

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
July 27, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Mr. Tolani 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 (excused), Rebecca Lee (excused), Noah Leigh, Sagar Tolani, and John Verbos.

4. Declaration of Public Notice

5. Adoption of Agenda

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

6. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Robinson formally remembered West Allis Central student, Zage, and detailed the mental health supports the district currently provides and what the district can and will do better. Mr. Verbos reflected and shared a personal story about the importance of mental health supports. President Burns also provided thoughtful feedback.

6.1 Legislative Updates:

There were no Legislative Updates.

6.2 District Recognitions:

Hoover Donation:

As Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church concludes its 100 years of ministry in the West Allis community, the congregation has chosen Hoover Elementary School as the recipient of a closing donation. Church leadership shared that they wanted to invest in organizations that reflect their mission and values. They expressed confidence that Hoover Elementary School will continue serving as a beacon of hope and support for students and families in the West Allis and surrounding communities. The congregation will merge with Forest Park Presbyterian Church in New Berlin.

6.3 Other Updates & Information Items:

Crime Statistics Reporting:

2023 Wisconsin Act 12 (the "Act") created Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.124, which requires Wisconsin schools that operate high school grades, defined as grades 9-12, to annually report certain criminal incidents. Specifically, covered schools are required to collect and maintain certain statistics of incidents involving various crimes specified by the Act. The initial reporting requirement must be reported to the governing school board, which is required to submit the report to DPI on or before July 31, 2026, and prior to each July 31 thereafter. Dr. Robinson reported the data.

7. Public Comment(s):

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:20 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 people made public comments: Mark Klobukowski, district resident; Katie Gast, district resident; Cindy Radtke, district resident; Bailey Leonard, district resident; and Dave Jesse, district resident. President Burns closed public comments at 6:33 p.m.

8. Board Reports:

8.1 Review of Board Calendar

President Burns reviewed the Board calendar.

8.2 Board Committee Reports:

8.2.1 College & Career Readiness – Deal

Committee Chair Deal reported that College & Career Readiness met on July 13, 2026. The committee reviewed and discussed alternative pathways to graduation.

8.2.2 Employee Engagement & Culture and Financial Stability & Efficiency Joint Committee – Deal

Joint Committee Chair Deal reported that Financial Stability & Efficiency and Recreation & Community Services met on July 16, 2026. The joint committee reviewed and discussed the current vacancy rate, open positions, turnover trend data, suggestion box response card draft, post-65 retiree health insurance renewal, pre-65 health insurance renewal, Longfellow/ Housing for All, compensation model, and financial stabilization plan.

8.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Mr. Verbos attended a production of *Seussical KIDS*.

8.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

None

9. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Ms. Carr to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, and 9.4, seconded by Mr. Tolani.

9.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the July 13, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

9.2 Employment Summary:

Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Braithwaite, Allison	BCBA	District	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Charters, Courtney	Teacher (Soc St)	Dottke	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Duernberger, Madeline	SLP	District	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Girard, Natasha	Accountant II	District	New	At Will	8/03/2026
Jones, James	Custodian II	Central	New	Maintenance	7/20/2026
Perry Jr. Jason	Custodian II	Jefferson	New	Maintenance	7/16/2026
Peterson, Allison	Teacher (SS/Sci)	W. Milw	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Topp, Ryan	Teacher (Soc Studies)	NHL	Rehire	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Dreyfus, Madeline	Teacher (Gr K5)	Irving	Resignation	7/20/2026
Thompson, JahCarria	EA (SPED IS)	Irving	Resignation	7/20/2026

9.3 Supplementary Contracts

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

9.4 Financial Summary Report

The Financial Report Summary for the Month of June 2026 including Receipts #8232 through #8309 in the amount of \$9,898,208.76 and Vouchers Payable #381530 through #382134, wire transfers, and payroll disbursements in the amount of \$19,346,751.35 and Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for twelve Months Ending June 30, 2026.

Motion carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, and 9.4.

10. Action Item(s):

10.1 Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church Donation – Dr. Robinson

Recommend approval of the Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church check donation of \$20,000.00 to Hoover Elementary School for student uses.

Motion by Ms. Carr to approve the Greenfield Avenue Presbyterian Church Donation, seconded by Ms. Deal.

Motion carried unanimously.

10.2 Update Contact Information for Director of Student Services on Board Policies & Administrative Guidelines: po2260.01, po2266, po5517, ag2266, and ag5112A – Dr. Robinson

Recommend approval to update the contact information for the Director of Student Services on Board Policies & Administrative Guidelines: po2260.01, po2266, po5517, ag2266, and ag5112A.

Motion by Mr. Leigh to Contact Information Update for Director of Student Services on Board Policies & Administrative Guidelines: po2260.01, po2266, po5517, ag2266, and ag5112A, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

10.3 Formal Policies in Response to 2025 Wisconsin Act 89 Requirement: 0144.5, 1213/3213/4213, 7530.02, 7540.03, 7544, 8120, and 8462 – Dr. Robinson

Adopt formal policies in response to 2025 Wisconsin Act 89 Requirement: 0144.5, 1213/3213/4213, 7530.02, 7540.03, 7544, 8210, and 8462.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to approve Formal Policies in Response to 2025 Wisconsin Act 89 Requirement: 0144.5, 1213/3213/4213, 7530.02, 7540.03, 7544, 8120, and 8462, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

10.4 Resolution Authorizing Easement at Mitchell Elementary School – Norris & Eichman

Resolution authorizing the district's grant of a permanent overhead distribution easement to Wisconsin Electric Power Company d/b/a We Energies and authorizing the Superintendent of the School District to execute the easement document on behalf of the School District.

Motion by Mr. Verbos to approve the Resolution Authorizing Easement at Mitchell Elementary School, seconded by Mr. Tolani.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Workshop(s):

11.1 Financial Stability & Efficiency and Recreation & Community Services Joint Committee Workshop: AFC Pool and FLW Youth Athletic Complex and 5-Year Financial Stabilization Plan – Norris & Strasser

Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent, and Shelly Strasser, Director of Recreation & Community Services presented the Financial Stability & Efficiency and Recreation & Community Services Joint Committee Workshop: AFC Pool and FLW Youth Athletic Complex and 5-Year Financial Stabilization Plan, which can be viewed [here](#).

12. End of Recording/Adjournment

There was no further business and no objections to the meeting adjourning. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Verbos, Board Clerk