



Board Action
An unofficial report of
Board of Education action

September 14, 2020

This report summarizes the highlights and significant outcomes of the Board of Education's Regular Meeting. Regular Board Meetings are held on the second 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 1-415-655-0001, then dial the meeting room access code: 133 410 2344, or through the virtual WebEx Meeting. The meeting web address is provided on the top of the meeting posting and prior to the meeting. 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 view 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](#).

Project Relaunch Update

The administration presented an update and proposal for Project Relaunch. Members of the Marathon County Department of Health were present to answer Board questions. The Board did not come to consensus on how to proceed. This item will be brought back to the Board on September 28, 2020, at a Special Board Meeting.

Referendum Planning Update Information Campaign

The administration provided a brief update on the status of the referendum.

Approved List of Legal Firms

The Board approved the attached list of law firms the Board and the District shall access for legal services deemed necessary by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.

Set Annual Meeting Date and Location

The Board approved Monday, September 28, 2020, as the date for the 2020-2021 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Auditorium at Wausau West High School beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting.

Legal Expense Summary for 2019-20

Chief Finance and Business Services Officer, Bob Tess presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2019-2020. The report is broken down by law firm and by type of legal advice sought.

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 2020-21 Budget

The Board approved a preliminary 2020-2021 General Fund budget of \$106,391,771 for expenses and \$105,233,129 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 28, 2020.

Recommendation for 2020-21 Tax Levy

The Board approved the projected tax levy of \$47,930,876 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 28, 2020.

Masking Requirement

The Board approved the masking requirement as presented.

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.

WSD Fall Sports

The Board approved to proceed forward with all fall sports as scheduled with any safety precautions administration deems necessary for athletes and spectators. The sport should also follow the athletic conference.