



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

December 21, 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](#).

The meeting was held at Wausau East in the Auditorium in order for the Board to socially distance.

- Wausau School Board meetings are streamed live on YouTube. Viewers may visit the site by searching for "Wausau School Board YouTube" or through www.Tinyurl.com/wsbmeetings

- All meetings will also be cablecast on Charter/Spectrum channel 981 at the following times:
- Thursdays at 8 AM
- Sundays at 8 PM

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

Whole Child - Whole Wausau Short Cycle Report on Goals P1, P2, P3, and W2.

With our staff being the most valuable resource for supporting students, several components of the Whole Child-Whole Wausau strategic plan are dedicated to making our district the best place to work. Director of Human Resources Tabatha Gundrum presented on the people strand of the strategic plan. She reviewed data collected through the School Perceptions Staff Survey. She also covered plans to attract and retain staff in our District.

Director of Pupil Services Angie Lloyd presented on the wellness strand of the strategic plan. She reviewed what was going well so far, what barriers are being encountered, and next steps.

Referendum Development

Dr. Hilts presented a proposal for a referendum for April 2021. He shared the grassroots referendum review that he facilitated with the PTO's throughout the District. With this referendum, no schools would close and no attendance boundaries would be redrawn.

Question #1 would ask for \$4 million in recurring funds to:

- Support full pupil services teams
- Support ongoing, shorter life-span district projects

- A buffer to unpredictable state funding

Question #2 would be a bond question to maintain and improve our buildings. The scope of the project and the estimated costs are being finalized.

- Various building and maintenance projects in all District schools
 - Safe and secure entrances at all buildings
 - Hands-on learning in “Maker Spaces”
 - Community rooms
 - Behavior support spaces
 - Expanded Pupil Services spaces
- Several critically important new spaces
- Environmental Learning Center at the Wausau School Forest

After much discussion the referendum proposal with recommendations made by the Committee was approved to be forwarded to the full Board at the January 11 meeting for approval.

Recommendation for Open Enrollment Seat Availability

The Committee approved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the regular and special education non-resident spaces available under open enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year.

Regular Education:

- Grade 4K: No limit set
- Grade KG: No limit set
- Grade 1: No limit set
- Grade 2: No limit set
- Grade 3: No limit set
- Grade 4: No limit set
- Grade 5: No limit set
- Grade 6: 2 at Mann (Building capacity concerns at John Muir)
- Grade 7: 2 at Mann (Building capacity concerns at John Muir)
- Grade 8: 2 at Mann (Building capacity concerns at John Muir)
- Grade 9: 6
- Grade 10: 6
- Grade 11: 5
- Grade 12: 6
- Montessori: Based on lottery in February - state statute
- WAVE Elementary: No limit set
- WAVE Secondary: No limit set

Special Education:

- The District will not have available open enrollment space for students requiring:
 - Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs or services for all grade levels PK-12+
 - Physical Therapy programs or services for all grade levels PK-12+
 - Occupational Therapy programs or services for all grade levels PK-12+

The Pupil Services and Special Education Departments will maintain waiting lists for Open Enrollment applicants, should additional spaces become available the Friday following the first Monday in June. The availability of additional spaces will be determined by applying the

aforementioned criteria, and in accordance with Board policy.

Involved Citizenship Policy

After much discussion, this policy will be brought back at a later time

Project Relaunch Update

Director of Pupil Services Angie Lloyd provided an update on Project Relaunch.

- An uptick in COVID-19 cases was anticipated after Thanksgiving, but we did not see a big increase in cases or quarantines.
- Our safety mitigation measures (6 feet of social distance, face coverings, hand washing) are working. Very few people need to be quarantined when a case is identified and the virus is not spreading in our buildings.
- The Marathon County Health Department meets weekly with the Wausau School District nurses. They expressed that they are surprised and pleased with the job that the District is doing to keep the COVID numbers low. The mitigation strategies mixed with getting and keeping ill students out of school to quarantine are working.

Athletic Co-op Renewal

The Committee approved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the East and West Girls Golf co-op.