



Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools

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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

April 13, 2020

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE: Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, all monthly standing Board Committee meetings were cancelled, and items normally taken up in Committee will instead be taken up by the Board of Education at the regular April 13, 2020 meeting.

In light of Governor Evers' Emergency Orders #5 and #12, and taking into consideration the health and welfare of District employees, school board members, and community members, the District is taking precautionary measures to limit the number of individuals participating in the April 13, 2020 meeting in order to comply with the Governor's Orders and CDC recommendations relative to prohibiting mass gatherings of 10 people or more, and to practice "social distancing."

Members of the public interested in providing any public commentary related to items on the agenda are encouraged to provide it in advance of the meeting, and it will be read aloud at the appropriate time as indicated on the Board agenda. Forward your commentary to Board Secretary Maurine Hodgson by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020 by email at maurine.hodgson@wrps.net or call and leave a voicemail at 715-424-6701 (ext. #2). Public commentary should include your name and contact information. Comments made by the public are to be civil in content and tone.

The meeting will be recorded and rebroadcast on River Cities Community Access (RCCA) – check their website at <https://www.wr-cm.org/> or call 715-423-0441 for the program schedule.

With advance proper notice, every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodation for individuals with a disability. Call or email Maurine Hodgson using the contact information stated above to discuss your accessibility needs.

- I Call to Order
- II Pledge of Allegiance
- III Roll Call
- IV Approval of Minutes - Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 9, 2020
- V Comments From Citizens and Delegations

VI Committees

A. Educational Services Committee

1. Action to approve of the WRPS Co-Curricular Code of Conduct for the 2020-21 school year.
2. Action to approve of the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) five-year contract renewal.
3. Action to approve of 2020-21 Start College Now (SCN) and Early College Credit Program (ECCP) applications for the fall semester.
4. Updates and reports on:
 - a. 2018-19 results of District AP and ACT Graduates Assessment exams.
 - b. 2019-20 Forward Exam and ACT testing.
 - c. 2019-20 Advanced Placement (AP) exams.
 - d. 2020-21 middle school schedule to be implemented.
 - e. various curriculum acquisition procedures slated for the upcoming year.

B. Business Services Committee

1. Action to approve the purchase of a used 2018 Caterpillar Bobcat skid-steer with attachments.
2. Action to approve of a three-year Skyward technology contract renewal.
3. Action to approve of a proposal to purchase Meraki Wireless Access Points for Lincoln and the Wisc. Rapids Area Middle School.
4. Updates and reports on:
 - a. purchases of library media from Flocabulary; equipment for technology education from CS Machinery; and library media from Follett School Solutions.
 - b. purchase of 107 Chromebooks for use at Wisc. Rapids Area Middle School.
 - c. contract agreement with Kompas Care for 2020-21 school year.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve of a support staff early retirement request.
2. Action to approve of a professional staff resignation request.
3. Action to approve of a support staff resignation request.
4. Action to approve Board Policy 345.11 – Procedures for Academic Excellence Scholarships for second reading.
5. Action to approve Board Policy 423 – Public School Open Enrollment for second reading.
6. Action to approve Board Policy 423 Rule – Procedures for Processing Public School Open Enrollment Applications for second reading.

PUBLIC HEARING

School Board Resolution (Attachment A) for the Waiver of Certain School Board or School District Requirements Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m)

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1)(b), the School District of Wisconsin Rapids will hold a public hearing to consider submitting a request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to waive the instructional hours requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; and waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Members of the public are encouraged to provide any public commentary related to these waiver requests in advance of the meeting, and it will be read aloud at the appropriate time as indicated on the Board agenda. Forward your commentary to Board Secretary Maurine Hodgson by 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020 by email at maurine.hodgson@wrps.net or call and leave a voicemail at 715-424-6701 (ext. #2). Public commentary should include your name and contact information. Comments made by the public shall be civil in content and tone.

VII **Public Hearing**

- a. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 public emergency.
- b. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- c. **Public Comment**

- d. Board of Education discussion and possible action to approve of a Resolution (Attachment A) to submit a request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to waive the instructional hours requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- e. Board of Education discussion and possible action to approve of a Resolution (Attachment A) to submit a request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to waive requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI. 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

VIII Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

IX Legislative Agenda

X Bills

A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XI New Business

- A. Update on school closure due to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- B. Discussion and possible action to suspend Board Policy 151 – Board Policy Development and Adoption for the specific purpose of allowing the newly introduced Board Policy 189 – Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations to be considered for first and final approval on the same date.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve of Board Policy 189 – Virtual Board Meetings in Emergency Situations for first and final approval effective April 13, 2020.
- D. Discussion and possible action on a request from Safe-Way Bus Transit, Inc. to have the District continue paying the transportation company “base rate” for days in which bus service is halted due to the COVID-19 school closure; as well as a compensation request from Lamers Bus for 80% of the current AM/Noon/PM billing for all scheduled school days in the academic calendar during the COVID-19 shutdown.
- E. Discussion and possible action to approve of an application for the 2020-21 Lincoln High School Building Trades Home Construction project.
- F. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.

XII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of April 13, 2020:

- 1. April 13, 2020 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- 2. April 13, 2020 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
- 3. April 14, 2020 (Tue) – Board Election Canvass Meeting – 9:00 a.m.
- 4. April 27, 2020 (Mon) – Board Reorganizational Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- 5. May 11, 2020 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

XIII Adjourn

Resolution No. 20200413

WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School Board Resolution for the Waiver of Certain School Board or School District Requirements Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m)

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1) and Wis. Admin. § PI 8.01(4) authorize school boards to request the Department of Public Instruction to waive any school board or school district requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121 or in the administrative rules promulgated by the Department under the authority of those chapters; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b) requires that, before requesting a waiver, a school board shall hold a public hearing in the school district on the request for a waiver of any requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1m) requires that “the school board shall specify in its request for a waiver its reason for requesting the waiver,” which includes the March 24, 2020, Emergency Order #12 from Governor Evers requiring all individuals present within the State of Wisconsin to stay at home or at their place of residence, with limited exceptions, beginning March 25, 2020 and continuing through 8:00 a.m. on April 24, 2020. With the exception for activities facilitating distance learning or virtual learning, the Order continued the closure of all public and private K-12 schools for pupil instruction and extracurricular activities as set forth in previous Emergency Orders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

On Monday, April 13, 2020, the Board of Education held a public hearing, in satisfaction of Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b), concerning requests for waivers of the requirements identified herein; and

In compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m), and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to apply, on behalf of the Board, to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for the waiver of the following:

- a. Waiver of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) and the administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required instructional hours for students for the 2019-2020 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- b. Waiver of the requirements to complete an Educator Effectiveness Cycle for educators in their Summary Year in 2019-20, including waivers of the requirements to meet PI 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q) for the 2019-20 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education’s approval of this action and of the authority granted herein at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on April 13, 2020.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2020.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

John Krings, Board President

Larry Davis, Board Clerk