

**WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS, INC.**

Madison, Wisconsin

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**REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ON RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED  
BY THE 2018 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

WASB Policy & Resolutions Committee

Mary Jo Rozmenoski, Black River Falls School Board, Chair

**Resolutions Adopted (Approved) By Delegates:**

**Resolution 18-01: Technical Resolution—Revisions to Repeal Outdated Resolutions**

- a) **Repeal Resolution 1.24 (a) 190 Days**
- b) **Repeal Resolution 4.11 *Binding Arbitration Law Changes***
- c) **Repeal Resolution 4.12 *Impasse Resolution Procedures***
- d) **Repeal Resolution 4.14 *Award Settlements***
- e) **Repeal Resolution 4.18 *Total Compensation Increases***
- f) **Repeal Resolution 4.19 *Health Care Bargaining***
- g) **Repeal Resolution 5.53 *Welfare Benefits***

**Resolution 18-02: *Hours of Instruction***

**Repeal and Recreate Resolution 1.24, as follows:**

The WASB supports legislation to allow local school districts maximum latitude in determining what meets the total hours of direct pupil instruction required by the statutes in order not to be penalized by a reduction in state aid.

**Resolution 18-03: *High-Poverty Aid***

**Repeal and Recreate Resolution 2.35 (a), to read as follows:**

The WASB supports legislation allowing each local school district eligible to receive high poverty aid to receive such aid as a categorical aid outside the revenue limits.

**Resolution 18-04: *FTE Calculation for Revenue Limit***

**Amend** existing **Resolution 2.41 (i)** as follows:

(i) The WASB supports legislation to provide that a district's revenue limit ~~would~~ be determined prior to the start of the district's fiscal year. In addition, the WASB supports ~~allowing each school district with declining enrollment to use a five-year rolling average of enrollment based on enrollment data from the previous five fiscal years to calculate its annual revenue limit, allowing each school district with increasing or stable enrollment to use a three-year rolling average of enrollment based on enrollment data from the previous three fiscal years to calculate its annual revenue limit~~ changing the revenue limit FTE membership calculation to allow a district to use either a 5-year rolling average, 3-year rolling average or the current year membership, whichever is greater, and allowing a district to apply to the Department of Public Instruction for emergency aid or revenue flexibility.

**Resolution 18-05: *Voucher Transparency***

**Create** **Resolution 2.70 (k)** as follows:

The WASB supports legislation to require property tax bills to include information from the school district in which the property is located regarding the dollar amount (and percentage change) of the net reduction in state aid, if any, to the school district between the current year and the previous year as a result of pupils enrolled in the statewide voucher program, the Racine voucher program, the Milwaukee voucher program, or the special needs voucher program, as well as the amount of the increase, if any, in property taxes levied on all property in the school district in the current year and the amount of tax levied on the individual property in the current year, as the result of pupils enrolled in the statewide voucher program, the Racine voucher program, the Milwaukee voucher program, or the special needs voucher program.

**Resolution 18-06: *Per Pupil Reimbursement for Transporting Private School Pupils***

**Create** **Resolution 3.55 (a)** as follows:

The WASB supports legislation to require the state to fully fund as a categorical aid the cost to local public school districts of providing transportation to pupils who attend private and parochial schools.

**Resolution 18-07: *Safe and Welcoming School Environments***

**Create:** The WASB is committed to ensuring that all students are able to learn and thrive in a safe environment and supports providing an equal opportunity for all students and all school district employees to develop and reach their full potential.

**Resolution 18-08: *WIAA Autonomy***

**Create:** The WASB supports the autonomy of WIAA to govern itself and to determine regulations and standards for athletics and student eligibility while taking into account the input of its member schools. The WASB opposes legislative efforts to impose explicit or implicit mandates on the WIAA or its member schools.

**Resolution 18-09: *Implementation of NCSL “No Time to Lose” Report Recommendations***

**Create:** The WASB petitions the Legislature and the Department of Public Instruction to jointly act with deliberate speed to implement the recommendations of the “No Time to Lose” report produced by the National Conference of State Legislatures. The recommendations include that our state should: study and learn from top performing national and state educational systems; create a statewide vision for reform; benchmark Wisconsin education policies against those of high performing countries and states; and begin by focusing on one priority area of reform. The WASB further encourages the Legislature and the Department of Public Instruction to include school board members throughout the process of investigating and implementing these reforms.

**Resolution 18-10: *Local Fiscal Control***

**Amend** existing **Resolution 1.00 *Local Fiscal Control*** as follows:

The WASB believes that the locally elected school board should have control of its local fiscal affairs ~~and, within broad state guidelines, be allowed to manage its affairs with provision for interdistrict cooperation.~~ The WASB opposes ~~constitutional amendments~~ efforts that undermine the fiscal authority of local elected officials, diminish the role of citizens in the local decision-making process, and hinder the ability of Wisconsin public school boards to address the changing needs of their students.

**Resolution 18-11: *Recovery School Districts***

**Amend** existing **Resolution 1.01 *Preserving Powers (b) Recovery School Districts*** as follows:

The WASB opposes the creation in Wisconsin of a recovery school district or a similar ~~state-level~~ authority designed to take over public schools or school buildings.

**Resolution 18-12: *Referendum Restrictions***

**Amend** existing **Resolution 1.25 *Authority to Schedule Referenda*** as follows:

The WASB opposes limits on scheduling referenda. Further, the WASB opposes any limitation on the duration, scope or effect of school referenda.

**Resolution 18-13: *Teacher Certification/Licensure***

**Amend** existing **Resolution 4.60 *General Policy on Certification/Licensure*** as follows:

~~The WASB opposes teacher certification controlled by a professional practices board but will support a plan providing for a statutory advisory committee to the state superintendent, including parents, school board members, and other interested groups, providing for final decisions by the state superintendent. (1975-3)~~

~~(a) Certification~~

~~The WASB supports the concept of broader teacher certification to reflect the current or evolving configuration of grades in a school.~~

The WASB supports teacher licensure initiatives that foster a highly educated, highly trained, effective, adequately compensated, professional teaching force to meet the needs of our members.

**Resolution 18-14: *Excluding Certain Referendum-Approved Debt Service Costs from the Definition of Shared Cost***

**Create:** The WASB supports legislation to require that the definition of shared cost shall exclude any building or building maintenance debt service costs which are approved by any future referendum, if excluding the debt service costs increases aid.

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**Resolutions NOT Approved**

None.