

Whitewater School Board - Special Meeting
Thursday, June 5, 2025
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Required notice having been sent to the *Whitewater Register*, the official District newspaper, the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Whitewater High School Library.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - The School Board Secretary called the roll with the following Board members present: Aranda, Hicks, Huempfer, Kienbaum, Linse, and Tortomasi. Zimmerman late; appeared at 5:30 p.m. right after roll call.

2. ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION

A. Adjourn into closed session - Hicks moved and Aranda seconded the motion to adjourn into closed session, pursuant to the provisions of §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, and pursuant to the provisions of § 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, to discuss and take action on the terms of the employment contract to be offered to the new superintendent. Pursuant to the provisions of §19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Specifically, to discuss and take action on the proposals related to school resource officer services and the terms of contracting for such services. Motion carried 7-0. Also present was Brian Dorow, Sean O'Neal, and Tom Czarnecki from Secure Resources Unlimited. Jeff Tortomasi left at 6:46 p.m.

3. OPEN SESSION

A. Reconvene into open session - Hicks moved and Aranda seconded the motion to reconvene into open session at 7:36 p.m., pursuant to §19.85(2), Wis. Stats., for possible action on any matter discussed in closed session. Motion carried 6-0-1-0 (Tortomasi - ABSENT). In the interest of transparency, the Board wishes to provide further information to the public regarding its closed session discussions concerning its efforts to contract for SRO services. The Board deliberated regarding its strategy for negotiating a new SRO contract with the entities that have shown interest, including those who responded to the District's RFP and the City of Whitewater. We believe the strategies discussed will lead to the type of cooperative relationship with the eventual SRO provider that will best serve the safety and security needs of the school community. The Board intends to be open and transparent regarding this matter to the extent possible. In furtherance of that goal, the board will now entertain a motion in open session regarding the action to be taken on the Board's efforts to contract with an SRO provider. Hicks moved and Aranda seconded the motion to extend the term of the First Amendment to the School Resource Agreement for a period of thirty days from the original date of June 30, 2025, making the new expiration date to July 30, 2025. Motion carried 6-0-1-0 (Tortomasi - ABSENT). Hicks moved and Aranda seconded the motion to accept Sam Karns' Superintendent contract for the 2025-2026 contract period. Motion carried 6-0-1-0 (Tortomasi - ABSENT).

4. ADJOURN - Hicks moved and Aranda seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Dodge
School Board Secretary

Attested to:

Stephanie Hicks, President

Date

Lisa Huempfer, Clerk

Date