

MISSION STATEMENT

Working together with home and community we are dedicated to providing the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world.

AGENDA

September 9, 2024

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: District Office, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conf Rm A/B – *enter through doors on the north end off of Lincoln or Peach Street*
(Note that the meeting will also be live streamed at this link: [Meeting Livestream Link](#))

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

- I Call to Order
- II Pledge of Allegiance
- III Roll Call
- IV Comments From Citizens and Delegations
Persons who wish to address the Board may make a statement pertaining to a specific agenda item. The Board President will establish limits for speakers due to time constraints. Persons wishing to address the Board should sign up to do so with the Board Secretary before the meeting begins. You can sign up when you arrive at the meeting, or in advance of the meeting by emailing Maurine Hodgson at maurine.hodgson@wrps.net (*emails must be received by noon on the day of the meeting*) – call Maurine at 715-424-6701 if you have any questions. Comments made by the public shall be civil in content and tone. Speakers bear the personal risk if comments made are defamatory, slanderous, or otherwise harmful to another individual. Please keep in mind that this is a meeting of the Board open to the public, and not a public hearing.
- V Student Representative Report
- VI Minutes
 - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 12, 2024
 - B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed Session) – August 26, 2024
- VII Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve of the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program at Pitsch Early Learning Center, Washington Elementary, Grove Elementary, and Howe Elementary contingent upon ongoing grant funding; and funding up to eight FASTWORKS events per building each year at Pitsch Early Learning Center, Washington Elementary, Grove Elementary, and Howe Elementary contingent upon ongoing grant funding.
 - 2. Updates and reports on Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) entitlement grants; use of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III funds summary report; and a 5-year renewal of LU projector software at a cost of \$36,000.00.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of September 3, 2024.
 - B. Business Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve of a \$3,000.00 contribution to the United Way for the purchase of school supplies for the 2024-25 school year for students living within the WRPS attendance area.
 - 2. Updates and reports on purchases and invoices.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of September 3, 2024.

The Wisconsin open meetings law requires the Board, or Board Committee, only take action on subject matter that is noticed on their respective agendas. Persons wishing to place items on the agenda should contact the District Office at 715-424-6701, at least seven working days prior to the meeting date for the item to be considered. The item may be referred to the appropriate Committee or placed on the Board agenda as determined by the Superintendent and/or Board President. With advance notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities by providing a sign language interpreter or other auxiliary aids, by calling 715-424-6701.

VII Committee Reports *(continued)*

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, second reading of Board Policy 345.13 – Grades High School Courses; Policy 345.13 Exhibit 1 – Grade Change Appeal Form; Policy 610 – Fiscal Management; Policy 620 – Annual Operating Budget; Policy 620 Rule – Budget Planning Procedures; Policy 621 – Budget Implementation; and Policy 621.1 – Budget Modifications; approval of a \$1,500 stipend for the Elementary Library Media Specialist for the 2024-25 school year; approval of a \$1,500 stipend to coordinate the Common School Fund budget for the 2024-25 school year; and approval of a change for the District’s Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability carrier to National Insurance Services.
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of September 3, 2024.

VIII Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

IX Legislative Agenda

X Bills

- A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XI New Business

- A. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve of contracted services with Presence to provide Speech and Language Pathology support to students during the 2024-25 school year.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve of a License Agreement with the Town of Grand Rapids to extend a recreational trail through River Cities High School property.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve of a proposed contract with Neola for Board policy services.

XII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of September 9, 2024:

1. September 9, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. September 9, 2024 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. September 18, 2024 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Committee Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
4. September 27, 2024 (Fri) – Professional Development Day – No School
5. September 27, 2024 (Fri) – WFHR Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – Airs Around 4:30 p.m.
6. October 1, 2024 (Tue) – WASB Fall Regional Meeting, Rothschild, WI – 6:00 p.m.
7. October 7, 2024 (Mon) – Board Committee Meetings
 - Educational Services – 6:00 p.m.
 - Business Services and Personnel Services – Immediately following the Educational Services Committee Meeting, but not before 6:15 p.m.
8. October 14, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
9. October 22, 2024 (Tue) – Special Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
10. October 23, 2024 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
11. October 25, 2024 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 p.m.

XIII Adjourn

WRPS Pupil Nondiscrimination Statement

The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person’s gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Please review [Board Policy 411](#) for additional information. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswald.

Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

In compliance with the federal Title IX statutes and regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. Title IX’s requirement not to discriminate in any education program or activity extends to cover, but is not limited to, District students, certain admissions processes, and District employment. Inquiries regarding how Title IX and the federal Title IX regulations apply to the District may be referred to the District’s Title IX Coordinator (as designated below), to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, or to both. Please refer to [Board Policy 411.24](#) for additional information.

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