

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
School District of Mauston**

DATE: Monday, August 18, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: District Office Community Room
510 Grayside Avenue, Mauston WI 53948

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zilisch, Coughlin, Gyllin, Morris, Kayhart, and Leak

MEMBERS ABSENT: Schumer

1. Board President Michael Zilisch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call of members was taken; six members were present and one was absent.
2. President Zilisch led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Public Comments: None

REPORTS:

1. **Board Committee Reports** - Presented by Gyllin (Finance).
2. **Leadership Team Reports** - Members of the District Leadership Team shared upcoming programs at different buildings.
3. **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Joel Heesch gave the Board an update on the status of the Lyndon Station Elementary building, letting them know that there will be a community sale on August 28 and 29 from 8am-2pm. He also mentioned that the next steps on the building will be in accordance to board policy. Next, he reminded the Board of the District Annual Meeting at the Mauston High School Auditorium at 6 p.m. Heesch then reviewed agenda items, JEVCO rates and student handbooks. Finally, he mentioned the New Teacher Orientation and especially thanked Castle Rock Realty for all their work for helping welcome the new staff.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Coughlin/Leak to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 6/0 whereby the following items were approved:

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
2. Payment of the Monthly Vouchers with the total expenditures totaling \$909,441.01 and revenue totaling \$704,207.90.

Pending Action Items

1. Motion by Gyllin/Coughlin to accept donations from Castle Rock Realty, Kudicks, Rudig Jensen, Bank of Mauston, Brett and Laurie Davies, Blue Line Chimney Sweep LLC,

Mitotec, The Designer's Touch, Motovation Fitness, and Beyond the Daily Grind Café in amount totaling \$4,400. The motion carried 6/0.

2. Superintendent Heesch recognized the lone donation that was under \$300: Tomah Order of the Eastern Star Chapter donated school supplies to the district.
3. Motion by Coughlin/Zilisch to approve the employment contracts of Jonald Miles as a Montessori Charter School Teacher and Kerry Cauley as a West Side Elementary 4K Teacher. Motion carried 6/0.
4. Motion by Zilisch/Gyllin to approve the JEVCO rates for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Heesch stated that originally JEVCO asked for a 21% increase over the two years, but the District was able to negotiate the rate down to 5% for the 2025-2026 school year, and 6% for the 2026-2027 school year. A roll call vote was called and motion carried with 6 yeses and zero noes.
5. Motion by Zilisch/Leak to approve the Student Handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. The motion carried 6/0.
6. Motion by Coughlin/Zilisch to approve the 2025-2026 Emergency Response Plan as presented. Safety Coordinator Jim Dillin mentioned the document was made with the safety agencies in the area and that it is a fluid document. Motion carried 6/0.
7. Motion by Kayhart/Morris to adjourn. The motion carried 6/0.
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Recorded by:

Jennifer Hagemann, Board Secretary