



Minutes for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
To Be Held in the District Board Room
1055 Griffiths Lane
Ashwaubenon WI 54304
(Phone: 920.492.2900)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

6:30 pm

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A. Call to order: Board President Vyskocil called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

B. Roll call:

Board Members Present: Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke (remote)

Board Members Excused: Anderson

School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter

Other Present: Andy Bake, Keith Lucius, Tammy Nicholson, Michael Heim, Dirk Ribbens, Nick Senger, Tom Schmitt, Jake Hintz, Kris Hucek, Scott Truskowski, Alissa Davis, Annika Manuel, Francine Cook, Scott Kirst, Stephen Zek Przybelski, Rick VanLanen

C. Declaration of quorum: Quorum present

D. Pledge of allegiance: The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda: Moved by VandeWalle, seconded by VanDeKreeke to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

F. Announcement of Executive Session: In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session is being held for the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (*performance evaluation*)

F. Citizens and/or delegations:

1. **Public Forum** – Brown County Supervisors Rick VanLanen (2673 Pioneer Drive) and Stephen Zek Przybelski (2455 Bay Area Place) addresses the board. VanLanen provided an update on the passing of the lease agreement with the Resch Center and PMI. He thanked the board for their leadership in the Ashwaubenon Community. He congratulated the dance team on their recent accomplishments at State. Przybelski asked the board and attendees to keep the military and their families in our thoughts. He recognized the 1st responders that keep our communities safe.

G. Consent Agenda: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve Consent Agenda items 1-5 as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion Carried 4:0

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, February 11, 2026
2. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
3. The schedule of checks written 02/04/26 to 03/02/26
4. Turf replacement donations of Goelz Field
5. Budget Financials

H. Superintendent's Report

• **Staff/Student Recognition**

- **Winter Activities** – Andy provided a recap of all winter sports and activities/clubs. He recognized the State Champions, All Conference honors and team/club accomplishments. He thanked all the coaches, advisors and directors who make all of these opportunities for our students possible.

- **Spring Testing** - Spring brings Pre-ACT and ACT testing for our high school students and Forward testing for our 3rd through 8th grade students.
- **Taste of Ashwaubenon** - The Taste of Ashwaubenon Jag Backers fundraising event will take place on Monday, March 16 from 6pm until 9pm at the Stadium View.

I. Discussion/Presentation Items:

1. **Bylaw and Policy Update - first read:** Andy Bake presented bylaws and policies for review and a first read. The changes being presented are being recommended to align our policies with current law and best practices. The board asked if our current student IDs contain the information specified in the updates of policy 5135. Andy stated the IDs do contain this information. The policy/bylaw changes will be brought back to the April meeting for a second read and final approval.

J. Action Items:

1. **GAPP Trip:** Nick Senger introduced Annika Manuel as the District's GAPP program advisor. She presented the 2026 GAPP trip. The GAPP partnership has been in place for 40 years; it is a true exchange program. 12 students will be participating in the trip. It will be 4 weeks long (6/1/26 – 6/30/26). The cost per student is approximately \$4,000 and students have been fundraising to help cover the cost. In the fall, the German students will come to the US from 9/18/26 - 10/10/26. Annika asked the board to approve the 2026 GAPP trip as presented. Moved by Garrigan, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the Summer 2026 GAPP Trip as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0
2. **Early College Credit Program and Start College Now Requests - Fall 2026:** Dirk Ribbens presented the Fall 2026 Early College Credits/Start College Now requests. There are 30 students requesting SCN and 8 requesting ECC. Dirk recommended the board approved the requests as presented. Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the Fall 2026 enrollment requests for Early College Credit/Start College Now as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0
3. **Policy Updates - second read:** Andy Bake presented policies for a second read and final approval. The board had no additional changes. Moved by Garrigan, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the second read and approval of updates to board bylaws and policies presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0
4. **Care Solace:** Tammy Nicholson provided an update on the usage of the Care Solace program. She stated that the district has used this program for the last three years. At this time the usage does not justify the overall cost of the program and she is recommending the District discontinue this program for the 26-27 school year. Tammy stated that Brown County is using other programs/services that are reaching our students. The relationships between our students and our social workers are very good. The social workers have developed a collaboration with BC and are able to help our students navigate these systems and get the services they need. There is also not a cost to the district for using these program/services.

Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the discontinuation of Care Solace for the upcoming school year as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0
5. **10-year Facilities Improvement Summary and Plan:** Tom Schmitt presented the 10-year Facility Improvement Plan. As part of the 5th pillar in the strategic plan (Allocation of Resources), he provided the board an overview of all the projects completed over the last ten years. Tom shared with the board the improvements that will take place in the 25-26 budget year. He discussed the importance of Fund 46 in helping to complete facilities projects. He provided an explanation as to what parts of past projects were funded through Fund 46 and Fund 10. He reminded the board that the schools are physically in good

shape but if we continue to work in a deficit, things will start to decline. Tom explained that deferring projects only leads to the project costing more in the future as construction costs also rise. Tom reviewed the priority and non-priority projects over the next 3 years. The board discussed the impact of moving projects forward and using the recent TIFFF money to complete the projects.

- We have moved a number of project forward multiple years. Why can't we use the TIFFF money to complete things like the boiler projects?
 - The TIFFF was not available to us in the time frame/time of year we need to plan, obtain competitive bids and complete the project in the time of year we can turn the boilers off. Keith stated he does not recommend using all of this money for completing projects. We need to build up our fund balance. Too low of a fund balance and spending down this fund can negatively impact our aid and obtaining a lower interest rate when borrowing.
- Keith also stated that what we plan for as far as funding and what we get is always uncertain. We held projects that spanned over two years of budget due to uncertainty. We are still not certain what will be received when it comes to special ed funding.
- Any budget funds we are not able to use are placed in Fund 46 for future use.
- The board discussed the upgrades needed in the Parkview bathrooms. They referenced the layout of other districts. Keith cautioned these designs as the student behaviors that they were trying to avoid with the new design shifted to other areas of the building.

Tom reminded the board that the plan being presented is strictly a plan about what is coming in the future. The board is not committing the funds at this time; they are just reviewing and approving the plan. Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the 10-year Facility Improvements Plan for 2026-36 as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

6. **2026-27 Technology Budget and 5-year Technology Plan:** Scott Truskowski presented the 5 year Technology Plan. He spoke about the projects that have been accomplished over the last few years. He was commended on the Tech Team's work to overcome the last TikTok challenge.

Scott explained that the 26-27 budget totals about \$672,400. This is broken down between infrastructure, internet, hardware and services. E-Rates is a federal grant program the district has used for infrastructure and cost savings. We have saved over \$650,000 total in the past 10 years. Last year, Scott explained that E-Rates was involved in a lawsuit that could impact the District's hardware costs and reimbursements for future years. He stated that E-rate is here to stay and the District will be able to continue to use this program.

Scott explained 26-27 budget year plan for each of the 4 areas contained in the budget. Due to continual increases in prices and availability, Scott has placed the order for the Chromebooks and laptops contained in the hardware section. Ordering now locked in current pricing. He provided a breakdown of each of these areas for the next 5 years.

Moved by Garrigan, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the 5-year Technology Budget as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

K. Board & Superintendent Communications: No additional communication

L. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

- The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the District Office.
- Taste of Ashwaubenon is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Stadium View.

N. Adjournment to executive session: In accordance with W.S. 19.85(1) (c) an executive session is being held for the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (*Performance Evaluation*)

Moved VandeWalle, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn to executive session at 7:44 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

O. Adjournment to open session: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn to open session at 9:25 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

P. Adjournment: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

Respectfully submitted,
Brett VandeWalle