



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

August 26, 2019

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year and the first “Committee Clips” of the year! For those of you who are new to our district, we share summaries of our school board meetings in order to keep our staff informed of important happenings. 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](#).

Whole Child - Whole Wausau Short Cycle Report on Goal W1: Student Engagement

Mrs. Angie Lloyd and Mrs. Judy Lodahl presented a short cycle report as a School Board update on the current status and future plans in the area of student wellness (Goal W1). The goal reads: W1. By the end of the 2022- 2023 school year, increase student engagement through an expanded and strategic use of a developmentally appropriate continuum of services as evidenced by a 3% decrease per year of in school and out of school suspensions. The complete presentation can be found [here](#). Our 360° approach to supporting improved student behavior includes:

- teaching expectations using the PBIS format,
- reinforcing those expectations when students (predictably) make poor decisions
- Working cooperatively with families and,
- lastly, supporting good decision making, self-regulation, communication and problem-solving skills.

Also look for an exciting new opportunity through the “Leader in Me” social-emotional curriculum. More to come!

Legal Expenses Summary

Chief Finance and Business Services Officer, Bob Tess presented a summary report presenting all legal counsel expenses incurred during 2018-2019. The report is broken down by law firm and by type of legal advice sought. The report can be found [here](#).

Single-Lane Teacher Compensation Model

Dr. Keith Hilts and Mr. Bob Tess presented a draft of a new teacher compensation model. The main goals for this compensation model include: simplicity in design and execution, affordability, predictability and to ensure the Wausau School District is an employer of choice in the state of Wisconsin, as stated in goal P1 of the Whole Child-Whole Wausau strategic plan. It

will be brought back before the Board of Education at the September Regular Meeting. The original proposal can be found [here](#).

Approved List of Legal Firms

The Committee approved the list of law firms that the Board and the district shall use for legal services. It will be brought before the full Board at the September Regular Meeting for final approval. The proposed list of legal firms can be found [here](#).

Set Annual Meeting Date and Location

The Committee approved Monday, September 23, 2019, as the date for the 2019-2020 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at 6:00 in the Nicholson Board Room at the Longfellow Administration Center beginning with the Budget Hearing followed by the Annual Meeting.

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 3.69% for 2019-20 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 2019-20 Budget

The Committee approved to recommend to the Board of Education a preliminary 2019-2020 General Fund budget of \$105,154,774 for expenses and \$105,024,774 for revenue, for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 23, 2019.

Recommendation for 2019-20 Tax Levy

The Committee approved to recommend to the Board of Education, a projected tax levy of \$46,182,928 for presentation at the Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing on September 23, 2019.

WASB Region 5 Director Discussion

President Zunker nominated James Bouché to represent the Wausau School District Board of Education for election to the WASB Board of Directors for Region 5.

Policy 5610 - High School Activities Code

The Committee approved to recommend Policy 5610 - High School Activities Code as revised. The proposed revisions to the policy can be found [here](#).

Request from the Lacrosse Club to co-op with Newman High School

The Committee approved to recommend to the full Board of Education to deny allowing students from Newman High School to play on the Wausau Lacrosse Team.