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, May 13, 2026 **6:30 p.m.**

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2. **Monthly Board Meeting**: Second Wednesday of the month (with exception to dates listed below); 6:30 pm; District Office - 1055 Griffiths Lane; Green Bay WI.
    a. **October 2026**: October 2026 meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**. The Levy certification information will not be available by the second Wednesday of the month.

I. Citizens and/or delegations:

1. **Public Forum** – Any citizen and/or delegations:
    a. Rick VanLanen (2673 Pioneer Drive) – Rick provided an update on his work on the County Board and County Committees. He asked the board to consider providing an update at a future meeting on the Legislators' surplus discussions.
    b. Stephen (Zek) Przybelski (2455 Bay Area Place) – Zek provided an update on his work on the County Board and County Committees. He thanked the teachers for all the work they do.

J. Consent Agenda: Moved by Garrigan, seconded by Anderson to approve Consent Agenda items 1-7 as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson and Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026
2. Minutes of the Board of Canvassers meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2026
3. Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Friday, April 24, 2026
4. The schedule of checks written 4/01/26 to 5/05/26
5. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
6. There was 1 co-curricular approved
7. Board financial reports for March

K. Superintendent's Report

- **Special Recognition**
    - **Board Members** – Congratulations to Scott Kirst as our newest board member and thank him for his willingness to serve. Thank you to Jennie Vyskocil for seeking reelection. The district is lucky to have an outstanding board filled with child advocates; thank you all for your work.
    - **School Staff Appreciation Week** - Behind every successful student is a team of dedicated professionals. There is something special about Ashwaubenon and the way our staff come together to support one another in the challenging work we do. Even through the many obstacles public education faces, our staff show up each day and give our students and each other their very best. I am grateful for the work of our staff and am proud to publicly recognize them tonight.
- **Student Recognition**
    - **Greater Green Bay Teen Leadership Program** - AHS students Maxwell Ashmann, Lauren Buchmann and Megan Buchmann graduated from the Greater Green Bay Chamber Teen Leadership program. These students explored career pathways, developed leadership and career readiness skills, and connected with professionals and leaders from across our community during monthly sessions.
    - **Track and Field** - Our AHS Track and Field Team has had an exciting week! Senior Jamyana Witte smashed a 40 year old school record in the 100m hurdles with an elite time of 14.8 seconds. This time is currently 5th in Wisconsin for division I. Junior Lera Black broke a 10 year old school record and tied for the best vault in the state this year with a 13 foot vault.
    - **Forensics** - All 27 of our Forensics team members earned scores in district competition that earned them a trip to state this year. Of those 27 students, seven students received a perfect score and a gold rating. Congratulations to Grace Dreier, Kayla Vogels, Sophie Vogels, Kalaia Oroyan, Kate Hanamann, Abby Willis, and Anna Greve.
    - **State Solo and Ensemble** - Parkview and AHS students recently competed at State Solo and Ensemble, bringing home first place ratings on many outstanding pieces. Pioneer and

Valley View students have been performing in grade level concerts. Pioneer Intermediate choir held their spring concert, Parkview bands and choirs performed their year-end concerts and AHS bands and choirs will perform their concerts in the upcoming weeks.

- **Art Show -** The districtwide art show took place in the lobby of the PAC a few weeks ago and the AHS art show will be held there in the PAC on May 19-21.
- **Tech Ed Department** – The large metal paw print located in the district office was completely designed and fabricated in our AHS tech ed department. I'd like to thank Tom Barnhardt, Jon Butler, and the students who were involved in creating this lasting focal point as people enter the district office.

L. Discussion Items:

1. **<u>High School At Risk/Alternative Diploma Update</u>:** Cassie Schneider provided an update on the high school's Alternative Pathway to Graduation program

- Cassie reviewed the three components of the program. Skills/standards in the competency areas are developed by the departments the skills/standards relate to (i.e. English, Math, Science, etc.)
- Year one (24-25) - 11 students were in the program, 8 received their diplomas in June, 2 by the start of 25-26 and 1 will received theirs in June 2026.
- Year two (25-26) - 18 students are in the program. 15 will receive their diplomas in June, 3 are on track to received their diploma by the beginning of the 26-27 school year.
- The students for the 2026-27 program have been identified and families will be met with to discuss the Alternative to Graduation option.
- The district will continue to refine the program. Cassie recognized the work of Davi Mueller, Adam Michalski, Jayne Ryczkowski and school social workers. Andy praised Cassie and her work with this team, her students, and their families, She has gone about and beyond helping students earn their diploma through this program.
- The board asked that the district review the use of "checklist" when discussing the goals of students. It is felt we should be striving for proficiency versus checking it off a list. Cassie explained that we do require students to have a level proficiency and competency in these areas and that checklist is just a term most people better understand.

2. **<u>Elementary Strategic Plan Updates:</u>** Michael recognized each building administrator for their work on their building plans and goals. He stated that these teams are working hard and will meet again on June 10th. Brian Carter (Cormier), Pete Marto (Pioneer) and Doug Pieschek and Jason Fisch (Valley View) provided updates on the 2025-26 Strategic Plan and goals for their buildings. Each building spoke about their 3 SMART goals, their work in Cycles 1-3 and progress as they move into Cycle 4.

M. Action Items:

1. **<u>Band and Choir Trip 2027</u>:** Dirk Ribbens presented the March 2027 Band and Choir Trip to Orlando. It is a long standing tradition for these two groups to travel together. The cost per student is approximately $2,650. Student must register with a $200 deposit by May 23rd. Students fundraise for the overall cost of the trip. The high school is working to secure shipping of instruments as they did in the past. If shipping similar to the past is not able to secured, there will be an additional $150 charge per student to ship the instruments. The board asked if the student have enough time to raise the money for this trip. Dirk stated that student will be able to raise the money. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Garrigan to approve the 2027 Band and Choir Trip as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

2. **<u>Camp U-Nah-li-Yah Trip</u>:** Pete Marto, Alissa VandenHoogen, Lisa Anderson and Emily Pludeman presented the Pioneer 5th grade class trip to Camp U-Nah-li-Yah. This trip will take place in the fall of 2027.
   - Students will leave on Friday and return on Saturday.

- Students fundraise to help cover the cost of the trip. The cost per student for this trip is $120. Pioneer's PcTO donates about $8.00 per student. Lisa spoke about the scholarship opportunities the YMCA offers for families that may not be able to cover all or part of the cost.
- There are typically 20 chaperones (staff and parents) for the 93 students.
- Alissa spoke about the activities and learning that takes place over the two days.
- Emily spoke about being a student on the trip and now being a teacher.
- Student are not allowed to have any technology on the trip (i.e. no phones, computers, tablets, cameras, etc.)
- The board inquired about how medications are handled.
- Concerns presented by the board:
  - Equity with field trip opportunities between the Pioneer and Valley View. There is room for both schools to attend. There are multiple schools at the camp at the same time.
  - The experience looks amazing but there is concern about it being overnight. Is there any way this could be a day trip only? Turning it into a day trip would only be a $30 difference and allow for 2 student activities versus 4.
  - How are student with disabilities taken care of? They typically come up for the day only and with their parent.
  - Board member that had chaperoned previous trips stated that things are very well planned out, expectations are very clear, everything is very well supervised and students are too busy and tired to cause issues.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kirst to approve the Pioneer Camp U-Nah-li-Yah trip as presented. Aye 3 (Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 1 (Vyskocil). Motion carried 3:1

3. **<u>Open enrollment IN Applications</u>:** Andy Bake presented 211 open enrollment in applications for the 2026-27 school year. It is being recommended the board approve 191 applicants and deny 20. (i.e. no space in special education programs, referrals for special education; no space in regular education grades, habitual truancy and age ineligible). Moved Kirst, seconded by Anderson to approve 191 applications and deny 20 applications for 2026-27 open enrollment into Ashwaubenon as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

4. **<u>Open enrollment OUT Applications</u>:** Andy Bake presented 53 open enrollment out applications (49 students) for the 2026-27 school year. It is being recommended the board approve 51 applicants and deny 2 (i.e. age ineligible). Moved Kirst, seconded by Anderson to approve 51 applications and deny 2 for 2026-27 open enrollment out of Ashwaubenon as presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

5. **<u>Bylaw and Policy Updates - second read</u>:** Andy Bake presented board policies for a second read and approval. All polices pertaining to Act 57 were removed from this set. Neola stated there are additional changes to these policies coming out in the near future. Once these changes are shared, these policies will be brought back for a 1st read. Kirst asked that the wording in the third paragraph of policy 9700 be changed from "or slogan" to "or slogan that". Moved by Anderson, seconded by Garrigan to approve the recommend change to policy 9700, and the second read and updates of all policies presented. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

N. Board and Superintendent Communication:

O. Future Board Meetings & Topics: The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the District Office Board Room.

P. Announcement of Executive Session: Moved Anderson, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn to executive session at 8:41pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

Q. Adjournment to open session: Moved Anderson, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn to open session at 9:16 pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

R. Action following Executive Session:

6. **Employee Retirement Request**: The board discussed the retirement request of Tammy Leurquin. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Garrigan to approved the full retirement request of Tammy Leurquin. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0

S. Adjournment: Moved Anderson, seconded by Garrigan to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm. Aye 4 (Vyskocil, Garrigan, Anderson, Kirst), Nay 0. Motion carried 4:0.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett VandeWalle