, and a community-minded philosophy, contributed significantly to the development and enrichment of the educational and recreational programs of this School District to the end that those who participated have grown in knowledge, skills, and the enjoyment of living; and

Whereas, during her tenure of service to the School District and community, she did provide strong leadership, guidance, and management skills to improve the instructional and recreational programs while filling the following positions as a School Board Member:

Treasurer	4 Years
Clerk.....	1 Year
Committee Chair:	
Financial Stability & Efficiency.....	3 Years
College & Career Readiness.....	1 Year
Communication & Community Relations.....	1 Year
Committee Vice-Chair:	
College & Career Readiness.....	2 Years
Communication & Community Relations.....	1 Year
Financial Stability & Efficiency.....	1 Year
Committee Member:	
College & Career Readiness.....	3 Years
Board of Control:	
CESA 1	1 Year
Delegate:	
WASB.....	5 Years
CESA 1	1 Year

Whereas, her example of public commitment, unfailing energy, and intellectual curiosity has provided inspiration and admiration to all whose lives have been touched by association with him, and in particular to her many Board of Education colleagues and members of the educational profession;

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, the members of the Board of Education of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al., honor this woman for her notable contributions to the fields of public education and public recreation by her self-dedication to the principle of public service, her professional integrity, her personal interest in the education and recreational needs of the School District, and that this expression of our warm appreciation and affection be formally recorded and presented to **Kristen Keyser**; and*

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this testimonial be formally recorded in the official minutes of the Board of Education of the School District of West Allis-West Milwaukee, et al.

Current Board Members

Joe Becker Brian Keller
Brendan Burns Rebecca Lee
Jane Carr Noah Leigh
Amy Deal John Verbos

Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Tarrynce Robinson

10. Consent Agenda:

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

10.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the March 23, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

10.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	
Appadoo, Elizabeth	School Psychologist	NHL	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Clark, Taylor	SSW	Franklin/Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Cronin, Aaron	Teacher (Phy Ed)	W Milw	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Gayhart, Jaymes	Teacher (Music/Choir)	FLW/Central	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Mesko, Jennifer	SLP	Hoover	New	Renewing	4/14/2026
Scardina, Sicilia	SSW	Irving	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Vinciguerra, Lindsay	Teacher (Reading)	Wilson/TBD	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Wedoff, Valerie	Teacher (Phy Ed)	NHL	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Barabas, Emily	Teacher (English)	Central	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Fadden, Lisa	Custodian II	Mitchell	Termination	3/25/2026
Lewandowski, Leah	Teacher (Gr 4K)	Pershing	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Maag, Madeline	Teacher (Math/Sci)	FLW	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Muhammad-Hughes, Ameenah	Custodian II	Jefferson	Resignation	4/08/2026
Obst, Maggie	Program Mgr	Rec Dpt	Resignation	4/23/2026
Rogers, Desmond	Night Lead Custodian	W Milw	Resignation	3/30/2026
Sage, Laura	Dir of Student Svcs	Admin	Retirement	6/30/2026
Worrell, Devon	Food Svcs Business Spec	Admin	Resignation	4/17/2026

10.3 Supplementary Contracts

Supplementary contracts as listed on the April 13, 2026, report.

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

11. Workshop(s):

11.1 School Transformational Plan Proposal – Dr. Robinson, Norris, Burrage, Bannon and Dr. Minzlaff

Dr. Robinson, Superintendent; Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent; Joanna Bannon, Elementary School Leadership Coach; Alyssa Burrage, Director of Teaching & Learning; and Dr. Minzlaff, Principal

of Horace Mann, presented the School Transformational Plan Proposal Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#).

11.2 Financial Stability & Efficiency: Proposed 2026-2027 Budget & Preliminary Tax Levy #1 – Norris
Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent presented the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Preliminary Tax Levy #1 Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#).

12. End of Recording/5-Minute Break

Motion at 8:38 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Ms. Carr, in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1) (c) & (g) to complete a performance evaluation and rating of the Superintendent using a consensus process and to consider compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the government body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

13. Begin Recording/ The Board will reconvene into open session, if needed, to approve the Superintendent's salary for the 2026-27 school year.

13.1 Roll Call

Roll was called with the following members present: Joe Becker, Brendan Burns, Jane Carr, Amy Deal, Brian Keller, Kristen Keyser, Rebecca Lee, Noah Leigh, and John Verbos.

13.2 Approve Superintendent's Salary

Motion at 9:45 p.m. by Ms. Deal, seconded by Ms. Keyser, to approve the Superintendent's salary for the 2026-27 school year as discussed in executive session. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Keyser, seconded by Mr. Verbos, to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Carr, Board Clerk