



Sauk Prairie School District

Minutes - School Board Regular Meeting
September 28, 2026

A regular meeting of the Sauk Prairie Board of Education was held on Monday, September 28, 2026 in the Merrimac Community School Library. President Isaacson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All members (Jim Isaacson, Amy Alt, Nik Franciskovich, John Hutchins, Rich Judge, Richard Talmage, and Holly Walker) were present. Administrators present: Superintendent Wright, Crystal Hoffman, Jamie Breunig, Kyle Blechner, Chad Harnisch, Amy Brehm, and John Dollar. Public notice was by mailed and posted agenda.

Motion by R. Talmage, seconded by H. Walker to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 7-0. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no Public Comments.

Under Board Comments President Isaacson reminded Board Members to fill out the Superintendent Evaluation and Board Evaluation by October 7th, to be reviewed at the October 12th Board Meeting.

Superintendent Wright's report included the following: • Recognized Aaron Clement being named Sauk Prairie School District's National Merit Scholar award winner; the Bank of Prairie du Sac, Larson Holiday Farm, Prairie Exteriors & Painting, LLC, and Riviera Bowl & Pizzeria named as this year's WASB Business Honor Roll Honorees, and October 5-11 is Wisconsin School Board Week. • Shared highlights of the September 24th Community Forum Session, and announced the next session will take place on October 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library. • Provided updates of communication with BECI transmission line project leaders. • Noted important dates included at the end of the agenda.

Under Scheduled Presentations, Amy Brehm shared the Annual Merrimac Community School Update, with Erin Fischer and Marie Yarnell highlighting the Art Department. Superintendent Wright shared the Annual Seclusion & Restraint Report.

Motion by R. Talmage, seconded by J. Hutchins to approve Consent Action items 1-14.

1. Approve Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting – September 14, 2026
2. Place on File
 - A. Balance Statement – July 31, 2026
 - B. Balance Statement – August 31, 2026
3. Approve July 2026 Accounts Payable Checks #184795-184796, 184800-184825, void 184730; ACH Payments #9232408103-9232408108, 9232408124-9232408196; and Wire Transfers #202400178-20240183 in the amount of \$1,732,342.84
4. Approve August 2026 Accounts Payable Checks #184826-184851, credit card 184860, void 184813; ACH Payments #9232408197-9232408321; and Wire Transfers #202300160, 202400184-202400188 in the amount of \$2,664,913.29
5. Approve 2026-27 School Year School Assessment Managers – Middle School & High School
6. Approve 2026-27 School Year additional Teacher Mentors
7. Approve Collaborative Accompanist Contracted Services Agreement with Erin McConnell
8. Approve Unpaid Leave of Absence ~~December 23, 2026 – January 1, 2027~~ December 10, 2026 - January 4, 2027 – Grand Avenue – Lindsey Swanson
9. Accept Retirement

- A. Building & Grounds Administrative Assistant – District – Sandy Boettcher
- 10. Approve Hire
 - A. Special Education Teaching Assistant for 2026-27 School Year – Bridges – Jessica Keichinger
- 11. Approve Administrative, Internal Voluntary Transfer
 - A. Building & Grounds Administrative Assistant – District – Vicki Fenske
- 12. Approve Co-Curricular
 - A. Volunteer Student Council Advisor – High School – Jessica Gorsline
- 13. Approve Sean McGann's Overnight Field Trip Request December 29-30, 2026 to Stevens Point, WI for High School Boys Varsity Basketball Tournament
- 14. Accept Donations
 - A. \$1,200 from Jeanne Fuchs in memory of Charlie Fuchs to Merrimac for Student Needs
 - B. \$12,000 from Concordia United Methodist Church
 - \$3,000 toward At-Risk Student Needs
 - \$9,000 toward Tower Rock Soar Afterschool Club
 - C. \$2,100 from Tower Rock's Friends of Education for Field Trip Transportation
 - D. \$14,554.05 from Sauk Prairie Sports Boosters
 - \$1178.85 for Volleyball Equipment
 - \$3210.00 for Home Athletic Event Sponsor Passes
 - \$9000 for Soccer Goals
 - \$1165.20 toward Girls Swim Program

President Isaacson expressed appreciation for the generous donations. Richard Talmage congratulated Sandy Boettcher on her retirement. Motion carried 7-0.

Under Discussion Action, motion by R. Judge, seconded by A. Alt to approve the High School Tennis Courts Resurfacing Project with Holbrook Court Services in the amount of \$340,000. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by H. Walker, seconded by J. Hutchins to approve a one year increase to extended days – Tonya Lassanske & Owen Murphy. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by A. Alt, seconded by H. Walker to approve High School roofing reinforcement Area 8 with Hasheider Roofing in the amount of \$10,400. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by R. Judge, seconded by A. Alt to approve an off campus Behavior Support Teacher for 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by R. Talmage, seconded by H. Walker to approve a Girls Swim Cooperative for 2027-2029 including Sauk Prairie and Wisconsin Heights. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by J. Hutchins, seconded by R. Talmage to approve a River Arts Center orchestra pit cover purchase from Wenger Corporation in the amount of \$112,083.17. Motion carried 7-0.

There were no Public Comments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Motion by R. Judge, seconded by R. Talmage to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(b) and (c) to consider dismissal of a public employee and potentially taking of formal action on the matter unless the employee exercises the right to demand that the meeting at which final action may be taken be held in Open Session, or consider the resignation of the public employee or any proposed agreement affecting their employment, and approve the Closed Session Minutes of September 14, 2026. Motion carried 7-0 on roll call vote: H. Walker – yes, R. Talmage – yes, R. Judge – yes, J. Hutchins – yes, N. Franciskovich – yes, A. Alt – yes, and J. Isaacson – yes. Meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:52 p.m.

President Isaacson called the meeting to order in Open Session at 7:56 p.m.

Motion by J. Hutchins, seconded by H. Walker to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Richard R. Talmage, Clerk