

Wauzeka-Steuben Buzz

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WELCOME BACK

A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR



Mr. Dave Alexander- *District Administrator*

It has been almost five months since the state Department of Health Services shut down schools in the state of Wisconsin. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken its toll on so many aspects of our lives, and it appears it will continue to impose on our lives for the foreseeable future.

After seeking advice from the Crawford County Health Department, getting feedback from our school staff and parents--as of right now, our plans are to open school for in-person instruction on September 1st. The administrative team has been doing much planning and modified daily routines to create the opportunity for us to open school, trying to balance the need for kids to be in school, yet keeping staff and students as safe as possible.

I am optimistic that we can get our school year underway, and we can all get used to the changes we have had to implement to keep our school community safe. That said, the Wauzeka-Steuben staff is also preparing for contingencies in the event we have to close school and implement virtual instruction again for any length of time. We encourage our parents to also plan ahead should school have to shut down again.

I don't know what the school year has in store for us, I can predict it will not be a "normal" school year. I can assure you, though, that our staff is eager to get back at it, and welcome our kids back to school in a couple of weeks! Whatever the challenges we face, we ask that our parents keep positive and encourage our kids to follow the rules we need to keep each other as safe as possible. Of course, please be aware of the symptoms of Covid-19, and monitor your children for symptoms and temperature *BEFORE* sending them to school.

We will continue to communicate and keep you informed of any new developments that cause us to change our plans. We are going into this school year expecting the "unexpected"!

Dave Alexander
District Administrator

Interim District Administrator - Mr. David Alexander
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Board of Education
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District Principal - Mrs. Tiffany Dums
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WAUZEKA-STEUBEN SCHOOL DISTRICT **RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN**

*** This plan may change as we navigate through the school year***

We are working closely with Crawford County Health to ensure this plan is focused upon the utmost safety for all adults/students of the District

Reopening Plan

1. Return to school Monday-Friday
2. Any student grade 4K-12 can be educated virtually from outside of the District
 - a. If you choose the virtual option you will need to contact Mrs. Dums to schedule a meeting (either face to face or virtual) in order to finalize your child's plans. All students will be counted for attendance.

Outside Person's Entrance to the District

We will be limiting the number of outside adults from entering the District. All family/parents/guardians/visitors will need to buzz entry at the main office doors. We will not allow entry unless necessary.

1. We will use the entrance vestibule for passing of materials, and drop-boxes for payments of food service and bills.
2. Parents and guardians will not be allowed to bring children into the District for drop-off or pick up following school hours. We will ask that all parents wait outdoors in the parking lot and the teaching staff will come to you for pick-up or drop-off if necessary. Children can enter and exit to meet their families.

Bus

Students will be asked to sanitize by a touchless sanitizer as they enter the bus, they will also be asked to wear a face covering and will sit in assigned seats while on the school bus.

1. The District will provide face coverings, and a lanyard (for carrying the face covering) for all students and staff.
2. If you choose you can provide your own face covering for your child.
3. Assigned seating is important in the case of a positive illness, we will be able to contact trace if necessary.

Daily Sanitizing Protocol

We will sanitize the building regularly throughout the day

1. Classrooms hourly as needed
2. Bathrooms hourly or as needed if more regularly
3. Hallway touchless sanitizers will be available throughout the entire school
4. Regular hand washing will be asked of our students, breaks will be provided for the classrooms in order to hand wash.

Face coverings will be provided to all students and staff

1. Cloth and or disposable masks will be provided to all students and staff along with a lanyard to hold the face covering

2. Due to the Wisconsin Government Mandate (Executive Order #82) we will be requiring face coverings while in the District for all students and staff. Exceptions will be made for grades 4K and K as directed by the Crawford County Health Department.

In the case of a sick child

If a child comes to the office ill, we will have a protocol in the office to quarantine the child

1. Office staff will perform a forehead temperature check and overview of all symptoms, parents and or guardians will be provided a checklist if necessary.
2. If a child is sent home ill showing symptoms it will be asked that they stay home at minimum for 48 hours.
3. If a child has medical release they would be able to return to school
4. We ask that all parents and guardians perform daily symptom checks of your children, if your child has ANY symptoms we ask that you keep them home and call in to the District.

We will be in contact regularly with Crawford County Health in order to ensure the safety of all of our students and staff.

Quarantining a student will be at the discretion of the Crawford County Health Department

Recess

We will be allowing recess as regularly scheduled for all elementary and middle school students. There will be a rotating schedule, and all equipment will be sanitized regularly.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch will begin the year provided to all 4K-5th grade students in their classrooms. All food provided will be as it states on the menu and calendar. All students in the District will be provided hot meal options. We are working very hard to limit the exposure of our Elementary students to MS/HS hallways.

Middle School breakfast will be provided in the cafeteria before school and social distancing will be mandated in the cafeteria.

Middle School lunch will be provided in the cafeteria on a rotational schedule. Social distancing will be followed. High school students will be provided the opportunity to eat in the cafeteria and continue to be offered off campus lunch, this will be evaluated regularly.

High school students will be asked to sanitize upon re-entry to the District through the Hornets' Nest doors. Social distancing will be mandated.

Classroom Environments

Classrooms will sanitize regularly, upon exit of all students.

All students will be asked to follow social distancing if possible at all times

Hallway interactions will be controlled by alternating release times. Alternating release times should limit any interaction between MS/HS

No MS/HS students will be allowed in the Elementary hallways without special permission from administration

**Overall our goal is to provide quality education to all of our students, while providing as safe of an atmosphere as possible. We will continue to monitor all protocols and keep you informed regularly.

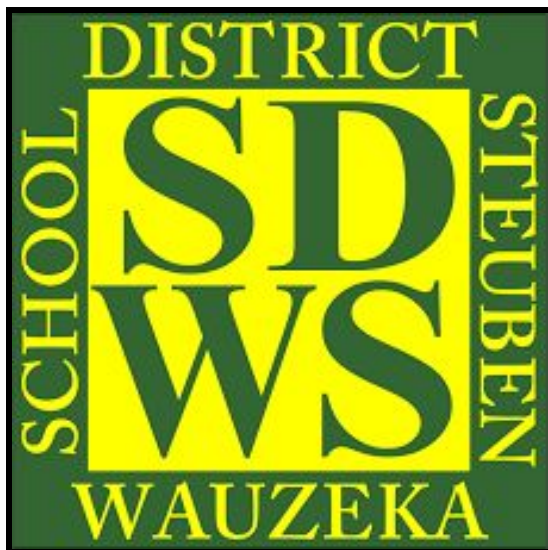
** Please contact Mrs. Dums at dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or 608-875-5311 ext.211 with any specific questions regarding our reopening plan. The full reopening document will be posted on the District website soon.

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BROADBAND INTERNET SURVEY

Dear Wauzeka-Steuben Families,

Whether you have children in the school or not, having quality internet service at your home is becoming increasingly important and valuable. Over the past several months, school officials have been working with local government officials and internet providers to try and bring better internet service to families in Crawford County.

When the school closed down last March due to Covid-19, we were forced to deliver instruction virtually, over the internet. We all learned a lot about Google Meet and Zoom in the past few months! We also learned that there are many areas in Crawford County where there just is not sufficient broadband internet access available.

We are asking that all residents in the Wauzeka-Steuben School District (and surrounding communities) complete the survey found at the link provided below. The information gathered from this survey will help determine areas of need, and also provide data that will be used in a grant application to help pay for infrastructure costs to bring better internet access to our area.

The governor has announced an initiative to help bring broadband internet access to all rural areas of Wisconsin. By completing this very short survey in a timely manner, we can position Crawford County to be at the front of the line with our grant application to be considered for approval, and be awarded the funding necessary to launch this multi-phase effort to bring high quality affordable broadband internet access to our residents.

Internet Survey Link:

<https://forms.gle/XWTEzxCGhTWjB2gv9>

You may also request for the link to be emailed to you from April.Fuhr@bugtusselwireless.com

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VILLAGE OF WAUZEKA BOARD MEETING

July 6, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Gundlach at 6:30 pm. Verification of proper posting was given and roll call was taken with all members present. A motion was made by Tom Mullikin and seconded by Randy Mara to approve the minutes of the June 1 regular board meeting, the 2020 Board of Review and the June 25 special meeting. Motion carried.

Bill McCarthy was present to discuss the drainage problem on County Hwy N near Rosemary Street. We will contact the County Highway Department to discuss a plan to resolve the issue.

Thank you to Mike Mullikin for cleaning up the tennis courts. Suggestions for use of the tennis court area are a dog park or a campground. The electrical boxes at the shelter houses have been locked. Contact the village office for permission to use the electricity.

A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Bill Kapinus to approve a payment request from Pustina Construction in the amount of \$47,554.20 for work completed to date on Tower Lane. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the Wauzeka Heights Subdivision drainage ponds.

Jesse Mezera gave the waterworks report. Phosphorus levels remain steady. Delta 3 Engineering will meet at the boat landing to work out a plan for updates.

The village will check with emergency government to check on the price of a fire whistle that could be heard throughout the village.

A motion was made by Tom Mullikin and seconded by Gerald Ray to approve the purchase of a voting machine in the amount of \$6,600.00 payable to Crawford County over a two year period. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Larry Zeeh to donate \$100.00 to Driftless Wisconsin. No one seconded. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Gerald Ray and seconded by Tom Mullikin to approve an operator's license for Chris Erickson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerald Ray and seconded by Larry Zeeh to adopt a resolution approving the borrowing of \$150,000.00 for street repairs at a rate of 2.25% for three years. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Tom Mullikin to adopt a resolution approving the borrowing of \$100,000.00 for sewer maintenance at a rate of 2.5% for five years. Motion carried with all members voting yes.

A motion was made by Gary Gundlach and seconded by Tom Mullikin to convene into executive session at 7:31 pm. Motion carried. A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Tom Mullikin to reconvene into open session at 8:27 pm. Motion carried. There was no action taken as a result of executive session.

A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Gerald Ray to pay the bills as approved by the finance committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ryan Bunders and seconded by Tom Mullikin to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Motion carried.

Phyllis Groom, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF WAUZEKA BOARD OF REVIEW

June 11, 2020

The 2020 Board of Review was called to order by President Gary Gundlach at 4:00 pm. Verification of proper posting was given. Gary Gundlach, Phyllis Groom, Larry Zeeh and Bill Kapinus and Gretchen Jelinek were present. A motion was made by Bill Kapinus to nominate Gary Gundlach as chairperson. Larry Zeeh seconded. Motion carried. A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Bill Kapinus to close nominations. Motion carried. Assessor Gretchen Jelinek gave the assessor's report. There were objectors present. A motion was made by Bill Kapinus and seconded by Larry Zeeh to adjourn at 6:00 pm.

Phyllis Groom, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF WAUZEKA SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2020

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Gary Gundlach at 3:00 pm. Verification of proper posting was given and roll call was taken with Ryan Bunders, Tom Mullikin and Randy Mara absent.

Nick Zeeh gave details of the Compliance Annual Maintenance Report (CMAR). A motion was made by Larry Zeeh and seconded by Gerald Ray to adopt a resolution (#03-2020) to approve the Compliance Annual Maintenance Report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Kapinus and seconded by Larry Zeeh to adjourn at 3:09 pm. Motion carried.

Phyllis Groom, Village Clerk

MINUTES OF WAUZEKA TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting for the Town of Wauzeke was called to order at 6:31 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2020 in the Town Meeting Room by Chairman Tom Jazdzewski.

Verification was made that the meeting was properly posted at the Tn. Mtg. Rm., Bush Hollow Rd., Horseshoe Tavern, Oak Ln., and on Radio Station W.P.R.E.

Roll Call was taken with all members being present.

Dennis Nagel made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to approve the monthly bills, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

There were no public comments.

Tom Jazdzewski made a motion to petition Bridge Aid to Crawford County, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Nagel to approve the building permit for Greg Russell, seconded by Mike McGuire. Motion Carried.

Brian & Latrisha Cusick presented a building permit for a 10' X 20' shed which is exempt.

Mike McGuire made a motion to approve the Building Permit for David Walz, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to approve the building permit for Allan & Gloria Bunders, seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mike McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Dennis Nagel. Motion Carried.

Carol Mullikin

Town Clerk

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ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

ENDOWMENT FUND FOR ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Any community members or alumni who are interested in donating money to the recently founded Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund are encouraged to contact the Wauzeka-Steuben Business Office. Any monetary donation up to a cumulative level of \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by a 1976 alumnus.

Many of the alumni from Wauzeka-Steuben High School have leveraged their WSHS education to become successful employees, entrepreneurs, and community leaders. The recently established Alumni Scholarship was initiated by a 1976 WSHS alumnus, and is intended to encourage academic excellence and additional post-high school education by helping defer tuition and related educational expenses at a four-year college for an outstanding graduating WSHS senior. The scholarship is intended to be one of the premiere WSHS scholarships awarded to a graduating senior, with a current stipend level of \$2,000 payable near the time of the 1st semester college enrollment. Selection is based primarily on high school GPA, active participation in WSHS extracurricular activities, and college standardized admission tests such as ACT or SAT, thereby demonstrating considerable promise for academic success in college.

In order to provide long-term financial stability for the Alumni Scholarship, an endowment fund with a goal of \$50,000 is being set up. Any WSHS alumni or benefactor donation up to a cumulative level of \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar by the 1976 alumnus. All WSHS alumni and friends are encouraged to consider making a donation to help achieve the endowment goal for this scholarship.

Questions regarding the endowment fund for the Alumni Scholarship can be directed to:

Jeff Mara, Business Manager
Kelly Kilburg, School Counselor

Monetary donations for the endowment fund for the Alumni Scholarship can be mailed to:

Wauzeka-Steuben Alumni Scholarship Fund
c/o Jeff Mara
301 E. Main Street

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School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, in accordance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and other Federal and State regulations, hereby declares that it is committed to the principle of equal education and employment opportunity and, accordingly, does not discriminate as to sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability. Any inquiries or complaints alleging non-compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 or other Federal and State civil rights or nondiscrimination regulations shall be referred to District Administrator Mr. David Alexander at the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, 301 E. Main St., Wauzeka, WI 53826, (e-mail) alexadav@wauzeka.k12.wi.us (call) 608-875-5311 ext. 214 and/or Jamie Nutter, Title IX Coordinator of the School District of Wauzeka-Steuben, at Cooperative Educational Service Agency #3, 1300 Industrial Drive, Fennimore, WI 53809, (call) 1-608-822-2148 (e-mail) jnutter@cesa3.org

Note: All career and technical education opportunities will be offered on a nondiscriminatory basis (without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, etc.) All students in qualifying grades are eligible for enrollment. For further information, please contact District Principal Tiffany Dums (608)875-5311 ext. 211 or dumstiff@wauzeka.k12.wi.us.



Wauzeka Angels Fitness Center

Monthly Rates

\$10 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident plus
\$10 fee for Key Fob

Annual Membership Rate

\$100 per adult W-S School District/Non District Resident
plus \$10 fee for Key Fob

Rates are to cover maintenance and supervision expenses

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Send community events that you would like to be
included in the newspaper to:

krahnben@wauzeka.k12.wi.us

Or drop off any information in the district office.

Next Submission Date: **September 10th**

Substitutes Needed

State law has recently changed allowing more flexibility on the requirements people need to be a substitute teacher or support staff. If you are interested in being a substitute please contact District Administrator Dave Alexander via email: alexadav@wauzeka.k12.wi.us or by phone (608)875-5311 ext. 214

Substitutes needed:

- Food Service
- Bus Drivers
- Para professionals