

**HORTONVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024**  
**7:15 P.M.**

1. The meeting was called to order by Board President Robert VanDenElzen. The meeting was attended by approximately twenty-seven people, including staff and community members.
2. President VanDenElzen introduced the Board members that were present.
3. Craig Dreier nominated Robert VanDenElzen to serve as Chairman of the Annual Meeting. With no other nominations, Mr. VanDenElzen called for a vote, unanimous vote; motion carried. Mr. VanDenElzen assumed the Chairman's role at the Annual Meeting.
4. Brett Eidahl made a motion to appoint Mrs. Tamie Neilson to serve as Clerk for the meeting. With no other nominations, Mr. VanDenElzen called for a vote, unanimous vote; motion carried. Chairman VanDenElzen appointed Mrs. Tamie Neilson as Clerk for the Annual Meeting.
5. Minutes for October 23, 2023, were approved at the November 13, 2023, Board of Education meeting.
6. Mr. Todd Timm, District Administrator, reported on the following:
  - Federal and State Funding
    - 2002-2021 – WI third slowest funding increase
    - Revenue Limits
    - Low Revenue bump
    - WI had a historic budget surplus
    - State Funding Formula – 3year rolling average
    - Voucher Payment
    - ESSER Complete
    - 137 school referendum questions on November 2024 ballot (WI)
    - 146 Districts to Operating Referendum in 2024
    - WI Spending Caps 1992-1993
    - HASD Low Revenue District
    - 3 year rolling average – Growing Districts vs. Declining Exemption
    - Social Work Grants, Medicaid Reimbursement, Federal Funds
    - Work with Legislatures to advocate for additional funding, reimburse more for Special Education and increase the limit on low revenue districts
  - Voucher Expense Review
  - Low spending and High Achieving
  - Academic Results (2023-24)
  - Scorecard Indicators & Achievements
7. Jessica Hartjes made a motion to approve the Board salary of \$3,750; Daniel Milliren seconded the motion; roll call vote; motion passed.
8. Timothy Rietveld made a motion to authorize payment of actual and necessary expenses for Board members' travel in the performance of Board duties with reimbursement for mileage at the current IRS allowed amount; Craig Dreier seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(These are the same provisions as for other staff employed by the District.)*
9. Thomas Ellenbecker made a motion to authorize the sale of school property; Timothy Diestler seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(Any necessary sale of*

*equipment may be sold during the school year. The largest items are generally school buses.)*

10. Jared Deli made a motion to authorize the Board to direct and provide for the prosecution or defense of any legal action or proceeding in which the District is interested; Jesse Powell seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(Legal fees for the 2023-24 school year were \$16,583.86 and were for student, policy, personnel and contractual issues.)*
11. Travis Lawrence made a motion to direct the Board to furnish school lunches to District students and appropriate funds as necessary; Timothy Rietveld seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(The school lunch program is self-supporting; prices are offset through the use of government commodities. Lunch fees are adjusted as necessary to balance revenues with expenditures.)*
12. Dallas Herbst made a motion to authorize short-term borrowing of funds sufficient for the operation of the District; Craig Dreier seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(This standing motion is in place should the District need to borrow funds. The District did not need to borrow funds and it is anticipated that the District will not need to borrow funds this year. This motion should be approved should borrowing become necessary. Borrowing has often been necessary as the District receives most of its revenues in the second half of the fiscal year, and even some after the fiscal year has ended.)*
13. Timothy Diestler made a motion to provide accident insurance for all students for the 2024-2025 school year; Jesse Powell seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(The estimated cost for the 2025-26 school year is \$23,600. The cost for the 2024-25 school year is \$25,025)*
14. Ms. Christina Peterson summarized the Treasurer's Report for the 2023-24 school year. The General Fund revenues received for the year totaled \$70,501,774 and the General Fund expenditures expended for the year totaled \$70,011,447.
15. Ms. Christina Peterson, Director of Business Services, presented and reviewed the proposed budget for the 2024-25 school year (subject to final adjustments to be considered by the Board of Education following this Annual Meeting on October 28, 2024). *(Copies of the proposed budget were presented at the Annual Meeting and are also available in the District Administrative and Business Offices.)*
16. Thomas Ellenbecker made a motion to approve 2024 tax levy of \$21,698,571 (includes additional debt levy of \$1.0 million); Craig Dreier seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. The estimated District-wide tax rate is \$5.75 per thousand dollars of property value. *(The levy for 2023-24 was \$20,950,378 with a tax rate of \$5.91 per thousand dollars of property value.)*
17. Andrea Marcks-Ziegler made a motion to authorize the Board to set the date for the next annual meeting; Daniel Milliren seconded the motion; unanimous vote; motion carried. *(Monday, October 27, 2025, an annual meeting in September or October allows the Business Office to prepare the annual budget based on the Third Friday Attendance Report.)*
18. With no further business, Chairman VanDenElzen adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tamie Neilson, Administrative Assistant