

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

December 11, 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 – Wisc. Rapids Area Middle School

VI Student Representative Report

VII Minutes

- A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 13, 2023
- B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed/Open) – November 13, 2023
- C. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed) – November 14, 2023

VIII Committee Reports

A. Educational Services Committee

- 1. Action to approve of increasing the District’s annual funding support to the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area from \$55,000 to \$85,000; continuation of the Morning Jumpstart Program at all elementary schools to include Grant Elementary in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area at cost of \$150,000 paid through Fund 80; a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area to implement the “Be Great, Graduate” program at WR Area Middle School and Lincoln High School from 12/11/23 through 6/30/25; proposed modifications to the 2024 Summer Academy Program; proposed K-5 Science curriculum maps beginning with the third trimester of the 2023-24 school year; proposed elementary science curriculum acquisition purchases at a cost of \$78,120; and approval of the implementation of a districtwide universal “Late Start Monday” proposal that will delay the start of school each Monday by 45 minutes for the purpose of uninterrupted collaboration time for teachers beginning in the 2024-25 school year.

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)*

A. Educational Services Committee *(continued)*

2. Updates and reports on Innovation Mini Grant awards for 2023-24, School and District Report Card results for 2022-23, and upcoming student travel plans.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of December 4, 2023.

B. Business Services Committee

1. Updates and reports on purchases, invoices, copy paper bid results, and Skyward activity accounting software and procedures.
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of December 4, 2023.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve of employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness and Policy 458 Rule Nutrition Guidelines for second reading; and an increase in food service substitute, custodial substitute, and maintenance substitute wage rates.
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of December 4, 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. Update and action to approve of the annual school violence event drill reports submitted by each building principal for drills conducted in accordance with Wisconsin Statute 118.07(4)(cp).

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of December 11, 2023:

1. December 11, 2023 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. December 11, 2023 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. December 17, 2023 (Sun) – Community Holiday Concert/Friend of Ed Award Presented – 4:00 p.m.
4. December 22, 2023 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 p.m.
5. January 2, 2024 (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.
6. January 8, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
7. January 16-19, 2024 (Tue-Fri) – WASB State Education Convention, Milwaukee, WI
8. January 26, 2024 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 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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