

# Minutes of REGULAR MEETING

## The Board of Education Wausau School District

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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, March 9, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche; Sarah Brock; Charles Burger; Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Cory Sillars; and Lance Trollop.

Absent: Nick Crochiere.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

### II. ROLL CALL

Ms. Peck read the roll call.

### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jim Bouché, President

President Bouche led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### IV. READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

President Bouche read the mission statement.

### V. Excellence in Action: EEA

EEA Principal, Dr. Shannon Young gave a brief history overview of EEA, recounting some of the major milestones for the school from the past 21 years of its existence. She also shared about the success of the community within the school and the partnerships in the greater community. She ended the presentation with sincere thanks to all the support from the Board, the District, and the community for the past 21 years.

### VI. PUBLIC AND STUDENT COMMENT

There were none.

### VII. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA (**Action Requested**)

A. Appointments (Additional Staff, Replacement Staff, Contract Increases)

B. Separations (Resignations, Contract Decreases, Terminations)

Rachel Vogel (5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/Stettin) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Madelyn Ickert (Special Education Teacher/South Mountain) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; Eliza Staats (Special Education Teacher/Lincoln) 1.0 FTE, effective 6/8/26; and Kylie Okray (Kindergarten Teacher/Franklin) 1.0 FTE, effective 3/13/26.

C. Leaves of Absence

D. Retirements

E. Minutes: Regular Session of February 9, 2026; Special Session of February 23, 2026; and Closed Session of February 24, 2026.

F. Payment of Bills/Budget Status and Investment Report

G. CESA 9 Shared Services Contract

H. Donations to the District

\$340 from Homestead to Maine Elementary; Food & Hygiene items from an anonymous donor, raffle baskets from Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin Robbins, 4 (\$10) gift cards from El Mezcal; \$100 gift card from Festival Foods; Food from the Horace Mann Neighbors, 2 stuffies from Melanie Kennedy, gloves and notebooks from Menards, raffle basket items and a \$25 gift card from the Mint Café, \$50 gift card from Riolo Family, \$25 gift card from Sam's Pizza, and 4 (\$25) gift cards to Sconni's to Horace Mann Middle School; and \$67 from the American Online Giving Foundation.

**Charles Burger moved to approve the consent agenda with great gratitude for Donations made to the District, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried 8-0.**

#### VIII. OLD/RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Referendum Budget Update

As the April 2022 referendum-funded facility improvements continue to develop, the construction and budget updates will routinely be presented until projects are completed.

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. iPads Presentation (**Action Requested**)

**Sarah Brock moved to approve the use of \$610,065 from the 2022 referendum funds for the purchase of iPads for Horace Mann and John Muir middle schools, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried 8-0.**

B. Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Five Year Fiscal Forecast

At the February Committee of the Whole meeting, the Committee was presented with a five-year fiscal forecast model for the District.

2. AGR Annual Report

At the February Committee of the Whole Meeting, the Committee was presented with the mid-year AGR student outcome scores required by the DPI.

#### X. OPEN FORUM

A. Board Member Professional Growth & Development Report

There was none.

B. Legislative Liaison

Mr. Sillars shared that he would be contacting Representative Snyder and Senator Tomczyk about Special Education funding.

C. Superintendent Commentary

Mr. Bushman thanked Dr. Young and her years of service to the District and EEA. He also congratulated Dr. Jon Tomski on successfully defending his dissertation.

D. Presiding Officer Commentary

The Board Liaison report for March is as follows: Lance Trollop participated in a WASB online seminar and Cory Sillars attended the Elementary Task Force Reunion.

XI. ADJOURN

**Pat McKee moved to adjourn, seconded by Charles Burger. The motion carried at 5:43 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,  
Board Clerk

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