

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

October 9, 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 School Showcase – Howe Elementary School
- VI Student Representative Report
- VII Minutes
 - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 11, 2023
 - B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – September 11, 2023
- VIII Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve of the Peer Review Mentor Grant and technology software renewals for ExploreLearning Reflex and Frax.
 - 2. Updates and reports on new course / curriculum modifications and proposals; Gifted and Talented Services programming; auto-enrollment for seniors into Mid-State Technical College; requirements of the newly enacted 2023 Wisconsin Act 20 legislation; and Wisconsin State Assessment System results.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of October 2, 2023.
 - B. Business Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve a 66.030.01 cooperative agreement with Nekoosa School District; purchase of three minivans from Johnson & Sons Chrysler; purchase of a Kubota Model M7060 tractor and loader from Service Motor Company; purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Express work van from Wheelers; revisions to the District 10-Year Facility Plan; purchase of cafeteria tables for Grant, Howe, THINK, Washington, and Woodside; and

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.

VIII Committee Reports *(continued)*

- purchase of 27-Verkada environmental sensors from Bluum to include network installation from Current Technologies.
2. Updates and reports on purchases and invoices and various schools' involvement in the Community Eligibility Program.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of October 2, 2023.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; second reading of Board Policy 751 – Student Transportation; a \$1,500 stipend for the elementary Library Media Specialist; a \$1,500 stipend for Kirsten Johnson for additional responsibilities to manage the Common School Fund budget and subscription ordering; an annual stipend for up to two FACT advisors at \$750 each; a one-time stipend of \$1,500 for Ashley Tessmer for the District Canvas Coordination position; and a temporary, part-time Social Worker Administrative Assistant position for the 2023-24 school year.
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of October 2, 2023.

IX Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

X Legislative Agenda

XI Bills

- A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XII New Business

- A. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.
- B. Discussion and possible action to select a “2023 Friend of Education Award” recipient.
- C. Update on WRPS School Nutrition programming.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve of a tentative agreement reached with the Wisconsin Rapids Education Association (WREA) bargaining unit.

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of October 9, 2023:

1. October 9, 2023 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. October 9, 2023 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 8:00 p.m.
3. October 18, 2023 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
4. October 20, 2023 (Fri) – Heart of WI Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
5. October 23, 2023 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
6. October 31, 2023 (Tue) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 p.m.
7. November 4, 2023 (Sat) – WASB Legislative Conference, Green Lake, WI – 8:00 a.m.
8. November 6, 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. November 13, 2023 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

XIV 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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