1. Call to Order
President Jeff Sikich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 6, 2017, at the West Allis-West Milwaukee School District Administration Building.

2. Roll Call
The following Board members were present: Dan Bailey, Stephanie Emons, Heather Justham, Pat Kerhin, Diane Narlock, Gail Radonski, Jeff Sikich, Sue Sujecki and Bill Ustruck.

3. Business Services Workshop:
   3.1 Proposal for Building Relocation & Transition
Superintendent Lexmond reviewed the financial challenges the District has been experiencing over the past several years. Our District reserves have been depleted because of reduced funding, overspending and declining enrollment. Steps have been taken to reduce spending including the reorganization and elimination of administrative staff positions, an increase in class sizes and district-wide budget cuts. Progress is being made but we need to rebuild our fund balance so we can respond to unexpected events without having to borrow money. A healthy fund balance for a District our size would be about 18-20 million dollars. We’re not just talking about money, in the end, this is about kids. We don’t want to take things away from kids because we don’t have reserves.

One of the strategies used to improve fiscal stability involves leasing or selling vacant or underused district properties. Recently, the District sold Roosevelt School and leased the Parkway Center. In January, we accepted an offer to purchase the District properties on S. 70th Street for 6.75 million dollars.

The facility planning committee is meeting and looking at long-term decisions but overall we have fewer students and increased competition from private, charter and voucher schools. Due to the sale of the properties on 70th street it is necessary to relocate students from The Learning Center, Bridges to Learning, TEC students, NxGLC High School Students and the District office staff. Many configurations have been reviewed and the recommendation for relocation is to consolidate Lincoln Intermediate staff and students to Lane, FLW and West Milwaukee. The Learning Center, Bridges to Learning and the NxGLC High School Pilot would be moved to the Lincoln Facility. A plan to relocate District Office staff is still being developed but will most likely involve multiple locations at least temporarily.

Various options to complete this transition are being considered. Benefits and challenges of the various options were presented by Administrators Jeff Borland, Beth Koehler and Andy Chromy. Proposed updated attendance area maps were displayed for viewing. Board members offered suggestions, their questions and concerns were addressed.

The Board will vote on the transition plan proposal on Monday, February 27th. The District recommends the placement via neighborhood school attendance area plan of Lincoln students as the best plan.

The District will continue to communicate to all families, taxpayers and community members.

Current Lincoln Intermediate Students collected signatures to keep Lincoln School open. These were shared with the Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Pat Kerhin, second by Sue Sujecki. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Radonski, Secretary