



Board Action

***An unofficial report of
Board of Education action***

January 11, 2021

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](#).

The meetings were held at John Muir 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:

- Wednesdays at 8 AM**
- Saturdays at 6 PM**

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

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

President Zunker shared that at the December Education/Operations Committee Meeting, the administration presented an update on the People and Staff Wellness goals of the strategic plan.

Referendum Development

We are excited about the possibility to add 36 additional pupil services staff and to make improvements to every school if a referendum would pass in April. Dr. Hilts shared some supplemental information regarding the potential referendum for April 2021. Each of the school principals also presented how various additions and remodeling would positively impact their school communities.

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

The Board approved the referendum proposals and directed administration to work with bond counsel to develop the required referenda resolutions. A Special Meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, at 5 pm in the John Muir Auditorium. The Board will be presented with the referendum resolutions for final approval.

Project Relaunch Update

A Project Relaunch Update was provided at the December Education/Operations Committee Meeting. Dr. Hilts shared that the Administration Team was currently looking at other Districts that have implemented face to face instruction with lower COVID numbers. He shared that the district is researching what possible impact any next moves may have. The safety of students and staff is a top priority and would make a recommendation when the potential, and probable, impact of those decisions are understood.

WASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions

The Board approved to support all of the resolutions that are being presented at the WASB Delegate Assembly at the Virtual State Education Convention and instructed the Board Representative, Lee Webster to have his votes reflect the Board’s support.

Recommendation for Open Enrollment seat availability

The Board approved 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.

Athletic Co-op Renewal

The Board approved the Wausau East & West Girls Golf Co-Op agreement that was presented to the Education/Operations Committee last month.