

**School District of Westfield
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
August, 20, 2025**

- I. President McCartney called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Other Board members present: Nick Coenen, Daniel Fenske, Val Katevska, Natasha Peschel and Tom Wastart. Jerry Herbert II was absent. Michelle Johnson, District Administrator and Veronica VanDerhyden, Business Manager were also present.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Meeting notification - The meeting was properly noticed
- IV. Motion by Fenske / Peschel to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
- V. There were no public comments.
- VI. District Administrator's announcements and reports (Michelle Johnson)
 - A. School Perceptions Survey Options Presentation by Daren Sievers
 - B. Updates on resignations, hires and vacancies.
 1. Resignations: Ashley Ahlstrom, Registrar/Student Services Secretary. Hires: Jessica Leider, JV2 Volleyball Coach, Natalie Walters, Middle School Volleyball Coach, Edith Glaser, MS/HS Special Education Paraprofessional, Christine Delelio, Bus Driver, Susan Wagner, Student Services Secretary
 2. Transfer Amanda Patten from Elementary Secretary to District Registrar/Elementary Secretary
 3. Vacancies: MS/HS Special Education Teacher, Maintenance Person, Custodian
 4. Community Workshop Update
 5. Coaching Staff Update
 6. Other
- VII. School Board Members Announcement and Reports - none
- VIII. Committee Reports
 - A. Building/Finance
 1. Referendum Progress Updates
 - a. Inspection for "occupancy" Thursday, August 21, 2025
 - b. Civil Engineers surveying properties
 - B. Policy/Vision/Curriculum
 1. Establish a September Policy/Vision Meeting
- IX. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve District Financial Statement, Payrolls, Check # 8161-8261, ACH # 252600002-2522600006 , Fund 30 Check # 70989729, Fund 49 Check # 490015-490026 and Activity Account Check #14566-14569
 - B. Approve the minutes of the July 16, 2025 - Building & Finance Committee Meeting, & the Regular School Board Meeting
 - C. Approve Personnel Recommendations
 1. Hires
 - a. Kristin Moen, Middle/High School Art Teacher
 - b. Elise Kopp, 5th Grade Elementary Teacher

- c. Transfer John Von Druska, Maintenance Person to 6th grade Science Teacher
- d. Possible hire of Special Education Teacher

X. Items from the consent agenda to be individually considered- none

XI. Motion by Wastart / Katevska to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

XII. New Business

- A. Motion by Wastart/ Katevska to accept a \$3,000 donation from the Brakebush Family Foundation to support various groups and organizations. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
- B. Motion by Wastart / Katevska to accept a \$900 donation from Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative for STEM Fine Motor Exploration materials to Erin Martinson, and her 4K classroom students .Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
- C. Motion by Fenske / Peschel to approve updates to the School Safety Response Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
- D. Motion by Peschel / Coenen to approve the [School Perceptions Survey Proposal](#). Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
- E. Motion by Wastart / Fenske to approve the date change of the January, 2026 school board meeting from the 21st to the 14th due to the School Board Convention starting on the 21st. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.
- F. Motion by Peschel / Katevska to approve the date change of the March, 2026 school board meeting from the 18th to the 11th due to spring break the week of the week of the 16th. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

XIII. Motion by Wastart / Peschel to enter into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c): to review compensation of individual(s) staff members. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

Recorder: Lori Gilbertson

XIV. Motion & Second to return to open session. Roll call vote, motion carried, 6-0.

XV. It was the consensus of the Board to approve the closed session compensation as presented. Roll call vote, motion carried 6-0.

XVI. Motion by Wastart / Peschel to adjourn 6-0. Voice Vote, motion carried.

Recorder: Nick Coenen

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