

WEST BEND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
Education Service Center
735 S. Main Street
West Bend, WI 53095

Regular School Board Meeting
Education Service Center
Monday, March 9, 2026

Members present: June Kruger, Kelly Lang, Melanie Ehrgott, Joe Pichler

Absent and excused: Chris Jenkins, Chris Zwygart, and Chad Tamez

1. Opening Items

A. Call to Order

School Board Vice President Kelly Lang called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Agenda

Kelly Lang moved approval of the agenda; Mrs. Ehrgott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

2. Student Reports

A. Student Representative Reports

Student reporters: Hailey Kuester, East senior; Isabella Downs, East junior; Quinn Mathe, East senior, presented recent achievements of athletic teams, clubs, and students at the high school, as well as upcoming high school events.

3. Public Participation

- Jodi Leidolf, employee - Teacher compensation
- Jessica Toromasi, employee - Salary
- Nicole Mooney, parent/employee - Teacher compensation
- Craig Barnes, resident/parent/employee - Teacher pay
- Ange Dvorak, employee - Budget/wages
- Jennifer Schrauth, resident/parent/employee - Teacher compensation
- Jenni Orth, employee - Compensation
- Laura Kucik, resident/employee - Compensation
- Nicky Williams, resident/employee - Compensation
- Mark Drake, employee - employee - Recent teacher compensation approval
- John A. Chamberlain, Jr., employee - Teacher compensation and negotiations with the WBEA
- Stacy Beltmann, resident/parent/employee - Compensation
- Allyson Guzan, resident/parent/employee - Compensation
- Mindara Krueger-Olson, employee - WBEA statements
- Hailey Dougherty, resident/employee - Teacher compensation
- Tanya Lohr, employee - Teacher compensation

4. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

B. Contracts

C. Resignations

D. Retirements

E. Medicaid Processing Service Agreement

F. Traffic Impact Analysis Contract: Green Tree

G. Capital Maintenance Projects

H. West Bend Youth Football Organization Donation

I. Technology Projects

J. Early College Credit Program (ECCP) Course Requests

K. Start College Now (SCN) Course Requests

L. Disbursements posted to February 27, 2026

Mrs. Lang moved approval of the consent agenda, Mr. Pichler seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 4-0.

5. Reports

A. Construction Reports

Tim Harder, Director of Facilities and Technology, reported that the district, working with partners Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA), Findorff, Kapur & Associates, and Huffman Keel Partners, has submitted an application to the City of West Bend plan commission for an upgraded drop-off area at Green Tree and a reconfigured loading dock at Silverbrook. The board approved a contract for a required traffic impact analysis, the results of which will be presented to the city before going before the plan commission for final approval.

B. Financial Report

Lenny Hanson, Assistant Superintendent, presented the financial report through January. Heating gas costs are running about 8% over budget due to extreme cold in December and January, partially offset by lower than typical electricity costs. Revenue and expenditures are both on track with expectations. Mr. Hanson also introduced a new financial compliance section to the report, tracking state, local, and federal reporting requirements, along with a bank reconciliation status update. In response to a board question, Mr. Hanson noted that negative balances in food service and community service funds are expected at this time of year and will change once pending revenue is received.

C. Superintendents Report

Dr. Jennifer Wimmer, Superintendent, reported on highlights, events, and celebrations happening in the West Bend School District

6. Discussion

A. High School Configuration Feedback

Dr. Jennifer Wimmer, Superintendent, presented a summary of feedback gathered during the community engagement conducted on the district's high school configuration review. Engagement included two community forums, student lunch hour visits at East High School, West High School, Badger Middle School, a staff session, and an electronic survey. Feedback reflected a range of perspectives. Key themes included protecting student participation in athletics and academics, preserving school traditions and rivalry, and ensuring fiscal responsibility in any future decision. The Superintendent noted that most academic programs, clubs, and approximately 17 athletic teams are already combined between the two schools. The board directed the Superintendent to separate survey data by stakeholder category. The matter will return for discussion and potential board action at the March 23rd meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items

A. Board Meeting Calendar

- Curriculum Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., March 17, 2026
- Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., March 23, 2026
- Curriculum Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m., April 7, 2026
- Regular Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m., April 13, 2026

B. Items for Follow-up and Communication

- None

8. Adjourn

Mrs. Lang moved to adjourn; Mrs. Ehrgott seconded. The motion was approved unanimously 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Ehrgott
Clerk