



Committee Clips
An unofficial report of
Education/Operations Committee
of the Whole action

August 24, 2020

This report summarizes the highlights and significant outcomes of the Education/Operations Committee Meeting. Education/Operations Committee of the Whole Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 5:00 pm in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center. These meetings are open to the public. The agenda and meeting materials can be found on the [District website](#) > District > Board of Education > Agendas and Minutes or by clicking [here](#).

All Wausau School District Board of Education Meetings will be conducted as a virtual meeting due to an active emergency situation (COVID-19 Pandemic), meaning that multiple Board members may be participating in the meeting from remote locations through the use of communications technology and that public access to the meeting may be arranged through the use of technology.

Members of the media and public may attend in person, by calling 1-715-261-0598, or through the virtual WebEx meeting. The meeting address can be found on the District homepage. In the event the meeting requires a password, please use: 1234 All public participants' phones, microphones, and chat dialog boxes will be muted or disabled during the meeting. Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may email cpeck@wausauschools.org with "Public Comment" in the subject line. Those messages received prior to the start of the meeting will be provided to the Board President.

Members of the public who do not wish to appear in person may view the meeting live by the Wausau Area Access Media on the Government and Education Cable Channel 981. Wausau Area Access Media also lives streams the meeting on <https://waam.viebit.com> The meeting will also be available on the Wausau Area Access Media Youtube channel a few days after filming. All meeting access information shall also appear in a prominent location on the Wausau School District website.

For those individuals with disabilities, including individuals with visual or hearing impairments, as well as individuals who may have limited access to technology, please contact the Deputy Clerk, Cassie Peck at 715-261-0505 or cpeck@wausauschools.org

ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).

Referendum Planning Update Information Campaign

Administration provided a brief update and presentation on the status of the referendum. Contained in the presentation are two fact sheets that will be mailed out to Wausau School District residents. The community looks to school staff for advice about the referendum. We hope you will support this effort to improve our schools, offer more support to students and build a new environmental learning center at the Wausau School Forest. Please know that you can inform people about the referendum while on duty, but any actions to support a Vote Yes group must be limited to personal time.

Let's work together to inform our community about this incredible opportunity!

Approved List of Legal Firms

The Committee approved the list of legal firms that the District uses throughout the year.

Set the Annual Meeting Date and Location

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 6 pm at John Muir Middle School in the Auditorium. Upon approval from the full Board, the annual meeting notice will be published in the Wausau Daily Herald.

Share Equalized Value Estimates

Prior to October 1, only equalized valuations from municipalities are available. In order to project property value changes by school district, an assumption must be made that all property values in any given municipality change in a uniform manner. With this assumption, the District property value is projected to increase 8.99% for 2020-21 mill rate calculation purposes. Certified property value will not be available until October 1; the given projected property value will be used for the initial budget and during the annual meeting.

Recommendation for 2020-2021 Budget

Chief Finance and Business Services Officer Bob Tess presented the 2020-21 Budget Booklet for initial review. Contained in the publication is a preliminary budget which the Committee approved to be used at the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

Recommendation for 2020-2021 Tax Levy

Contained in the 2020-21 Budget Booklet is the corresponding tax levy to support the budget. The committee approved the tax levy and it will be presented at the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

Masking Requirement

The Committee approved the following masking requirement:

All staff, students aged 5 and older, and visitors will be required to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth at all times while in Wausau School District buildings except during the following activities:

- *Face coverings can be removed outside as long as 6 feet of distance is maintained.*
- *Face coverings may be temporarily removed to eat or drink, but care should be taken to maintain as much space as possible between people, recognizing it is not always feasible to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.*
- *People who are entering the school building during the day may be required by school staff to briefly remove their face covering for the purposes of checking identification.*
- *Staff working alone in their offices, classrooms, vehicles, or other job locations who do not have any person-to-person interaction.*

- *When communicating with a person who is deaf or hard of hearing or has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with a face covering difficult, provided that social distancing is maintained to the extent possible.*

A letter on letterhead will be required from a Physician or Licensed Mental Health Practitioner in order for any staff, student aged 5 and older or visitor to be exempt from wearing a face covering.

The masking requirement will be evaluated each month at the board meeting by the Wausau School Board.

The masking requirement will be brought before the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020.

WSD Fall Sports

The Committee approved moving forward with all fall sports with any safety precautions that administration deems necessary for athletes and spectators. They also stated that should our conference decide to postpone the schedule, the District would follow the conference.

WSD Fall Sports will be brought before the Board at the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020.