

Stockbridge School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

October 23, 2025

Minutes

1. The Regular Meeting of the Stockbridge Board of Education was called to order by Bill Parsons at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting which started at 5:00pm. Bill Parsons, Tracy Hanke, Joanne Propson, Will Blackburn, Will Cummings, Jennifer Funk, and Ann Holzer were present. Mr. Marx and Mr. Meshak were also in attendance. Guests present included: Ms. Lori Knoespel, Nicole Landaiche, Luke Johnson, and Ms. Carissa Salter.
2. Mr. Marx noted this meeting was posted in three public places per Wisconsin Statute 19.84(1) and on-line.
3. Ann Holzer moved and Tracy Hanke seconded to approve the Consent Items including the Agenda, Minutes of the 09/24/2025 Regular Meeting, vouchers totaling \$94,932.90 and the September Treasurer's Report with revenue of \$748,980.45 and expenditures of \$221,475.02. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
4. Forum Communications: Ms. Lori Knoespel was present to speak about the National Honor Society (NHS). Four students will be inducted in the group on Sunday, November 2 at 4:00pm in the cafeteria. December 1st through December 12th will be the Twelve Days of Christmas food/hygiene drive annually hosted by NHS.
5. Reports and Communications:
 - A. Mr. Meshak reported on ECCP and Start College Now requests for the Spring semester. A report was given on recent fundraisers, an update on Samaritan Counseling, a building and grounds update, and the Strength Circles Showcase. The 150th committee generously donated funds to the district to purchase fans for each classroom. Fall parent teacher conferences were held on October 14 and October 16. An anonymous donation in the amount of \$3,300 was received.
 - B. Mr. Marx reported on the October 15 Aid Certification, 2025-26 Revenue Limit, Tax Levy/Mill Rate, and the 2025-26 District Budget. The district will be utilizing a revolving line of credit for the current fiscal year. Mr. Marx presented an unpaid leave request from Mr. Todd Fischer along with a maternity leave request from Mrs. Kati Forstner. An update was shared on Agilex – at this time the district will hold off on utilizing Agilex as part of the payment process. Mr. Marx reported a 9% dividend (\$1,614) was received from M3 insurance for the Worker's Compensation insurance. Aurora Occupational Health was onsite on Monday, October 6th to administer flu shots for staff, board members, and substitutes who were interested in participating.

6. Board of Education Discussion:
 - A. Future Referendum – Mr. Marx presented information regarding the district’s fiscal health and the potential need for a future referendum.
7. Jennifer Funk moved and Will Cummings seconded to adjourn to closed session per Wis. Stat 19.85 (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the board exercises authority. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 yes to 0 no.
8. Ann Holzer moved and Joanne Propson seconded to reconvene in open session. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
9. Action Items:
 - A. District Budget – Ann Holzer moved and Tracy Hanke seconded to act on the final 2025-26 district budget with adjustments. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - B. Tax Levy – Joanne Propson moved and Jennifer Funk seconded to set the final 2025-26 tax levy amount and rate. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - C. Line of Credit – Ann Holzer moved and Will Blackburn seconded to adopt the following resolution related to the District’s line of credit:

WHEREAS, the School District of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin (the “District”), is temporarily in need of funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining the public instruction in the District during the current school year (the “Expenses”);

WHEREAS, school districts are authorized by the provisions of Section 67.12(8), Wisconsin Statutes, to borrow money and issue tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes for such Expenses;

WHEREAS, the State Bank of Chilton, Stockbridge, Wisconsin (the “Bank”) has agreed to provide the District with a taxable revolving line of credit (the “Line of Credit”) to cover such Expenses which Line of Credit shall be authorized by this Resolution in accordance with the provisions of Section 67.12(8), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it necessary and in the best interest of the District that funds be borrowed and tax and revenue anticipation promissory notes be issued pursuant to the provisions of Section 67.12(8), Wisconsin Statutes;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 67.12(8), Wisconsin Statutes, the total amount borrowed pursuant to the Line of Credit shall be for the purpose of meeting the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining the public instruction in the District during the current school year, shall not exceed one-half the estimated receipts for the operation and maintenance of the District for the current school year, and the loan shall not extend beyond November 1 of the next school year;

WHEREAS, any draws or disbursements pursuant to the Line of Credit shall be made on or before June 30 of the current school year, and the Line of Credit shall be repaid in full on or before November 1 of the next school year; and

WHEREAS, the tax for the operation and maintenance of the schools of the District for the current school year heretofore has been voted to be collected on the next tax roll.

Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

D. ECCP/Start College Now – Will Cummings moved and Tracy Hanke seconded to act on Early College Credit Program and Start College Now requests. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

E. Maternity Leave – Joanne Propson moved and Will Cummings seconded to act on the maternity leave request received from Kati Forstner. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

F. Unpaid Leave – Jennifer Funk moved and Will Blackburn seconded to act on an unpaid leave request from Todd Fischer. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

10. Board Member Communications:

A. WASB State Convention – The annual WASB state convention is January 21-23, 2026 in Milwaukee. Ann Holzer, Tracy Hanke, and Joanne Propson will attend.

11. Board Member Comments – Joanne asked questions about chrome books and usage within the classroom. Will Blackburn brought up concerns with drainage issues within the school yard.

12. Forum Communication – NONE

13. Ann Holzer moved and Joanne Propson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, November 19 at 5:00pm. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Holzer
Clerk