

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

January 11, 2021

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

- I Call to Order
- II Pledge of Allegiance
- III Roll Call
- IV Special Presentation – “Friend of Education” Award
- V Student Representative Report
- VI Minutes
 - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 14, 2020
 - B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed) – December 14, 2020
 - C. Special Board of Education Meeting – December 21, 2020
- VII Comments From Citizens and Delegations

Persons who wish to address the Board may make a statement pertaining to a specific agenda item, and may be recognized by the Board president to speak regarding issues which are not on the agenda; however, the Board will not take action on items not listed on the agenda. The Board President may 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.
- VII Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve of school year calendars for 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25; approval of open enrollment space determination limits for the 2021-22 school year.
 - 2. Updates and reports on the Pitsch Early Learning Center and Central Oaks Academy charter status.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of January 4, 2021.

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*)

B. Business Services Committee

1. Action to approve a 66.03.01 inter-district agreement with Nekoosa School District for special needs services.
2. Updates and reports on Chromebook technology purchases.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of January 4, 2021.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action on employee appointments, retirements, and resignations, employee wage compensation increases, and approval of Board Policy 411.11 – Sexual Harassment and Non-Discrimination in District Programs, Activities, and Operations; 411-11 Rule (1) Procedure for District Response to Alleged Sexual Harassment Under Title IX; 411.11 Rule (2) Expectations for Employees to Report Discrimination and Harassment; Administrative Guideline; 411 – Student Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment; 511 – Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity; and 511.5 – Employee Anti-Harassment all for second reading.
2. Updates and reports on class sizes and sections for the 2020-21 school year.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of January 4, 2021.

VIII Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

IX Legislative Agenda

X Bills

- A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XI Unfinished/Old Business

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve of a Resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed revenue limit by \$2,000,000 per year for five years beginning with the 2021-22 fiscal year for non-recurring purposes.
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve of an initial Resolution authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution providing for a referendum election on the questions of the approval of a Resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed revenue limit by \$2,000,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes and an initial Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000.

XII New Business

- A. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve of an amendment to the 2020-21 District budget.
- C. Discussion and possible action on 2021 Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Resolutions.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve of a proposal to contract with US² Inc. at a cost of \$15,000 to create and support District equity related services.

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of January 11, 2021:

1. January 11, 2021 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. January 11, 2021 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. January 20, 2021 (Wed) – LHS Alumni Wall of Fame Meeting – 3:00 p.m.
4. February 1, 2021 (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.
5. February 8, 2021 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
6. February 24, 2021 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

XIV Adjourn

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE
LIMIT BY \$2,000,000 PER YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS
FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood and Portage Counties, Wisconsin that the revenues included in the School District budget be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,000,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year and ending with the 2025-2026 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of technology and curriculum updates.

Adopted and recorded January 11, 2021.

John Krings
District President

ATTEST:

Larry Davis
District Clerk

(SEAL)

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood and Portage Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$34,000,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a district-wide school building and facility improvement project consisting of: construction of secure entrances at all schools; renovations to science classrooms, labs and other areas and construction of an addition for a new Library/Student Resource Center and main office at Lincoln High School; construction of an addition for a new gymnasium and renovations at Rudolph Elementary School (THINK Academy); capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; and acquisition of furnishings fixtures and equipment.

Adopted and recorded January 11, 2021.

John Krings
District President

ATTEST:

Larry Davis
District Clerk

(SEAL)

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM
ELECTION ON THE QUESTIONS OF THE APPROVAL OF A
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET TO EXCEED REVENUE LIMIT BY \$2,000,000 PER
YEAR FOR FIVE YEARS FOR NON-RECURRING PURPOSES
AND AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN
AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000,000

WHEREAS, the School Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood and Portage Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted resolutions entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the School District Budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$2,000,000 Per Year for Five Years for Non-Recurring Purposes" (the "Revenue Limit Resolution"); and "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$34,000,000" (the "Initial Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Revenue Limit Resolution and the Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 6, 2021 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the propositions of whether the Revenue Limit Resolution and the Initial Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune within ten days after the date hereof.
- (b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune in the issue published the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be published in the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit C shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 25 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 121.91(3) and 120.115(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Revenue Limit Resolution and the Initial Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Revenue Limit Resolution and the Initial Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Adopted and recorded January 11, 2021.

John Krings
District President

ATTEST:

Larry Davis
District Clerk

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