

VALDERS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the regular Valders Area School Board meeting held on July 28, 2025.

Meeting was called to order by School Board President Mike Lenzner at 6:30 p.m. under WI Statute 19.83 and 19.84. Notice of the meeting, time, date and subject matter has been properly noticed. Members present were, Travis Schisel, Mike Lenzner, Steve Huebbe Aksel Schnell, Ashley Henneman and Bryan Denk. Brenda Haese was absent.

The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Schisel, second by Denk to adopt the agenda. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schnell, second by Huebbe to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025, School Board Meeting. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schnell, second by Denk to approve financial transactions for the month of June:

	Transaction Numbers			Amount
Approval of Voucher Checks	56281	to	56286	\$9,048.01
Approval of Wire Transfers	202400193	to	202400198	\$253,844.08
	202500001	to	202500007	\$56,462.24
				\$310,306.32
Approval of ACH	242501145	to	242501165	\$359,129.93
	252600011	to	252600038	\$232,627.56
				\$591,757.49
Approval of Payroll Checks	900098322	to	90098618	\$719,185.70

Motion Carried (6-0).

The Board reviewed the staff and superintendent reports.

Motion by Schnell, second by Denk to approve the 2025-2026 student handbook changes for all schools. Motion carried (6-0)

Motion by Huebbe, second by Schisel to accept the academic standards for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried (6-0)

Motion by Schnell, second by Huebbe to add an additional Special Education Support Assistant Position in the Elementary School to support the students. Motion carried (6-0)

Trinton Gess, Business Manager presented to the board the preliminary budget for the 2026 fiscal year. (Attached)

Kristin DeTroye presented the Act 12 report that was included in the board packet.

Motion by Schnell, second by Henneman to approve a 3 percent (3%) salary increase for all staff members. Motion carried (5-0 with Denk abstaining)

Motion by Schnell, second by Huebbe to approve the request from the Valders Football Club to solicit donations for signs to be placed on the fence at the football field. Motion carried (6-0)

Motion by Schisel, second by Henneman to add a second high school wrestling coach to accommodate a girls' team. Motion carried (5-0 with Schnell abstaining)

Motion by Schisel, second by Denk accept an anonymous donation for a new Cross Country Tent. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schisel, second by Denk to accept retirement resignation from Brenda Pautz as library paraprofessional effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schnell, second by Schisel to accept resignation from Brooke Schuler as a Special Education Secretary effective June 20, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Denk, second by Huebbe to accept resignation from Emily Jams as ES Music Teacher effective June 29, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Huebbe, second by Schisel to accept resignation from Kyra Rahmlow as ES Third Grade Teacher effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schnell, second by Henneman to accept resignation from Jesse Dallas as JV2 Basketball Coach effective June 20, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schisel, second by Denk to accept resignation from Lucas Pivonka as JV1 Basketball Coach effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Denk, second by Schnell to accept resignation from Joe and James Resch as MS Football Coaches effective July 15, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schnell, second by Denk to accept resignation from Sheryl McNamara-Linsmeier as food service helper effective June 20, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Huebbe, second by Schisel to accept resignation from Victoria Wagner as ES paraprofessional effective July 9, 2025. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Huebbe, second by Schisel to move into Executive (Closed) Session at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schisel, second by Huebbe to reconvene into Open Session at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schnell, second by Denk to approve the recommendation for employment of Victoria Siikarla as ES Kindergarten Teacher. (1.0 FTE). Motion carried (6-0).

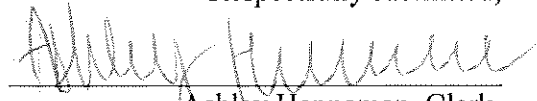
Motion by Huebbe, second by Denk to approve the recommendation for employment of Katelynn Sibley as ES Special Education Teacher. (1.0 FTE). Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Denk, second by Schnell to approve the recommendation for employment of Brittany Maertz as ES Grade 3 Teacher. (1.0 FTE). Motion carried (6-0).

Motion by Schisel, second by Denk to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried (6-0).

Ashley Henneman
Recording Secretary
07/28/25

Respectfully submitted,



Ashley Henneman, Clerk
Valders Area School District



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Valders School District Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Budget

Fund Description	Fund		Budgeted Revenue		Budgeted Expenses		Surplus / (Deficit)	Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/24	Ending Fund Balance 6/30/25	FB as % of Expenses
General Fund	10	\$	13,914,837	\$	14,652,753	\$	(737,916)	\$ 2,718,445	\$ 1,980,529	13.5%
Gifts, Std Activities, Schlrshtps	21	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 945,838	\$ 945,838	
Specical Education	27	\$	2,569,752	\$	2,569,752	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Referendum Approved Debt	39	\$	2,500,669	\$	2,460,969	\$	39,700	\$ 215,025	\$ 254,725	
Referendum Capital Expenses	49	\$	120,000	\$	5,230,000	\$	(5,110,000)	\$ 7,885,471	\$ 2,775,471	
Food Service	50	\$	450,000	\$	476,819	\$	(26,819)	\$ 225,115	\$ 198,296	42%
Community Service	80	\$	122,140	\$	122,140	\$	-	\$ 198,451	\$ 198,451	162%
Total		\$	19,677,398	\$	25,512,433	\$	(5,835,035)			

Budget

Valders School District Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026										
Fund Description	Fund		Budgeted Revenue		Budgeted Expenses		Surplus / (Deficit)	Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/25	Ending Fund Balance 6/30/26	FB as % of Expenses
General Fund	10	\$	15,398,667	\$	15,164,771	\$	233,896	\$ 2,198,567	\$ 2,432,464	16.0%
Gifts, Std Activities, Schlrshtps	21	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 949,886	\$ 949,886	
Specical Education	27	\$	2,608,981	\$	2,608,981	\$	0.00	\$ -	\$ 0	
Referendum Approved Debt	39	\$	2,458,229	\$	929,763	\$	1,528,466	\$ 227,038	\$ 1,755,504	
Referendum Capital Expenses	49	\$	100,000	\$	1,250,000	\$	(1,150,000)	\$ 2,753,681	\$ 1,603,681	
Food Service	50	\$	450,580	\$	489,030	\$	(38,450)	\$ 143,522	\$ 105,072	21%
Community Service	80	\$	129,580	\$	129,580	\$	0.00	\$ 219,429	\$ 219,429	169%
Total		\$	21,146,037	\$	20,572,125	\$	573,912			

Actuals

Actual Results for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Year-to-Date thru June 30, 2025										
Fund Description	Fund		Actual Revenue		Actual Expenses		Surplus / (Deficit)	Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/24	Ending Fund Balance 6/30/25	FB as % of Expenses
General Fund	10	\$	14,165,033	\$	14,684,911	\$	(519,878)	\$ 2,718,445	\$ 2,198,567	15.0%
Gifts & Donations	21	\$	270,163	\$	266,115	\$	4,048	\$ 945,838	\$ 949,886	
Specical Education	27	\$	2,620,822	\$	2,620,822	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	
Referendum Approved Debt	39	\$	2,468,546	\$	2,456,532	\$	12,014	\$ 215,025	\$ 227,038	
Referendum Capital Expenses	49	\$	286,862	\$	5,418,652	\$	(5,131,790)	\$ 7,885,471	\$ 2,753,681	
Food Service	50	\$	428,462	\$	510,054	\$	(81,593)	\$ 225,115	\$ 143,522	28%
Community Service	80	\$	112,270	\$	91,292	\$	20,978	\$ 198,451	\$ 219,429	240%
Total		\$	20,352,158	\$	26,048,379	\$	(5,696,221)			

Valders Fund 10	2025-26 Preliminary Budget	2024-25 Budget	2024-25 Projected Expenses	Percent Change Budget to Budget	
Salary	5,691,289	5,718,741	5,646,963	-0.5%	3% increase less staff changes
Fringe	3,089,512	2,829,484	2,878,892	9.2%	Health Ins 12%
Purchased Service	615,425	652,425	757,047	-5.7%	Reduced Maint. Services
Utilities	278,000	278,000	287,011	0.0%	
Travel	891,395	852,045	848,617	4.6%	Bussing 5% increase
Communication	46,836	49,336	32,279	-5.1%	
Technology	216,083	229,417	188,396	-5.8%	Supplies down-ref. related
Pymt to Outside	1,944,582	1,806,865	1,829,099	7.6%	SRO, CESA
Supplies	269,025	279,025	182,768	-3.6%	
Food	-	-	-	0.0%	
Instructional Materials	54,555	54,555	75,733	0.0%	
Capital Items	270,000	152,810	109,732	76.7%	Tech related-op. ref.
Debt Related	-	-	3	0.0%	
Insurance	188,847	188,460	187,504	0.2%	Prop up; Workers Comp down
Transfers	1,569,647	1,522,015	1,611,889	3.1%	Special Education
Dues and Fees	39,575	39,575	48,624	0.0%	
Other Misc.	-	-	353	0.0%	
Total All Funds	15,164,771	14,652,753	14,684,911	3.5%	

Salaries and Wages for all permanent staff (all funds) were increased by 3% but due to position adjustments, salaries from budget to budget decreased by \$25K or .4%.

Health Insurance premiums are projected to increase 12% (final increase will be provided in September) resulting in a \$243K increase. Dental premiums will remain the same but due to open enrollment changes/new employees, the cost is budgeted to increase \$28K.

Pymt to Outside -Open enrollment revenue in and expenses out remain unchanged in this preliminary budget. Voucher payments out are also unchanged. The SRO was added along with Business Office support from CESA 7.

The Special Education reimbursement rate was not changed for the FY2026 budget. The change from 30% to 42% would increase Special Education Categorical Aid by approximately \$245,000, thereby reducing the transfer from Fund 10 to Fund 27 by the same amount.

The property tax levy was unchanged from last year's budget except for the inclusion of the operating referendum amount - \$1,464,000.

Capital Referendum expenses (Fund 49) are projected at \$1.25 million. Interest revenue will be less as funds are spent down.

Food Service is projected to have a deficit of \$38K . Revenue is unchanged budget to budget but expenses are increasing due to the salary and fringe changes noted above. There is still a positive fund balance in Fund 50 to cover this deficit. A review of this program should be conducted this year.

Community Service, Fund 80, will see a slight increase in revenue and expenses in FY26. This fund should be reviewed for possible reallocation of operating expenses from the general fund.