

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE, ET AL.  
1300 S. 109th St., West Allis, WI 53214 (Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)  
9333 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227 (District Administration Office)

**Regular Board of Education Meeting  
June 8, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 8, 2026, at 1300 S. 109th Street, West Allis.

2. Ms. Deal 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, Rebecca Lee, Noah Leigh, Sagar Tolani, and John Verbos.

**4. Declaration of Public Notice**

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**6. Superintendent's Report**

**6.1 Legislative Updates:**

There were no Legislative Updates.

**6.2 District Recognitions:**

**June Celebrations:**

June celebrations include National Dairy Month, Pride Month, National Safety Month, Flag Day, and Juneteenth Day.

**6.3 Other Updates:**

**Highlighted Community Visits and Meetings:**

Dr. Robinson gave an update on his recent meetings and community visits since May 18, 2026, which included the following: Central, Dottke, and Nathan Hale Senior Walks; West Allis Rotary Club Meeting; May 28th- Employee Recognition Event; June 3rd- Parent Teacher Association Monthly Meeting; West Allis Blue Jays Game vs. Brookfield East and Wisconsin Lutheran – Congrats West Allis Blue Jays!!!; June 3rd- CTS Graduation – Congratulations CTS Graduates!; Full Leadership Meetings; WAWM Night at the Brewers game; West Allis A La Carte.

**Employee Recognition 2026**

Thank you to everyone who joined us in celebrating our outstanding staff at this year's Employee Recognition Event. The event honors employees reaching milestone years of service (10, 20, and 30 years), retirees, Teachers of the Year, the Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year, and the recipient of the Suzette Zimmerman Award.

**Teachers of the Year**

We are proud to recognize each of these outstanding educators across our schools:

- Sara Skiba - Deeper Learning Virtual Academy
- Angela Wardlow - Dottke Project-Based Learning High School
- Jessica Puetzer - Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School
- Anastasia Migliaccio - Franklin Elementary School
- Andrea Gardner - Nathan Hale High School
- Caitlin Supple - Hoover Elementary School
- Tyler Hartmann - Irving Elementary School
- Molly Sprister - Jefferson Elementary School
- Rachael Dearey - Horace Mann Elementary School

- Melanie Pfaff - General Mitchell Elementary School
- Heather Rosenbaum - Pershing Elementary School
- Jennifer Streeter - Walker Elementary School
- Heather Gandre - West Allis Central High School
- Margaret Polzin - Wilson Elementary School
- Demetrios Begos - West Milwaukee Intermediate School

### **Elementary Teacher of the Year**

Congratulations to our 2026 Elementary Teacher of the Year: Rachael Dearey from Horace Mann Elementary School!

### **Secondary Teacher of the Year**

Congratulations to our 2026 Secondary Teacher of the Year: Jessica Puetzer from Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School!

### **Suzette Zimmerman Award**

Congratulations to our 2026 Suzette Zimmerman Award recipient: Karen Engnath from Frank Lloyd Wright Intermediate School!

### **Thank You Senior Student Voice Reps!**

Tobi Weimer, Dottke; Brandon Landis, Nathan Hale; Toby Jesse, Central; Elena May, Nathan Hale; Quentin Crumble, Central; Zahira (Z) Price, Central.

### **Congratulations Youth Theater Seniors**

Asialina Grootemaat, Lilia Hurtado, Henry LaLuzerne, Brandon Landis, Spencer Ours, Aaron Prindiville, Georgia Proeber, and Melody Xiong who medaled by participating (cast, crew, pit orchestra, etc.) in a minimum of six (6) productions (musicals or straight plays) during their high school career.

### **Student Advisory Committee - The Voice:**

Dr. Robinson introduced the Student Advisory Committee - The Voice representative Victoria (Vic) Sundquist. Ms. Sundquist is a junior at Dottke, dual-enrolled at Nathan Hale, a volunteer with the Nathan Hale football team and other sports, previously worked with the Youth Commission and Mayor, helped with Dottke's library over the summer and was part of the crew that made it possible, and also a member of Rotary. Ms. Sundquist shared that Dottke had its senior walks today at Jefferson and Wilson Elementary Schools. Ms. Sundquist also encouraged all to attend Dottke's Exhibition Night tomorrow from 4-7 p.m. to view students' end-of-year final projects.

### **Thank You WAWMSD!**

Dr. Robinson shared that he recently signed his contract and thanked the Board and the community for their ongoing support.

## **7. Public Comment(s):**

President Burns opened the floor for public comments at 6:17 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. President Burns closed public comments at 6:18 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 the committee met on June 8, 2026. The committee reviewed projects that are currently in the process of being worked on, which included: Opening Door Survey, Concurrent Enrollment Courses, and Reduced Credit Pathway. The committee discussed reaching out

to the West Allis Farmers Market and the City of West Allis to discuss a possible partnership with the district. The committee learned that the quote provided to the district for the Social Studies curriculum adoption was incorrect. The amount quoted to the district only included the students included in the pilot study and not all of our secondary students. The new quote is for \$451,843, which is \$271,642 more than initially quoted. The board will be asked to approve this additional amount to adopt the curriculum.

### 8.3 Board Member Reports of Community Events:

- Ms. Lee attended CTS graduation, senior walks at Mitchell and Walker Elementary Schools, West Allis A La Carte, and state for lacrosse.
- Ms. Carr attended CTS graduation and the senior walk at Franklin Elementary School.
- Mr. Tolani attended the WAWMSD Brewers outing and the end-of-year party at Jefferson Elementary School, which was hosted by its PTA.
- Mr. Becker attended the WAWMSD Brewers outing, senior walks at Jefferson and Horace Mann Elementary Schools, and the WAWMSD Employee Recognition Event.
- Ms. Deal thanked the PTA Council for the opportunity to serve as their School Board representative.
- Mr. Leigh attended the WAWMSD Brewers outing, WAWMSD Employee Recognition Event, and West Allis A La Carte in support of the Shining Strings.
- Mr. Burns attended the senior walk at Hoover Elementary School.

### 8.4 Other Updates & Information Items – Burns

Mr. Burns thanked the Board for their commitment to the district and event attendance. Mr. Burns noted that while the Board Workshop scheduled for Monday, June 15, was canceled, the Financial Stability & Efficiency and Recreation & Community Services Committees will hold a joint meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the District Office on Lincoln Avenue.

## 9. Consent Agenda:

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

### 9.1 Approval of Board Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting.

### 9.2 Employment Summary:

#### Appointments:

Full Name	Title	Location	Hire Status	Contract Type	Effective Date
Allen, Cole	Teacher (Gr 5)	Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Angelier, Madelyn	Teacher (SPED)	District	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Bates, Hailey	Teacher (Gr 3)	Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Behrendt, Ashely	EA (SPED IS)	Irving	New	EA - Limited Term	5/26/2026
Bonesho, Samuel	Teacher (Gr 4)	Franklin	Rehire	Renewing	8/25/2026
Crow, Demi	Teacher (SPED -CC)	Pershing	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Gawlik, Aleksandra	Asst Principal	NHL	New	Admin	7/01/2025
Gray, Yusef	Youth Advisor - SPED	Central	Rehire	EA - Limited Term	8/25/2026
Holliday, Jacquelynn	Teacher (Gr 3)	Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Jones, Darius	Youth Advisor	West Milw	Rehire	EA - Limited Term	8/25/2026
Maldonado, Joseph	Teacher (Gr 4)	Franklin	Rehire	Renewing	8/25/2026
Matias, Amy	Teacher (SPED-CC)	Hoover	Change	Renewing	8/25/2026
Michaelis, Eli	Teacher (Gr 4)	Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Morateck, Theresa	Dir of Student Svcs	Admin	New	Admin	7/01/2026
Osegard, Hailey	Teacher (SPED-CC)	Pershing	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Sanchez, Paola	Teacher (MLL)	Elementary	Rehire	Renewing	8/25/2026
Sevilla, Martin	Teacher (Math)	Central	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Wojciechowski, Christine	Asst Principal	H. Mann	New	Admin	7/01/2026
Zabkowicz, Kimberly	Teacher (Gr 1)	Mitchell	New	Renewing	8/25/2026
Zander, Sara	Teacher (Math)	FLW	New	Renewing	8/25/2026

Resignations/Retirements:

Full Name	Title	Location	Type	Effective Date
Black, Rachelle	Teacher (Gr 5K)	Irving	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Daniels, Luke	Teacher (Music)	Wilson	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Davis, Ray	Cleaner	FFH	Retirement	5/22/2026
Fay, Daniel	Teacher (SPED)	Hoover	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Gries, Rebecah	Coor-Elem Literacy	Admin	Resignation	6/30/2026
Hagedorn, Rebecca	Teacher (SPED)	Mitchell	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Helmrich, Britny	Teacher (EC SPED)	Irving	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Maglio, Crystal	Instructional Coor	H. Mann	Rescinded Acceptance	6/08/2026
Mahler, Carden	Teacher (SS)	Dottke	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Messer, Christopher	Teacher (SPED IS)	FFH	Resignation	5/08/2026
Pitcl, Elizabeth	Teacher (Science)	Central	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Ponzi, Leah	EA (SPED)	H. Mann	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Priesgen, Stephane	Teacher (Gr 2)	Franklin	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Schneider, Isabella	Teacher (Gr 4)	H. Mann	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Scholotka, Beth	Teacher (Art)	H. Mann	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY
Stephens, Jylahna	EA (SPED)	Hoover	Conclusion of Employment	End of the 25-26 SY
Tellefson, Max	Teacher (Science)	W. Milw	Resignation	End of the 25-26 SY

**9.3 Supplementary Contracts**

Supplementary contracts as listed on the June 8, 2026, report.

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

**10. Action Item(s):**

**10.1 2026-27 Independent Hearing Officer Agreement for Student Expulsion Hearings – Dr. Robinson**

Approval of Attorneys Steve Kruzel, Harrison Rayment, and Claire Afable from Quarles & Brady LLP to serve as Independent Hearing Officers for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026, for purposes of conducting student expulsion hearings.

Approval of Attorney Aleah M. Loll from Buelow Vetter to serve as the Independent Hearing Officer for the 2026-2027 school year effective July 1, 2026, for purposes of conducting student expulsion hearings.

Motion by Mr. Tolani to approve the 2026-27 Independent Hearing Officer Agreement for Student Expulsion Hearings, seconded by Ms. Lee.

Motion carried unanimously.

**10.2 2026-27 Intergovernmental Agreement for the SWSA – Dr. Robinson**

Approve the District's annual membership dues to Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance (SWSA) for the 2026-27 School Year in the amount of \$3,700.00.

Motion by Ms. Lee to approve the 2026-27 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Southeastern Wisconsin Schools Alliance, seconded by Ms. Carr.

Motion carried unanimously.

**11. Workshop(s):**

**11.1 Financial Stability & Efficiency: Proposed 2026-27 Budget & Preliminary Tax Levy #2 – Norris**

Aaron Norris, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Proposed 2026-27 Budget & Preliminary Tax Levy #2 Workshop, which can be viewed [here](#). The Board will be asked to approve the Proposed 2026-27 Budget & Preliminary Tax Levy at the June 22, 2026, Board meeting.

**12. End of Recording/5-Minute Break**

Motion at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Leigh to convene into executive session, seconded by Ms. Carr, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy related to a DPI Boundary Appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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John J. Verbos, Board Clerk