

## 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

February 14, 2022

**NOTE THE MEETING LOCATION IS  
WR AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

## REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

**LOCATION:** WR Area Middle School, 1921 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494  
Auditorium – *enter on the NORTH end of the building through either Door C or F*  
(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](mailto: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 – January 10, 2022
- VII Committee Reports
  - A. Educational Services Committee
    - 1. Action to approve Board Policy 380.1 – Therapy Dogs in School and Policy 380 – Animals in the School for first reading; 2022-23 District Strategic Plan; and ESSER III Local Education Agency Plan.
    - 2. Updates and reports on the annual Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) report and student summer travel plans.
    - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 7, 2022.

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 of first reading for Board Policy 830.2 – Facility Use Policy for the Rapids Area Sports Complex; Policy 830 – Use of School Facilities; and Policy 830.1 – Facility Use Policy for the Performing Arts Center; lease agreement with CESA 5 for the Vesper facility; purchase of a wheelchair van; purchases of Chromebook cases and Chromebooks and computers for science labs at Lincoln High School.
2. Updates and reports on invoices, bid specs, and purchase orders.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 7, 2022.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements.
2. Updates and reports on the status of District substitute fill rates and the employee Health Savings Account (HSA) plan.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 7, 2022.

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 on District COVID-19 mitigation measures, including moving toward a mask optional learning environment effective February 16, 2022.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve of changing the District Health Savings Account (HSA) Custodian from BMO Harris to Associated Bank.
- D. Discussion and possible action on possible modifications to the 2022-23 school year calendar.
- E. Update on District referendum RFP/bidding process and timelines.

XII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of February 14, 2022:

1. February 14, 2022 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. February 17, 2022 (Thur) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
3. February 21, 2022 (Mon) – Board Election Canvass Meeting – 4:15 p.m.
4. February 22, 2022 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 6:00 p.m.
5. March 1, 2022 (Tue) – LHS Alumni Wall of Fame Meeting – 3:15 p.m.
6. March 4, 2022 (Fri) – Professional Development Day – No School
7. March 7, 2022 (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. March 14, 2022 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
9. March 28, 2022 – April 1, 2022 (Mon-Fri) – Spring Break – No School

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 to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswall.

**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.

**WRPS Title IX Coordinators**

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## **COVID-19 Masking Mitigation Recommendation for Board Consideration on February 14, 2022**

As a result of both vaccine availability for the majority of school-aged individuals as well as the relatively high number of individuals who have recently been positive for COVID-19, our schools and community have seen a precipitous drop in the number of positive COVID-19 cases as well as in the number of school absences due to COVID-19. There are currently 4 active student cases and 3 active staff cases District-wide as of Thursday, February 10, 2022. After consulting with our medical advisors and Wood County Public Health, they agree that moving to a “mask optional but strongly encouraged” approach would be appropriate at this time. The District would continue to track positive cases and quarantine affected individuals as outlined below, and recommend establishing thresholds to guide decision making around when or if to move back to required masking as follows:

### **Thresholds for Moving Back to Masks Required**

- 3% of the total building population has tested positive for COVID-19 over a three (3) day period
- 5% of the total building population is absent from school for COVID related reasons (isolation and/or quarantine) over a three (3) day period
- A three-day rolling average will be calculated to determine the percent of positives and/or percent of absences due to COVID-19 for each facility
- Necessary changes would be addressed by building/ location, not District-wide

### **Mask Optional Quarantine Procedures – Contact With a Positive Individual**

#### **Positive Individual Wearing a Mask Appropriately**

- ♦ Close contacts will be notified and told to monitor for symptoms

#### **Positive Individual Not Wearing a Mask**

- ♦ Close contacts will be addressed as follows:
  - Vaccinated individual is within 0 to 6 feet for more than 15 minutes
    - Will be notified of possible exposure
    - NO need to quarantine, but must monitor for symptoms
    - Wear a mask appropriately for 10 days post-exposure\*
      - It may be reduced to 5 days with a negative COVID test (PCR or rapid test administered by the school district, County Health Department, healthcare provider or pharmacy) on day 5 or later
  - Individual positive for COVID within the past 90 days is within 0 to 6 feet for more than 15 minutes
    - Will be notified of possible exposure
    - NO need to quarantine, but must monitor for symptoms
    - Wear a mask appropriately for 10 days post-exposure\*
      - Testing is not an option due to the probability of false-positive as a result of a recent infection
  - Unvaccinated individual (and/or not within 90 days of having been positive) is within 3 to 6 feet for more than 15 minutes
    - Will be notified of possible exposure
    - NO need to quarantine, but must monitor for symptoms
    - Wear a mask appropriately for 10 days post-exposure\*
      - It may be reduced to 5 days with a negative COVID test (PCR or rapid test administered by the school district, County Health Department, healthcare provider or pharmacy) on day 5 or later
  - Unvaccinated individual (and/or not within 90 days of having been positive) is within 0 to 3 feet for more than 15 minutes
    - Need to quarantine for 5 days
    - Return to school on day 6 if no symptoms
    - Continue to monitor for symptoms
    - Wear a mask appropriately for 10 days post-exposure\*
      - It may be reduced to 5 days with a negative COVID test (PCR or rapid test administered by the school district, County Health Department, healthcare provider or pharmacy) on day 5 or later

\* Individuals with mask exemptions who are considered close contacts will either need to remain home during the quarantine period or have a medical professional update their exemption to allow for mask-wearing for the 5 or 10 day period.

**Please note: Masks remain required on buses and District transportation as a result of an existing Federal Order.**

The District will continue to offer COVID testing at WRAMS and LHS as has been done throughout the year.

Individuals should stay home and get tested if one “high risk” symptom potentially attributable to COVID-19 infection is being experienced (cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell). Individuals experiencing two or more symptoms (runny nose, sore throat, congestion, etc.) not attributable to something else such as allergies, are encouraged to stay home until symptoms clear and/or a test for COVID-19 has been administered with negative results received.

Due to the fact that additional illnesses are circulating, it is imperative that individuals monitor for symptoms and take measures to ensure they are COVID-negative and/or feeling well before attending school or work.

**The administration recommends the implementation of “masks optional but strongly encouraged” in all District facilities with the thresholds and quarantine procedures as outlined above effective Wednesday, February 16, 2022. Additionally, quarantine procedures will continue until Friday, March 4, 2022 and if COVID-19 numbers remain low, contact tracing and quarantines will cease at that time. COVID-19 positive individuals would continue to be excluded from school for a minimum of 5 days (as required by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services), and testing would continue to be recommended for individuals with symptoms. Should a need for required masking return based upon case counts, the option to also reinstate contact tracing and quarantines may be reconsidered.**



WISCONSIN RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

2022-23

**\*\*\*\*\* DRAFT \*\*\*\*\***  
for Board Consideration February, 2022

Elementary

Secondary

AUGUST 2022					SEPTEMBER 2022					OCTOBER 2022					
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	
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22	23	24	25	26	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	PD 28	
29	30	31			26	27	28	29	PD 30	31					
NOVEMBER 2022					DECEMBER 2022					JANUARY 2023					
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	
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21	22	23	TG 24	TG 25	19	20	21	22	WB 23	23	24	25	26	27	
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FEBRUARY 2023					MARCH 2023					APRIL 2023					
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20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	23	24	24	25	26	27	28	
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MAY 2023					JUNE 2023					JULY 2023					
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MD 29	30	31			26	27	28	29	30	31					

Teachers Return - Inservice Days      Student Attendance Days (Shaded)      ( ) = \*\*TRI begins/ends

8/25 - Elementary Scheduled Prof Staff PD Day and 8/22-26 - Secondary Prof Staff (Requirement to Work One of These Dates)

8/29-8/31 - Teachers Return

12/23 - 12/30 - (WB) Winter Break \*\* No School

9/1 - First Day for Students

1/16 & 3/3 - (PD/RK) PD/Recdkpg Day \*\* No School

9/5 - (LD) Labor Day \*\* No School

3/27 - 3/31 - (SB) Spring Break \*\* No School

9/30 - Prof Dev Day \*\* No School

4/7 - (PD) Prof Dev Day \*\* No School

10/28 - Autumn Break

5/29 - (MD) Memorial Day \*\* No School

11/24-25 - (TG) Thanksgiving \*\* No School

6/2 - Last Day for Students (1/2 day)

11/28 - (PD/RK) Prof Dev/Rkpg Day \*\* No School

6/5 - (RK) Recordkeeping

**Trimester Schedule:**

1st Trimester: 9/1/22 - 11/23/22

2nd Trimester: 11/29/22 - 3/2/23

3rd Trimester: 3/6/23 - 6/2/23

Tri 1 = 57 days  
Tri 2 = 61 days  
Tri 3 = 58 days