

Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2026 6:30 PM Central
D.C. Everest Administration Building
6100 Alderson Street
Weston, WI 54476



I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM. Ben Bliven: Present, Jennifer Douck: Present, Katie Felch: Present, Shannon Grabko: Present, Lindsey Lewitzke: Present, Larry Schaefer: Present, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent. Present: 6, Absent: 1. Also present Dr. Nye, Dr. Strike, Suckow.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. This motion, made by Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Katie Felch, passed with a voice vote.

V. Public Comment -There was none.

VI. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with a roll call vote. This motion, made by Katie Felch and seconded by Larry Schaefer, passed.

Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Ben Bliven: Yea, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.A. Approval of Minutes

VI.B. Certified Staff Recommended Employment/Resignations/Contract Adjustments

VI.C. Treasurer's Report - General/Other Fund Bills

VI.D. Balance Sheet

VI.E. Budget Transfers

VI.F. Budget Revisions

VI.G. Grant Application(s)/Budget(s) Approval

VI.H. Fundraising Requests

VI.I. Gift/Bequests

VI.J. Bus Accident Report

VI.K. Second Reading of Policies

VI.K.1. po0100 Definitions

VI.K.2. po0167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings

VI.K.3. po3120 Employment of Professional Staff

VI.K.4. po3120.05 Employment of Personnel in Community Education Programs

VI.K.5. po3140 Non-Renewal, Resignation, and Termination

VI.K.6. po4120.04 Employment of Substitutes

VI.K.7. po5200.01 Full-Time Student

VII. Non-Certified Staff Employment Changes (Informational Only)

VIII. Reports/Considerations

VIII.A. WASB Legislative Network Member – Grabko reported today there was a WASB legislative update online. A recording is available at the WASB website. Grabko attended a school safety presentation and shared some materials. WASB also has “Setting the Record Straight” available for members to download free which shares ways to counter claims against public schools.

VIII.B. CESA #9 Representative – Schaefer reported CESA has no July meeting.

VIII.C. Superintendent

VIII.C.1. District Update

VIII.C.2. Certified Staff Compensation Planning

VIII.C.3. Internal Review of Student Screen Time

VIII.C.4. Facilities Study Learning Focus

VIII.C.5. Responsive Classroom

VIII.C.6. Summer Projects Update

VIII.C.7. 2026 World Horseshoe Pitching Championship

IX. Unfinished Business - none

X. New Business

X.A. Set the Date for Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing

Motion to approve Oct. 28, 2026, as the date for the Annual Meeting/Budget Hearing. This motion, made by Ben Bliven and seconded by Katie Felch, passed with a voice vote.

X.B. Academic Standards

Motion to approve the Academic Standards for the 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Jennifer Douck, passed with a voice vote.

X.C. Approval of Independent Hearing Officers

Motion to approve Steven Pophal and Rena Sabey as hearing officers for 2026-2027 and re-adopt policy 5610.01. This motion, made by Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Katie Felch, passed with a voice vote.

X.D. School Handbook Changes

Motion to approve the school handbooks for 2026-2027 school year. This motion, made by Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Ben Bliven, passed with a voice vote.

X.D.1. Elementary Handbook (Riverside Sample)

X.D.2. Middle School Handbook

X.D.3. Junior High Handbook

X.D.4. Senior High Handbook

X.E. Review of po2261.01 - Parent and Family Engagement in Title 1 Programs

Motion to approve the review of po2261.01 - Parent and Family Engagement in Title 1 Programs as required annually. This motion, made by Larry Schaefer and seconded by Katie Felch, passed with a voice vote.

X.F. Annual Eval of Reading Curriculum po2131.01 "The Reading Specialist shall annually prepare a report evaluating the reading curriculum of the School District and forward the report to the Superintendent, who shall present the report to the Board." Information Only.

X.G. Senior High Trip to Japan

Motion to approve the Senior High trip to Japan in March of 2028. This motion, made by Jennifer Douck and seconded by Lindsey Lewitzke, passed with a voice vote.

X.H. First Reading of Policies

Motion to approve the policies listed in the background on first reading. This motion, made by Katie Felch and seconded by Ben Bliven, passed with a voice vote.

X.H.1. po1213 Student Supervision and Welfare

X.H.2. po3120.01 Job Descriptions

X.H.3. po3213 Student Supervision and Welfare

X.H.4. po4213 Student Supervision and Welfare

X.H.5. po7530.02 Staff and School Officials Use of Personal Communication Devices

X.H.6. po7530.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety

X.H.7. po7544 Use of Social Media

X.H.8. po8120 Volunteers

X.H.9. po8462 Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect and Sexual Misconduct

X.I. The WASB Fall Region Five meeting will be held the evening of September 29 at the Holiday Inn in Rothschild. The pre-meeting topic is Understanding and Navigating Closed Sessions. An online workshop will also be held at 12:00 p.m. on Nov. 3 via Zoom. This meeting will be recorded and made available for registrants to view at their convenience. Please let Ellen know if you would like to register for any of these opportunities.

XI. Petitions and Communications

XI.A. Thank you from C. Thompson for Memorial Tribute

XII. Future Meeting Dates

XII.A. Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
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Regular Board Meeting
September 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.
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XIII. Grabko motioned to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to W.S.S. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (staff investigation). Douck seconded the motion.

With a roll call vote this motion passed. Yee Leng Xiong: Absent, Ben Bliven: Yea, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea, Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Adjourned to closed session at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin K. Bliven, Clerk

Ellen Suckow, Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent & School Board

PLEASE NOTE: These minutes are not the official minutes of the School Board until they are approved at the August 19, 2026, meeting of the School Board.