

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

March 11, 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 (*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 – 4K and Pitsch Early Learning Center Programming
- VI Student Representative Report
- VII Minutes
 - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – February 12, 2024
 - B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed) – February 12, 2024
 - C. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed) – February 27, 2024
 - D. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed) – February 27, 2024
- VIII Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve of accepting the \$400,000 Bipartisan Safer Communities Act “Stronger Connections Grant” award.
 - 2. Updates and reports on the Families and Schools Together (FAST) Program; Play and Learn Program at Pitsch Early Learning Center; and a summary of ESSER III Formula Grant expenditures.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of March 4, 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*)

B. Business Services Committee

1. Action to approve an increase in the payment for 4K contracted services at Building Blocks, Head Start, and YMCA; proposed CESA 5 services agreement for 2024-25 in an amount of \$517,696.45; and application of credit cards for Principal use at Central Oaks Academy, Grant, Grove, Howe, Mead, Pitsch, THINK Academy, Washington, Woodside, and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School.
2. Updates and reports on bid specs, purchases, and invoices.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of March 4, 2024.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; a voluntary professional staff member contract reduction; Board Policy 352, Exhibit 2 – Student Travel Release for second reading; increase in the District professional staff base wage rate; and a new calculation for athletic and non-athletic co-curricular pay to be based off of the new professional staff base wage rate.
2. Updates and reports on the District’s 2023 Employee Assistance Program (EAP) utilization rate.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of March 4, 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. Update on the 2024-25 District budget.

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of March 11, 2024:

1. March 11, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. March 11, 2024 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. March 14, 2024 (Thur) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 5:00 p.m.
4. March 15, 2024 (Fri) – Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.
5. March 19, 2024 (Tue) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 5:00 p.m.
6. March 22, 2024 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 p.m.
7. March 25-29, 2024 – Spring Break – No School
8. April 1, 2024 (Mon) – Building Trades Home Committee Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
9. April 1, 2024 (Mon) – Board Tour of CTE Areas of Lincoln High School – 4:30 p.m.
10. April 1, 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.
11. April 8, 2024 (Mon) – Board Election Canvass Meeting – 4:15 p.m.
12. April 8, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
13. April 19, 2024 (Fri) – Professional Development Day – No School
14. April 22, 2024 (Mon) – Board Organizational Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
15. April 24, 2024 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
16. April 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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