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WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

2009-10

(session year)

Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

Committee on ... Education (SC-Ed)

COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

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- Public Hearings ... **PH**

INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
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- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

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SenateRecord of Committee Proceedings**Committee on Education****Senate Bill 328**

Relating to: allowing a school district to carry over unused revenue limit authority to the following school year.

By Senators Jauch, Holperin, Harsdorf, Schultz, Taylor, Olsen, Kreitlow and Grothman; cosponsored by Representatives Sherman, Hubler, Roys, Turner, Molepske Jr., Smith, Pope-Roberts, Bernard Schaber, Vruwink and Staskunas.

October 01, 2009 Referred to Committee on Education.

October 8, 2009 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Lehman, Jauch, Erpenbach, Hansen and Grothman.

Absent: (2) Senators Olsen and Hopper.

Appearances For

- Gary Sherman, Port Wing — Rep., 74th Assembly District
- Bob Jauch, Poplar — Sen., 25th Senate District
- Brian Vissers, West Allis — West Allis-West Milwaukee Schools
- Pat Herdrich, West Bend — West Bend School District
- Ted Neitzke, Port Washington — West Bend School District

Appearances Against

- None.

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Tim Carpenter, Milwaukee — Sen., 3rd Senate District
- Jennifer Kammerud, Madison — Department of Public Instruction
- Chris Thiel, Milwaukee — Milwaukee Public Schools
- Joe Quick, Madison — Madison Metropolitan School District
- Dan Rossmiller, Madison — Wisconsin Association of School Boards
- John Forester, Madison — School Administrators Alliance

Registrations Against

- None.

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

October 13, 2009

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (7) Senators Lehman, Jauch, Erpenbach, Hansen,
Olsen, Grothman and Hopper.

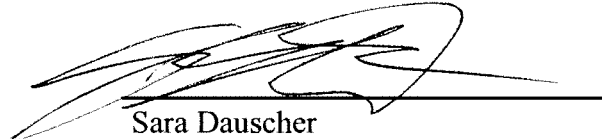
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Hansen, seconded by Senator Grothman that
Senate Bill 328 be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (7) Senators Lehman, Jauch, Erpenbach, Hansen,
Olsen, Grothman and Hopper.

Noes: (0) None.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 7, Noes 0



Sara Dauscher
Committee Clerk

Vote Record Committee on Education

Date: 10/13/2009

Moved by: Hansen

Seconded by: Grothman

AB _____

SB 328

Clearinghouse Rule _____

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Appointment _____

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Committee Member

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Not Voting</u>
Senator John Lehman, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Robert Jauch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Jon Erpenbach	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator David Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Luther Olsen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Glenn Grothman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senator Randy Hopper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Motion Carried

Motion Failed

Date?

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Dear Committee Chairman Lehman, Education Committee Members, and State Lawmakers,

I am before you today to discuss Senate Bill 328 and the importance of its passage.

- As you are aware the current law requires that school districts either tax to their full revenue limit authority or lose the ability to tax in future years for the amount they under levied. If we choose not to levy to our full revenue limit authority, we forever lose that authority to build upon for all future years. This is the law of compounding. The effect of one increase compounding on top of the previous increase adds up to much greater growth or intern without this capacity a much greater loss.
- This current law either penalizes tax payers or penalizes children no matter which way districts choose to tax. As state aid decreases, property taxes must increase. Under Senate Bill 328 school districts would have a choice to either tax to their full potential if need be or not tax to their full potential **and not** be penalized for doing so. This choice would then not permanently impact our revenue limit authority for future years.
- In addition, while the current proposal only addresses a one year time frame for carrying this authority forward we would express our hope for continuing this opportunity on an on-going basis past the 2011 – 2012 school year.
- Bill 328 will not make decisions by school districts any easier but it will provide options to consider the community's ability to pay.

Please allow me to share the story of the West Allis – West Milwaukee School District with you which I am sure mirrors many other public school districts throughout Wisconsin.

- Last spring we were informed through the Governor's Budget Proposal that our, the West Allis – West Milwaukee School District's, budget shortfall would be 1.6 million dollars due to his proposal and the State's current Public School Education funding formula. Our property tax increase then would have been just over 3%.
- Later in the spring we were made aware that there would be more budgetary cuts during the legislative process which translated into a property tax increase of over 5%.
- With the final budget approved by the Legislature and the Governor we are currently facing a short fall of over 3.2 million dollars including a reduction in state aid of 5.3% and potentially facing over a 7% property tax increase at this time.
- Each 1% reduction in the tax levy in our district equates to over 500,000 dollars. Therefore without this legislation and if we did not tax to our full revenue limit authority the reoccurring shortfall along with the annual reductions due to the State funding formula would have an ongoing non-recoverable dramatic effect on our District, it's children, and the educational program.

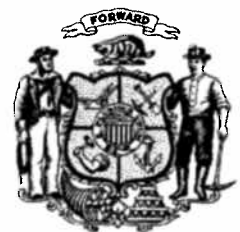
The support and passage of Bill 328 will give school districts state-wide the opportunity to ease this increase on our taxpayers for this year and yet not **permanently** create a negative annual impact for our students for the future.

Sincerely,

Kurt D. Wachholz,
District Administrator,
School District of West Allis – West Milwaukee, et al.



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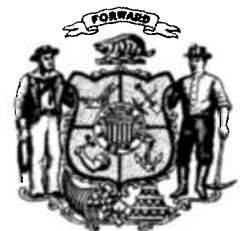
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Issues to bring to the Legislators/DPI

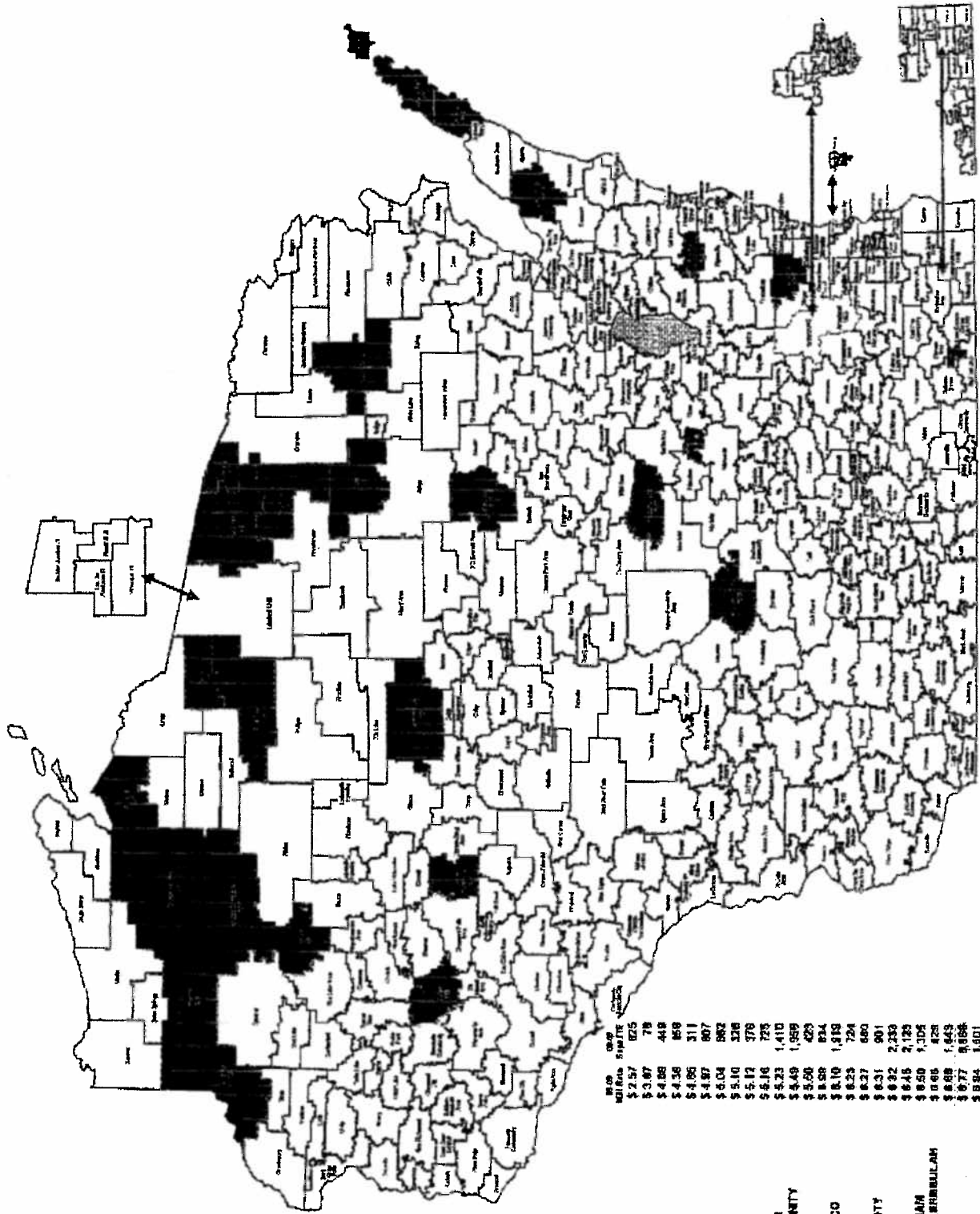
- Open Enrollment Expenses
- Transporting Private/Parochial on their schedules rather than creating a unified calendar
- 4 day school/work week
- The original 20 standards programming requirements
- Incentives for Virtual Start-ups
- Sales tax access for capital improvements and major repairs by splitting any .5% sales tax with the school districts in the county they are collecting sales tax
- Music & Art requirements – Grade 6-12
- Licensure requirements around Reading (Secondary)
- Phy Ed & Health requirements
- LVC – needs to be on books; why?
- Days in school year
- Competency credits vs. seat credits
- High School graduation
- Youth Options required expense to the district
- Planning time
- QEO – bring back
- Instructional minutes – blended virtual
- Low revenue ceiling – retroactive \$9,400
- School network finance proposal



WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



WHERE DO I HAVE TO MOVE TO FIND ANOTHER K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH A SCHOOL TAX RATE UNDER \$7.00?



RANK	SCHOOL DISTRICT	SCHOOL TAX RATE
1	OSKALOTA AREA	\$2.57
2	WABINGTON	\$3.07
3	OSLUMOND	\$4.08
4	MERCER	\$4.36
5	CHERRY LAKE	\$4.85
6	THREE LAKES	\$4.87
7	SEVASTOPOL	\$6.04
8	BIRCHWOOD	\$5.10
9	ELCHO	\$5.12
10	NESTLER	\$5.16
11	NORTLAND PINE	\$5.23
12	HAYWARD COMMUNITY	\$5.49
13	NORTHWOOD	\$5.90
14	NUMERO AREA	\$5.88
15	LUXEMBURG-CARCO	\$6.10
16	PARTY FALLS	\$6.23
17	WILLIAMS BAY	\$6.27
18	CADDOTT COMMUNITY	\$6.31
19	OSHLAND	\$6.32
20	NEUFORD AREA	\$6.45
21	WITTENBERG-BIRNAIN	\$6.59
22	ELKHART LAKE-GLORIBULLAH	\$6.66
23	WISCONSIN DELLS	\$6.68
24	WEST BEND	\$6.77
25	WYATT AREA	\$6.84
26	GOLFAX	\$6.92
27	RHELPS	\$6.98

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Area District Tax Rates

This table compares the *mill rate of the WBSD to other districts in Wisconsin. West Bend is the 19th largest district out of 426 in Wisconsin. La Crosse and West Bend serve a comparable number of students.

		Mill Rate Increases of Some Area Schools		
District		2008-09	2009-10 Projected	Increase
18th largest	→ La Crosse	\$10.66	\$12.09	\$1.43
	Menomonee Falls	\$9.77	\$10.66	\$0.89
	New Berlin	\$9.74	\$9.92	\$0.18
	Elmbrook	\$9.77	\$9.71	-\$0.06
	Stevens Point	\$8.59	\$9.69	\$1.10
	Germentown	\$8.97	\$9.67	\$0.70
	West Allis	\$8.54	\$9.65	\$1.11
	Middleton-Cross Plains	\$8.92	\$9.65	\$0.73
	Bloomer	\$8.74	\$9.37	\$0.63
	Fond du Lac	\$8.18	\$8.87	\$0.69
	Mequon	\$8.48	\$8.82	\$0.34
	Slinger	\$8.48	\$8.80	\$0.32
	Kewaskum	\$8.14	\$8.69	\$0.55
	Appleton	\$8.01	\$8.61	\$0.60
	Neenah	\$8.06	\$8.59	\$0.53
	Oshkosh	\$7.39	\$8.25	\$0.86
19th largest	→ West Bend	\$6.77	\$7.36	\$0.59
	Cadott	\$6.31	\$6.37	\$0.06

*Mill Rate: The amount of tax paid per \$1,000 of the assessed property value.



West Bend Joint School District #1

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Tax Levy Update

October 6, 2009

What is happening with the West Bend School District budget for 2009-10?

On Monday, September 28, the West Bend School Board presented the 2009 -10 budget and tax levy at the annual meeting. The budget and levy had been developed with public input during a series of meetings that started in Fall of 2008. At the annual meeting the public had an opportunity to give the board feedback. The majority of those in attendance did not support the recommended tax levy.

What impact will this have on the students and programs?

The district has experienced 15 years of consecutive budget reductions. The board had already made \$2 million in cuts to the 2009-10 budget. Since the annual meeting, the board has examined an additional \$300,000 in cuts. The board is also examining up to an additional \$4 million in cuts for 2010-11 school year, which will affect programming, class sizes and could affect the high school schedule, middle school schedule and athletics. This additional \$4 million will have a significant impact across the district.

Why does the WBSD need additional money?

The district's operating budget is \$60 million for 2009-10, which covers staffing, instructional materials, maintenance and other day-to-day expenses. For 2009-10, the WBSD lost \$2.4 million in state aid. The district was not notified of the reduction in aid from the state until the end of June. Next year, the district will lose at least another \$2.4 million in state aid. This means the district will have to cut costs and/or ask for more money from the taxpayers. Almost all of the increase in the 2009-10 district budget occurred from the loss in state aid. Please refer to the table on the reverse side, which compares the WBSD tax rate to other school districts.

Where can I get more information?

The board will discuss the adjusted budget and tax levy at the next Board of Education meeting, held on Monday, October 12, at 7 p.m. in Silverbrook Middle School's gymnasium, 120 N. Silverbrook Drive. Public participation is on the board agenda.

The board will certify the tax levy at the board meeting on Monday, October 26, at 7 p.m. in Badger Middle School's gymnasium, 710 S. Main Street.

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Additional information is also available on the WBSD website, www.west-bend.k12.wi.us

PRIORITIZED LIST OF RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Additional 2009-2010 Budget Year Reductions

Administrator Salary Freeze	79,725
Partial Salary Freeze-Custodial Maintenance	40,000
Partial Salary Freeze-Professional/Technical	10,000
Increase of fees for Community Facility Use	20,000
Reduction in Cleaning of Classrooms	150,000
TOTAL	\$299,725

2010-2011 Budget Year

The following list reflects approximately \$1M in reductions		Cumulative
One High School	300,000	
Athletic Team Reduction - \$279,000		
Athletic Administrator Reduction - \$21,000		
Close High School Pool	134,000	
Eliminate 2.8 Social Workers	206,000	
Eliminate 3 elementary head custodians	50,000	
Reclassify 4 custodians to Janitor IV	75,000	
Eliminate 4 High School Aides (In-School Suspension, Library, Counseling & Parking Attendant)	78,950	
Eliminate 1 alternative high school teacher/replace with aide	19,000	
Eliminate Elementary Dean of Students at McLane Elementary	28,700	
Eliminate substitutes for Aides	75,000	
Eliminate the last Elementary Librarian	57,400	
TOTAL	\$1,024,050	\$1,024,050

The following list reflects an additional \$1M in reductions		
Reduce District Office budgets	40,000	
Eliminate 1 of 2 Middle School Librarians	57,400	
Eliminate 1 of 2 High School Librarians	57,400	
Eliminate both Elementary Gifted/Talented Teachers	114,800	
Eliminate All Middle School Gifted/Talented Teachers (1.6)	91,840	
Eliminate the High School Gifted/Talented Teacher	57,400	
Eliminate 1 Administrative position	95,000	
Eliminate Middle School Elective classes (World Culture & Technical Education)	115,000	
Reduce Classroom budgets	28,000	
Reduce Elementary Aide positions at all schools	15,000	
Additional reduction of maintenance in cleaning of classrooms	50,000	
Reduce teacher contracts for curriculum development	20,000	
Reduce middle school aides at Badger & Silverbrook	10,000	
Reduce District Office aides	9,260	
Eliminate 1 special education program support teacher	57,400	
Reduction of sub days for development of curriculum	30,000	
Increase high school class sizes (reduction of 2 teachers)	118,400	
Increase elementary class sizes (reduction of 2 teachers)	118,400	
TOTAL	\$1,085,300	\$2,109,350

The following list reflects an additional \$1.3M in reductions		Cumulative
Eliminate high school music lessons	57,400	
Eliminate 6th grade band & orchestra	57,400	
Reduction in Elementary Physical Education teachers (Grades 3-5 Fitness will be taught by classroom teacher)	22,050	
Switch middle schools to junior high model-eliminate 10 teachers	574,000	
High School restructure to block schedule-eliminate 12 Teachers	688,800	
TOTAL	\$1,399,650	\$3,509,000

The following list reflects an additional \$600,000 in reductions		
4 day Week (9.5-10 hours)-Longer school days (reduction of transportation, utilities and custodial) - need state approval	250,000	
Eliminate High School Business Education classes	281,000	
Eliminate High School Business Education Site Budget	19,903	
Eliminate High School Business Education Equipment	100,000	
Increase Class Sizes in Non-core classes to 35-40 at all levels (yet to be costed)		
TOTAL	\$630,903	\$4,139,903

*The District will be examining the outsourcing of Maintenance and other departments.