



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, September 14, 2022

6:30 pm

A. **Call to order:** President VanLaanen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

B. **Roll call:**

Board Members Present: VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke

Board Members Excused: all present

School Choice Advisory Representative: Matthew Rotter

Other Present: Kurt Weyers, Keith Lucius, Tammy Nicholson, Andy Bake, Dirk Ribbens, Cassie Schneider, Heidi Lassila, Brian Carter, Jamie Averbek, Doug Pieschek, Kris Hucek, Michael Heim, Peter Marto, Andrea Pasqualucci, Michelle Haapala

C. **Declaration of quorum:** Quorum present

D. **Pledge of allegiance:** The pledge was recited

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

F. **Citizens and/or delegations:**

1. **Public Forum** – no topics presented

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, August 17, 2022
2. The schedule of checks written 08/10/22 to 09/06/22
3. The schedule of referendum checks written 08/10/22 to 09/06/22
4. Staffing: hirings, resignations, retirements, leave of absences
5. There were 114 co-curriculars approved

H. **Superintendent’s Report**

- **Board and Admin Workshop:** Weyers thanked the Board and Administrators for all their work, commitment to the district and integrity demonstrated throughout the multi-day workshop held this summer.
- **Ashwaubenon School District start:** The first week to the new school year was extremely well planned and organized by our administrative team and staff. This is a credit to our administrators, staff, students, and parents. Well done everyone!
- **AHS National Merit Semi-finalist:** AHS student Haylie Dumoulin is National Merit Semi-Finalist. Her nomination is based on her academic excellence and test scores.
- **Ashwaubenon School Board:** WASB has designated Oct. 2-8 as Wisconsin School Board Week. The Ashwaubenon School District celebrates our board’s commitment to Ashwaubenon and its children. “It takes strong schools to build a strong community, and our board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at a higher level. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our children and staff.
- **Jaguar Excellence Awards:** We will once again be doing the Jaguar Excellence Awards this school year. This platform provides an opportunity for staff members to recognize their colleagues each

month. The past four years this award has been extremely successful. In fact, last year 1,305 staff members in the Ashwaubenon School District were recognized by their peers. That is a new record for one school year. We hope to set a new record this year

- **April Referendum Update:** Our referendum survey is in the process of being mailed to all residents in our district. We also are busy planning for our first community meeting for the referendum on Wednesday, September 28th, in the Performing Arts Center at 6:00 pm. We are hoping for a high participation rate for the survey as well as a high number of residents attending the community meeting. Once again, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me or Keith Lucius. It is interesting to note, 39 school districts are already going to referendum this November to exceed the revenue limit on a recurring or non-recurring basis.
- **Strategic Plan Meeting:** On Wednesday, October 19th, at 5:30 pm at the District Office we will be having our initial planning meeting for our Ashwaubenon School District's Strategic Planning. We are looking forward to create the long-term vision for our school district. Three initial decisions that need to be made by our school district's leadership are (1) What is the desired framework and areas of focus that the plan should address—what are the “pillars” or key content areas, (2) How much detail should be included—goals, strategies, tactics, action items, etc., and (3) Whose “voice” needs to be reflected in the plan and how is that voice heard—what process should be used to engage key stakeholders.

I. Discussion Items:

1. **Early College Credit - Start College Now Update:** Ribbens presented the updates to the Early College Credits and Start College Now programs. The previous approval criteria was based on whether or not the district offers a comparable course. The new criteria listed below helps to move students down a good curricular path. Ribbens stated with this new criteria, the district is estimated to save about 25% of what it currently spends in these programs. The district spends between 36K - 42K a year on these programs. It is felt that this new criteria will not limit a student's opportunity to participate in ECC or SCN.

Early College Credit Options

1. Current practice (and still an option) – If the district offers a comparable course it can deny the application and the student would pay 100% of the tuition rate. *No dual credit.
2. New options (including the first option listed above):
 - a. If the district does not offer a comparable course and the course would fulfill a graduation requirement, the District pays 75%, the State reimburses at 25% and the student pays nothing. *This counts as both high school and college credit.
 - b. If the district does not offer a comparable course and it does not fulfill a graduation requirement, the District pays 25%, State reimburses at 50%, and the student pays 25%, unless they are free or reduced lunch.
 - c. Courses that count as elective credit fulfill a graduation requirement only if the student still needs elective credits to graduate; however, if a student takes a full schedule, then they will meet their elective requirements through AHS.

Start College Now reasons for denial

1. The course doesn't satisfy a graduation requirement. Students can still take the class on their own but it will only count as a college credit.
2. The District offers a comparable course.
3. The student has a history of disciplinary challenges.

J. Action Items:

1. **Board Resolution - Graduation Requirements:** Nicholson and Schneider asked the board to approve a resolution that permits credit to be earned by demonstrating competency of standards. Approving this resolution will impact the graduation requirements policy that will be presented later in the meeting.

Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by VanDeKreeke to approve a Board Resolution around Graduation Requirement allowing for credits to be earned by demonstrating competency of standards as presented. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

2. **Policy Update and Adoption - Graduation Requirements:** Nicholson and Schneider provided a follow up to the board discussion earlier in the year around piloting the 509 program for those students at-risk of not graduating. The program was piloted last year with much success. The student in the program did receive their diploma through Ashwaubenon. The board requested a future update about what the student is currently doing.

Nicholson and Schneider would like to continue to offer the 509 program. They presented two policies that are impacted by this program. They are recommending the proposed updates to Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements and the adoption of Policy 5461 - Children At-risk of Not Graduating from High School.

The board asked if the 509 program is offered to only specific students or to any student electing to receive credits through this process. The program is geared to at-risk students. These are the students that have exhausted every other avenue. This is not a "go to option" for all students. This will impact about 3-4 students in the 2022-23 school year.

The board inquired about the procedures for how students may qualify for credits under this process. The board asked if they are written procedures in place. The procedures are the 509 program. Nicholson and Schneider recommended the board waive the second read of these policies and approve them as presented.

Moved by VanDeKreeke, seconded by Vyskocil to waive the second read and approve/adopt policies 5460 and 5461 as presented. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke), Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0.

K Board & Superintendent Communications:

L. Future Board Meetings & Topics:

- The next board meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 26, 2022**, at 6:30 pm in the District Office; 1055 Griffiths Lane; Ashwaubenon, WI.

- M. Adjournment:** Moved by Vyskocil, seconded by VanDeKreeke to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Aye 5 (VanLaanen, Vyskocil, Garrigan, VandeWalle, VanDeKreeke) Nay 0. Motion carried 5:0

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Vyskocil