

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

May 10, 2021

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING ➤ NOTE LOCATION ◀

LOCATION: East Jr. High School, 311 Lincoln Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494 (enter through 6th St. doors) Cafeteria

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

NOTE that this meeting will be livestreamed on the WRPS YouTube Channel – [click here](#) to view the meeting once it begins or navigate to the link through the www.wrps.org website.

I Call to Order

II Pledge of Allegiance

III Roll Call

IV Special Presentation – LHS FCCLA Competition Participants

V Student Representative

- A. Special Recognition of Outgoing Student Representative Rachel Marten
- B. Introduction of Incoming Student Representative for 2021-22
- C. Student Representative Report

VI 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 Discussion and consideration to implement potential modifications to the face mask requirement as required by the Board in its school reopening plan for 2020-21.

VIII Minutes

- A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 2021
- B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed) – April 12, 2021
- C. Special Board of Education Meeting – April 26, 2021

IX Committee Reports *(continued)*

A. Educational Services Committee

1. Action to approve of the proposed District elementary math acquisition; District school counseling acquisition; 2021-22 Professional Development Plan and Schedule; District New Colleague/Mentor Handbook updates; proposed reduction of class sizes at the elementary level using ESSER funds; 2021-22 student agenda planners; secondary level Code of Conduct; purchases of products through Gaggle, Turn It In, and No Red Ink; and approval of first reading of Policy 347 Rule (1) – Guidelines for the Control and Maintenance of Student Records.
2. Updates and reports on ESSER expenditures under \$25,000; applications for the Peer Review and Mentor Grant and School-Based Mental Health Services Grant; report on the potential impact of student quarantine days as it relates to District Benchmark Books data, Performing Arts Center Operations and COVID updates, and enrollment updates for off-campus/virtual learners.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of May 3, 2021.

B. Business Services Committee

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Policy 672.1 – Proposals for Professional Services for first reading; and the purchase of a Jacobsen HR 660 11' lawn mower.
2. Updates and reports on various invoices, purchase orders, and the District budget.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of May 3, 2021 and special closed session Committee meeting minutes of May 3, 2021.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, retirements, resignations; and open enrollment applications for the 2021-22 school year.
2. Heard updates and reports on employee dental insurance renewal rates.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of May 3, 2021.

X Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

XI Legislative Agenda

XII Bills

- A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XIII New Business

- A. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.
- B. Discussion and possible action to approve of an amendment to the Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP contract for inclusion of projects added since the last contract amendment.
- C. Update on Quadplex, football field, and track project timelines and progress being made on the Lincoln High School campus.
- D. Update on the anticipated preliminary bond issue and status of referendum projects.
- E. Public Hearing *(See Below)*

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 for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency: the instructional qualified teacher requirement in elementary and high schools in health, physical education, art, and music as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(j); administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required regular instruction as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(L) and 253.15(5); waiver of the requirements to evaluate the effectiveness of each teacher and principal (Educator Effectiveness) based upon measures of student performance and the extent to which the teacher's or principal's practice meets specified core teaching standards or educational leadership policy standards as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 120.12(2m), including waivers of the requirements to meet PI. 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q).

XIV Public Hearing

- a. **Explanation of the request for waiver** of the following requirements for the 2020-21 school year only, due to the COVID-19 public health emergency:
 - i. the instructional qualified teacher requirement in elementary and high schools in health, physical education, art, and music as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(j);
 - ii. administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required regular instruction as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(L) and 253.15(5);
 - iii. waiver of the requirements to evaluate the effectiveness of each teacher and principal (Educator Effectiveness) based upon measures of student performance and the extent to which the teacher's or principal's practice meets specified core teaching standards or educational leadership policy standards as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 120.12(2m), including waivers of the requirements to meet PI. 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q).
- b. **Public Comment**
- c. **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 for the 2020-21 school year only due to the COVID-19 public health emergency: the instructional qualified teacher requirement in elementary and high schools in health, physical education, art, and music as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(j); administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required regular instruction as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(L) and 253.15(5); waiver of the requirements to evaluate the effectiveness of each teacher and principal (Educator Effectiveness) based upon measures of student performance and the extent to which the teacher's or principal's practice meets specified core teaching standards or educational leadership policy standards as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 120.12(2m), including waivers of the requirements to meet PI. 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q).

XV Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of May 10, 2021:

1. May 10, 2021 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. May 10, 2021 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. May 26, 2021 (Wed) – Project Search Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
4. May 28, 2021 (Fri) – River Cities High School Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
5. May 29, 2021 (Sat) – Lincoln High School Graduation – 1:00 p.m.
6. June 7, 2021 (Mon) – Building Trades Home Tour – 4:30 p.m.
7. June 7, 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.
8. June 14, 2021 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
9. June 14, 2021 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
10. June 28, 2021 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Budget Hearing) – 6:00 p.m.

XVI 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 411.11](#) for additional information.

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Resolution No. 20210510

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 need for flexibility and strategic response under the circumstances of the on-going COVID-19 public health emergency (pandemic) which may not be completely in compliance with statutory requirements by virtue of instructional plan designs and which has caused resources to be redirected and copious amounts of time devoted to tasks affiliated with responding to the pandemic;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

On Monday, May 10, 2021, 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 the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) for the waiver of the following:

- a) the instructional qualified teacher requirement in elementary and high schools in health, physical education, art, and music as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(j);
- b) administrative rules promulgated by the department regarding required regular instruction as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(L) and 253.15(5);
- c) waiver of the requirements to evaluate the effectiveness of each teacher and principal (Educator Effectiveness) based upon measures of student performance and the extent to which the teacher’s or principal’s practice meets specified core teaching standards or educational leadership policy standards as stipulated in Wis. Stat. § 120.12(2m), including waivers of the requirements to meet PI. 8.01 and Wis. Stat. §§ 115.415 and 121.02(1)(q).

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 May 10, 2021.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2021.

**Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

John Krings, Board President

Larry Davis, Board Clerk