

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 8, 2023

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: District Office, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conf Rm A/B – *enter through doors on the north end off of Lincoln or Peach Street*
(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 (*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 Special Recognition – Outgoing Board Member Sandra Hett
- VI Student Representative Report
- VII School Showcase – Grant Elementary School
- VIII Minutes
 - A. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – April 5, 2023
 - B. Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 10, 2023
 - C. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – April 10, 2023
 - D. Special Board of Education Meeting – April 17, 2023
 - E. Board Organizational Meeting – April 24, 2023
 - F. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed Session) – May 1, 2023
- IX Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve of grades 6-12 physical education curriculum maps and acquisition materials; purchase of *The 7 Mindsets* social emotional learning framework resources for grades 6-12; WRPS 2023-2026 Technology and Library Plan; 2023-24 student handbooks; and the 2023-24 Professional Development Plan.
 - 2. Updates and reports on the District Continuity of Services Plan and progress being made at Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School to improve school culture and decrease disciplinary incidents and attendance issues.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of May 1, 2023.

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.

IX Committee Reports (*continued*)

B. Business Services Committee

1. Action to approve of a contract with Mainstage to install replacement curtains, rigging equipment and associated hardware in the middle school auditorium; entering into a 66.030 cooperative agreement with Nekoosa School District; allowing Portage County temporary easement permission; and a proposal with Jeff Cegielski Concrete to install a sidewalk at Lincoln High School.
2. Updates and reports on purchase orders, bid specs, and invoices.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of May 1, 2023.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; a 0.20 FTE school psychologist position for the 2023-24 school year; revisions to Board Policies 539.1 – Tutoring; 321 – School Calendar; 723.1 – Emergency School Closings; and 723.1 Rule – Emergency School Closing Procedures; and 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses; 2023-24 open enrollment applications; and stipend payments to Families and Schools Together (FAST) program team member participants.
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of May 1, 2023.

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. Update on bid results for the Woodside Outdoor Play, Learning, Activity Center (OPLAC) playground project.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve of a bid for the sale of District property located in Vesper, Wisconsin.
- D. Update and discussion on development of the 2023-24 District Budget.

XIV Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of May 8, 2023:

1. May 8, 2023 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. May 8, 2023 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. May 24, 2023 (Wed) – Project Search Graduation at McMillan Library – 6:00 p.m.
4. May 26, 2023 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Morning Magazine Show – 10:30 a.m.
5. May 26, 2023 (Fri) – River Cities High School Graduation Ceremony – 6:00 p.m.
6. May 27, 2023 (Sat) – Lincoln High School Graduation Ceremony – 1:00 p.m.
7. June 2, 2023 (Fri) – Last Day for Students
8. June 5, 2023 (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.
9. June 12, 2023 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
10. June 23, 2023 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Morning Magazine Show – 10:30 a.m.
11. June 28, 2023 (Wed) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Budget Hearing) – 6:00 p.m.

XV 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 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.

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