



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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Troy Bier
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz
Christopher Inda
Elizabeth St.Myers
Julie Timm

October 22, 2024

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: Thomas A. Lenk Educational Services Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conference Room A/B

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Troy Bier, Christopher Inda, John Krings, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Elizabeth St.Myers, Julie Timm

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ronald Rasmussen, Aaron Nelson

President John Krings called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Aaron Nelson, Director of Business Services, provided an update on the 2024-25 District budget and reviewed the District’s 2024 equalized value tax apportionment provided by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Overall District valuation increased by \$258,663,682 or 7.7%, to a total of \$3,625,188,770.

The Department of Public Instruction provided final certified school district aid amounts, and the District’s allocation increased by \$1,870,968 or 4.45%, to a total of \$43,931,293. The Revenue Limit Worksheet for 2024-25 was reviewed. This worksheet includes key pieces of data such as enrollment information, local property values, revenue limit per member, private school voucher and other information. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) state aid amount is \$3,477,782 while the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) aid deduction is \$662,266. The District third Friday pupil count membership report indicated a reduction in pupil enrollment for 2024-25.

At its June 24, 2024 budget hearing, the Board approved an overall tax levy of \$24,472,740 which included allocations toward the following Funds: Fund 10 - \$16,588,146; Fund 38 - \$2,548,500; Fund 39 - \$4,836,094; and Fund 80 - \$500,000. With aid now certified, Mr. Nelson explained that the tax levy will remain the same as approved by the Board in June; however, changes to funding allocations are being recommended as follows: Fund 10 - \$15,529,847; Fund 38 - \$2,548,500; Fund 39 - \$5,189,807; and Fund 80 - \$1,204,586. Fund 39 has an additional levy of \$3,848,287 included to pay down referendum debt. Based on District property values, the mill rate will be \$6.75, which is a \$0.44 decrease from the prior year.

The Board had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the recommended tax levy, amended 2024-25 District budget, and revised Fund allocations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Julie Timm to approve of the 2024-25 District Tax Levy amount totaling \$24,472,740 with the reallocations in Fund 10, 39, and 80 as stipulated, and to approve of the recommended amendments to the 2023-24 District budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Krings adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Julie Timm – Clerk