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FINAL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ON 2017 RESOLUTIONS

WASB Policy & Resolutions Committee

Terry McCloskey, Three Lakes School Board, Chair

Resolutions Adopted (Approved) By Delegates:

Resolution 17-01: Technical Resolution—Revisions to Repeal Outdated Resolutions

- a) **Repeal Resolution 1.23 *School Calendar***
- b) **Repeal Resolution 1.24 (b) *Days of Instruction***
- c) **Repeal Resolution 3.116 *Administration of Certain Required State Assessments***

Resolution 17-02: Technical Resolution—Revisions to Amend Outdated Language

- a) **Amend Resolution 2.05 *Balanced Tax System*** as follows:

2.05 Balanced Tax System

- a) The WASB recommends developing a well-balanced tax system that lowers Wisconsin's heavy reliance on the income and property taxes while ~~maintaining the current two-thirds funding commitment for schools and properly funding existing mandates.~~ (2003-10)

- b) **Amend Resolution 2.12 (g) *State Aid Reduction*** as follows:

g) Enhance Flexibility

No reductions in state support for school districts should be enacted without concurrent relief in school district mandates, ~~including binding arbitration,~~ and an increase in flexibility being granted to meet school district operational needs. (1991-16)

- c) **Amend Resolution 3.18 *State School Accountability System and ESEA Waiver*** as follows:

3.18 State School Accountability System and ESEA Waiver

The WASB supports the state's efforts to develop a state school accountability system for all schools that receive public funds ~~as a necessary step to applying for a federal waiver from the accountability provisions of the current version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) known as No Child Left Behind.~~ The WASB further supports the state's efforts ~~to obtain a federal ESEA flexibility waiver.~~ (2012-10)

d) **Amend Resolution 6.13 State and Local Responsibility** to update the language as follows:

6.13 State and Local Responsibility

The WASB recognizes that the Wisconsin Department of ~~Workforce Development~~Safety and Professional Services is responsible for monitoring school districts to ensure safe and healthful school facilities. The WASB supports state statutes that recognize the state and local responsibility to maintain modern, safe and healthful school buildings. **(1994-1)**
(1997-1)

Resolution 17-03: Commencement of the School Term

Create: The WASB supports legislation to allow all school districts to begin their school term before September 1.

Editor’s Note: A pre-existing WASB resolution—Resolution 1.22 *Authority to Establish the School Calendar*—calls for WASB to support repealing the existing start date statute. In the view of the WASB Parliamentarian, Resolution 17-03 is compatible with and not in conflict with that earlier resolution (Resolution 1.22).

Resolution 17-04: Increase Resources for Summer Learning

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

h) Include 100 percent of full-time equivalent (FTE) summer school membership for each of the years used in the computation of the revenue cap. **(1995-17)**

Resolution 17-05: Transportation Aid to Address Student Mobility

Create: The WASB supports creating a state categorical aid targeted to assist districts with the costs of transporting mobile or transient students to the school in which they were originally enrolled when, within a given school year, such students move to another school within the district.

Resolution 17-06: Annual Revenue Limit Adjustments

Substitute the following language for the language of current Resolution 2.41 (u):

The WASB supports legislation to annually increase per pupil revenue limits statewide by a dollar amount equal to or greater than the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index (CPI-U) on a fiscal year basis applied to the statewide average revenue limit authority per pupil.

Resolution 17-07: Narrowing Disparities in Allowable Revenue Under the Revenue Limits

Create: The WASB supports legislation to require the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) each year to identify in dollar terms a per-pupil revenue limit that approximates 95 percent of the statewide average per-pupil revenue limit and to allow any district with a per-pupil revenue limit that falls below that dollar amount identified by the DPI to increase its revenue limit each year by up to \$400 per-pupil more than the dollar amount of the per-pupil adjustment generally allowed by law without the need for referendum approval up to the dollar amount identified by the DPI.

Resolution 17-08: Impact Aid

Create: The WASB petitions the Wisconsin Legislature to adopt a joint resolution asking Congress to fully fund Impact Aid as it did from the creation of the program in 1950 until 1969, and will also work with the NSBA to try to secure greater funding of Impact Aid, including by offering a proposed resolution to the NSBA urging NSBA to lobby Congress for a similar increase in federal Impact Aid.

Resolution 17-09: Educational Goals and Objectives

Substitute the following language for the language of current resolution 3.01(c):

(c) recognition that a “well-rounded education” includes courses, activities, and programming in subjects such as English, reading or language arts, writing, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, geography, computer science, music, career and technical education, health, physical education, and any other subject, as determined by the State or local school district, with the purpose of providing all students access to an enriched curriculum and educational experience.

Resolution 17-10: Measuring College- and Career-Readiness

Create: The WASB supports the use of a framework of multiple valid and reliable readiness indicators to more accurately assess students' college- and career-readiness to succeed in life.

Resolution 17-11: Medicaid Direct Certification

Create: The WASB supports the Department of Public Instruction initiative to create a demonstration project which would enable participating school districts to test the use of Medicaid enrollment to qualify children for free or reduced-price meals.

Resolution 17-12: Mental Health Supports

Amend Resolution 6.06 *Mental Health Supports* as follows:

Mental Health Supports

The WASB supports the provision of state funding adequate to: address the shortage of mental health professionals in our state qualified to address the needs of school-age children and young adults; provide adequate professional mental health supports in our schools and our communities; and permit schools to enter into effective partnerships with agencies that are involved with mental health to provide for school-based mental health programs, that could provide services, including but not limited to, the following:

- Comprehensive student screening in every school;
- Professional development for ~~classroom teachers~~ all staff on recognition and appropriate ~~classroom~~ response to support affected students;
- Professional mental health counselors and/ or services;
- Professional education and training to expand availability of mental health professionals; and
- Public information programs related to mental health.

Resolution 17-13: Sparsity Aid

Amend Resolution 2.16 (a) *Sparsity Aid* as follows:

(a) Sparsity Aid

The WASB supports providing sparsity aid based on enrollment size and population density (students per square mile), without regard to the percentage of the district's enrollment that is eligible for free- and reduced-price lunch, ~~provided that, if any formula changes are made, If sparsity aid eligibility is expanded, additional funding should~~ will be provided to maintain sparsity aid payments to districts that are currently eligible. **(2012-2)**

Resolution 17-14: Recovery School Districts

Substitute the following language for the language of current Resolution 1.01 (b) *Recovery School Districts* as follows:

(b) Recovery School Districts

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

Resolution 17-15: Weapons Possession

Amend Resolution 6.11 (b) *Weapons Possession* as follows:

(b) The WASB supports safe learning environments for all children, free of guns and other weapons. Further, the WASB opposes any initiatives at the state or federal level that would legalize any further ability for anyone, with the exception of sworn law enforcement officers, to bring a weapon or possess a weapon, including a facsimile or “look-alike” weapon, concealed or otherwise, in school zones or lessen the consequences for violation of existing safe school policies relating to guns and other weapons. Decisions about whether CCW licensees may possess weapons in school buildings must remain exclusively in the hands of the locally elected school board which governs the school.

Resolution 17-16: Education Savings Accounts

Create: The WASB opposes the creation of Education Savings Accounts for preK-12 educational expenses.

Resolutions NOT Approved

Resolution 17-17: Gender Identity

Create: The WASB encourages each member school board to take the initiative to assess whether its policies and/or practices deny equal opportunities for students and/or school district employees as a result of the person’s sex, including transgender status, change of gender, gender identity, gender expression or gender nonconformity.