SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WESTWOOD ELEMETNARY SCHOOL
May 4, 2026
5:30 PM

Board members present: Fuss, Borley, Van Den Heuvel, Dorn, Van Deurzen
Board members excused: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board President Fuss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fuss stated that the area news media had been notified of the meeting as required by open meeting law and state statutes.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to accept the agenda. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

President Fuss read the District Mission Statement out loud; *To work collaboratively to educate and empower ALL students to grow, achieve at high levels, and become independent, productive members of society.*

The meeting was opened to the floor to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board. No concerns were presented.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the April 15, 2026 regular meeting minutes be approved as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen that previously paid bills to Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built be approved. Voting Yes: 4 Voting No: 0 Ryan Van Den Heuvel abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel that previously paid bills be approved excluding bills from Vos Electric, VDH Electric, and Best Built. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Scott Borley gave a verbal update regarding the Finance Committee Meeting.

Committee Chair, Barbara Van Deurzen reviewed the First Reads of the Neola Policy updates.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the CESA 8 contract for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to approve the School Fees for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the School Nutrition Prices for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve all applications of resident students to attend a nonresident district and deny all 4K-12 applications to attend Westwood Elementary, Hemlock Creek Elementary, Intermediate School, Middle School, and the High School for the 2026-2027 school year due to no space available with the exception of those siblings guaranteed enrollment. Approving the (2) two applications for Phantom Knight Charter School. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the (2) two foreign exchange students at the High School for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the 2027 Band and Choir trip to New Orleans as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Jason Lau shared with the Board that a letter that was sent to all district residents on April 30, 2026. This is the first step in informing residents of the financial situation of the district and the need for the referendum. Once the ballot language is approved, we will work with the Donovan Group to create a referendum website as well as post an FAQ to the website.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by $4,900,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Roll Call Voting: Yes: Fuss, Van Den Heuvel, Borley, Dorn, Van Deurzen Motion carried.

It was moved by Ryan Van Den Heuvel and seconded by Scott Borley to approve the Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by $4,900,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes. Roll Call Voting: Yes: Fuss, Van Den Heuvel, Borley, Dorn, Van Deurzen Motion carried.

Superintendent Jason Lau shared a brief verbal update related to the work with Professional Learning Communities (PLC). The Board thanked him for the update.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the High School Professional Learning Community Schedule with adjustments as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Barbara Van Deurzen and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the future Board of Education meeting dates as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve the increase for speech and language Pathologist time for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

Superintendent Jason Lau gave the Board an update on the High School Tech Ed Project. We continue to work through the fallout from the water main break. The City of De Pere is requiring the water line to be moved. We continue to work to resolve that issue as well as determining who is responsible for costs associated with relocating the water line. Everything else remains on schedule.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel to approve all staffing items as presented. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried.

The Board was presented with various reports and communications: such as updates, various thank you's, invitations, and calendar items.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Ryan Van Den Heuvel at 6:07 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Voting Yes: 5 Voting No: 0 Motion carried

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk