

## 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 12, 2024

## 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](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 School Showcase – Grove Elementary School
- VI Student Representative Report (*No Report – Student is Excused to Participate in Extra-Curricular Activity*)
- VII Minutes
  - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 8, 2024
- VIII Committee Reports
  - A. Educational Services Committee
    - 1. Action to approve of 2024-25 WRPS Strategic Plan, No Red Ink software renewal, percussion music equipment purchase for Wisc. Rapids Area Middle School, and payment of up to \$150 per night to implement FAST WORKS at participating buildings.
    - 2. Updates and reports on Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Mid-Year Report, dual credit offering for AP United States History course, and upcoming student travel.
    - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.
  - B. Business Services Committee
    - 1. Action to approve lease agreement with CESA 5 for use of East Jr. High during 2024-25 school year, proposed revisions to Board Policy 352 Exhibit 2 – Student Travel Release Form for first reading, and purchase of 520 HP Chromebooks and management from PDS at a cost of \$129,740.00.
    - 2. Updates and reports on purchases and invoices.
    - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.

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)*

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements.
2. Updates and reports on the status of District substitutes.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2024.

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. Consideration and possible action to update the 2024-25 school year calendar to move the scheduled Autumn Break day from October 25, 2024 to November 1, 2024 and have October 25, 2024 be scheduled as a student contact day.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve of proposed updates to the Wisconsin Rapids Youth Sports Association (WRYSA) agreement.
- D. Update and possible action to approve of an agreement proposed by Vista Sands Solar LLC which provides a nonbinding pledge to provide an annual gift to the District for twenty years.
- E. Consideration and possible action to approve of proceeding with plans outlined in a proposed Letter of Intent received from Immanuel Lutheran Church for the District to purchase church property located on 8<sup>th</sup> Street North with the intention of razing the church and upgrading the parking lot at some point in the future for school district use.
- F. Discussion and possible action to approve of an additional District commitment of \$556,742.00 from Fund 46 to be used toward playground project upgrades in conjunction with the Legacy Foundation Grant Agreement originally executed on June 23, 2023.
- G. Discussion and possible action to approve of an amendment to the Legacy Foundation of Central Wisconsin Grant Agreement dated June 23, 2023 which has WRPS committing an additional \$556,742.00 toward proposed playground upgrade projects and Legacy Foundation contributing an additional \$750,000.00 toward the projects.

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of February 12, 2024:

1. February 12, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. February 12, 2024 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. February 21, 2024 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Committee Meeting – 12:00 p.m.
4. February 23, 2024 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 p.m.
5. March 4, 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. March 11, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
7. March 25-29, 2024 – Spring Break – No School

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 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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