ASHWAUBENON
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

To Be Held in the District Office Board Room
1055 Griffiths Lane
Ashwaubenon, WI 54304
(Phone: 920.492.2900)

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 **6:30 p.m.**

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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, Anderson, VanDeKreeke
Board Members Excused:	all present
School Choice Advisory Representative:	Matthew Rotter
Other Present:	Andy Bake, Keith Lucius, Tammy Nicholson, Michael Heim, Cassie Schneider, Pete Marto, Brian Carter, Alissa Davis, Kris Hucek, Dirk Ribbens, Doug Pieschek, Jason Fisch, Missy Kirst, Scott Kirst, Francine Craig, Stephen Prybelski, Rick VanLanen, Jennica Thompson, Lori Roethlisberger, Megan Huber, Michelle Yurek, Nadine Mathu, Erin Sawaski, Kaitlin Younger-Ryczkowski, Megan Vitrano

C. Declaration of quorum: Quorum present

D. Pledge of allegiance: The pledge was recited

E. Adoption of Agenda: Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Anderson to adopt the agenda as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

F. Citizens and/or delegations:

a. Rick VanLanen (2673 Pioneer Drive) – Thanked everyone for their support on his re-election as Brown County Supervisor. He reminded everyone of the April 21st Brown County meeting where chair, vice chair and committee assignments will be determined.
b. Stephen Zek Przybelski (2455 Bay Area Place) – Thanked everyone for their support on his re-election as a Brown County Supervisor. He read the lyrics to The Byrds song Turn, Turn, Turn and spoke about the significance of these lyrics.

G. Board Appointments:

1. **<u>Board Appointments</u>**
   a. **AHS Graduation** - Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 1:30 pm – *(Vyskocil, Anderson, Kirst, VandeWalle-tenative)*
   b. **8th Grade Recognition Ceremony** - Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 1:00 pm – *(Rotter, Kirst, Anderson)*
   c. **5th Grade Farewell**
      1. Valley View – Friday, May 29, 2026, at 12:45 pm - *(Rotter, VandeWalle)*
      2. Pioneer – Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 1:45 pm – *(Kirst, Garrigan, Anderson)*
   d. **WASB Convention** - January 20-22, 2027 – *(Anderson, Vyskocil, Garrigan)*
   e. **CESA 7 Meeting** - Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 pm - *(Vyskocil)*

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026
2. Minutes of closed session held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026
3. The schedule of checks written 3/03/26 to 03/31/26
4. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
5. Board financial reports for February

I. Superintendent's Report

- Special Recognition
  - **Partners in Education** - The Ashwaubenon School District has been a member of the Greater Green Bay Chamber Partners in Education for over 10 years. Partners in Education convenes leaders from business, nonprofit, 4K-12, and post-secondary education. Their mission is to be the lead program for identifying, developing, and supporting education and business to help all learners prepare for productive community lives and strengthen the economic vitality of the region. With new leadership at the Chamber, a group of school and business leaders met to reimagine how to best meet this vision. We had outstanding discussions about how to revitalize Partners in Education and how to better support the unique needs of our students, educators, and employers in Northeast Wisconsin. As this work continues in the upcoming months, I look forward to sharing more information with the board and our community.
  - **Women's Studies Class** – Andy recognized Mrs. VanLaanen and AHS students in her Gender and Women's Studies class. These students created a suicide prevention video as part of the final project in this course. Mrs. VanLaanen submitted their video to the Frankie Moscato Foundation's Be Kind contest, which challenges high school students to create a video that shines a light on mental health and suicide prevention. Their video was selected and premiered at a fundraising in Oshkosh. Andy thanked the students for bringing this very important message to our Ashwaubenon community and across Wisconsin.
  - **Dance Team** – Andy recognized the AHS Dance Team on their State Championship in Kick, State Runner-up in Poms, and 5th place in Jazz.
  - **Brian VanDeKreeke** - Tonight is Brian's final board meeting after 15 years of dedicated service to our district as a board member. Not only has Brian been an outstanding board member, he has also been an advocate for our students in countless ways. Brian has volunteered in food service, as a test proctor, as a speaker for our students, as a donor to the Taste of Ashwaubenon and other fundraisers, and has been a student advocate both as a board member and a community member. Brian recognized the need for more bus drivers to ensure our athletes can get to events and our students can benefit from field trips. Brian became CDL certified so he could drive bus for Lamers, exclusively for our Ashwaubenon students. Brian believes in this district and his commitment to leadership on the board has been top notch. Thank you for your dedication and community service over the past 15 years.

J. Discussion Items:

1. **Bylaw and Policy Updates - first read:** Andy Bake presented updates to board policies for a first read. The Board questioned the language in the Act 57 policies around transporting students in staff vehicles. There is a concern that some families are neighbors/friends of staff members. It is not uncommon for staff to transport/carpool neighbor's and friend's children to and from school. The Board questioned if staff understand what this policy truly means. Andy stated when finalized, the policies will be shared with staff through professional development.

He stated that the wording of the policies goes back to the new state law and that the District may not have much flexibility in the wording. These policies will be brought back to the board for a final review and approval in May.

2. **Parkview and High School Strategic Plan Updates:** Kris Hucek and Alissa Davis provided an update on the 2025-26 Strategic plan and goals for Parkview. Dirk Ribbens, Nick Senger and Cassie Schneider provided an update on the high school's plan and goals. Each building spoke about their 3 SMART goals, their work in Cycles 1-3 and progress as they move into Cycle 4.

K. Action Items:

1. **2027 Dance Trip:** Nick Senger presented the 2027 Dance Trip to DTU Nationals in Orlando, Florida from March 3-9, 2027. Students and Coach/Teacher Andrew Meinel will miss 4 days of school. Coach Anderson stated that dancers have worked hard to complete at a national level. He stated that competing at this level is a great accomplishment. Students and their families have worked hard to fundraise the $1500-$1800 cost per student. Nick recommended the board approve the 2027 Dance Trip with the support of Administration. Moved by Anderson, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the 2027 Dance Trip as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

2. **DECA Trip:** Nick Senger presented the DECA Trip to Atlanta, Georgia from April 25-28, 2026 to compete in the DECA International Career Development Conference. Six high school students received recognition on their individual ability and achievement at the association level in Lake Geneva in February. They will advance to the international level in Atlanta, Georgia in April. These students and their DECA advisor will miss 4 days of school. They have fundraised to cover the cost of the trip. Nick recommended the board approve the DECA Trip to compete in the DECA International Career Development Conference with the support of Administration. Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Anderson to approve the DECA Trip as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

3. **Jazz Band Trip:** Nick Senger presented the April 10-11, 2026 Jazz Band Trip. The 50 student band and their advisors Marc Jimos and Ellen Moon are requesting approval to travel over night to Chicago. They will participate in a clinic and perform at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Student and advisors will miss periods 2-4 on Friday, April 10th. Nick recommended the board approve the Jazz Band Trip to Chicago with the support of Administration. Moved by Anderson, seconded by VandeWalle to approve the Jazz Band Trip as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

4. **3-year Library Plan:** Michael Heim, Nadine Mathu, Erin Sawaski, and Kaitlin Younger-Ryczkowski presented the 3-year Library Plan. They reviewed the context of the plan (Future Ready Librarian, LMS and tech integration roles) and the goals and action steps of the plan. They discussed the two SMART goals that align with the Future Ready Librarian framework. The plan explains that the libraries are not just places to house books; they are the intellectual and academic heartbeat of the schools. They are places students and staff can access knowledge. The board recognized how well the plan was laid out and that the goals are achievable and impactful. An attendee inquired if the libraries have a relationship with the Brown County Libraries and if they receive the updates. The LMS explained the relationships each individual school has with the BC Library.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve the 3-year Library Plan as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

5. **Extended Contracts:** Keith Lucius explained that Extended Contracts come to the board every year for review and approval. Extended Contracts are for staff that have responsibilities that extend beyond their normal contract. These hours are half paid and half trade days. Extended Contracts average around $13,484 and are based on the 2025-26 salary schedule. Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Anderson to approve the Extended Contracts as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

6. **Bylaw/Policy Update - second read**: Andy presented the board bylaws and policies for a second read and approval. No additional changes were recommended. Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Anderson to approve the second read and approval of bylaws and policies updates as presented. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

L. Board & Superintendent Communications:

- Tanner Clark presentation – April 9, 2026, from 6:30p to 7:30p at Parkview's LMC
- Brian VanDeKreeke – Jennie Vyskocil recognized Brian VanDeKreeke for his 15 years of service on the Ashwaubenon School Board. Brian has generously given of his time and talents to schools. She expressed her gratitude for Brian and his dedication to this district.

M. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

- The May regular board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm** in the District Office Board Room**.**

N. Adjournment: Moved VanDeKreeke, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Aye 5 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, Anderson, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted,
Brett VandeWalle