

## 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

April 8, 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 Special Recognition – Outgoing Board Member Larry Davis
- VI School Showcase – River Cities High School
- VII Student Representative Report
- VIII Minutes
  - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 11, 2024
  - B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed) – March 11, 2024
- IX Committee Reports
  - A. Educational Services Committee
    - 1. Action to approve of Start College Now applications; revisions to the WRPS Co-Curricular Activities Code for Grades 6-12; and Playworks Program continuance and expansion for 2024-25.
    - 2. Updates and reports on upcoming student travel; dual credit Spanish 5 option beginning with the 2024-25 school year; and Career and Technical Education programming which includes Academic and Career Planning and Education for Employment services.
    - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 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.

IX Committee Reports *(continued)*

B. Business Services Committee

1. Action to approve an application from Scott and Kim Ahles for the 2024-25 construction trades home build; refinishing of the Lincoln High School fieldhouse floor at a cost of \$65,300.00 from Fund 46; the purchase of basketball units and a Daktronics scoreboard for Lincoln High School at a total cost of \$43,108.20; replacement of all univent controllers at Mead Elementary at a cost of \$26,430.00; the purchase of security cameras and door access control at Lincoln, WRAMS, and THINK Academy with installation by System Technologies at a total cost of \$62,035.00 from Fund 46; and the 3-year purchase of ParentSquare mass communication software at a cost of \$71,680.00 using ESSER III funds.
2. Updates and reports on purchases and invoices.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2024.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; and approval of the addition of a special education teacher for delivery of specialized off-site instructional services as outlined in student Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of April 1, 2024.

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. Consideration and action to approve the WRPS Academic and Career Planning / Education for Employment (E4E) Plan.
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds, the Establishment of an Escrow Account with Respect to and the Defeasance of Certain of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, Dated August 2, 2021 (Attachment A).

XIV Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of April 8, 2024:

1. April 8, 2024 (Mon) – Board Election Canvass Meeting – 4:15 p.m.
2. April 8, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
3. April 16, 2024 (Tue) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 4:00 p.m.
4. April 17, 2024 (Wed) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 4:15 p.m.
5. April 22, 2024 (Mon) – Board Organizational Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
6. April 24, 2024 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Committee Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
7. April 26, 2024 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – 3:30 p.m.
8. May 6, 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.
9. May 13, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 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.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators

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Resolution No. 20240408-1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS,  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH RESPECT  
TO AND THE DEFEASANCE OF CERTAIN OF THE  
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021, DATED AUGUST 2, 2021

WHEREAS, the School District of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood and Portage Counties, Wisconsin (the "District") has outstanding its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, dated August 2, 2021 (the "2021 Bonds") which were issued for the purpose of paying the cost of refunding certain outstanding obligations of the District;

WHEREAS, the District has certain debt service funds and other funds on hand (the "Funds") sufficient to defease a portion of the debt service on the 2021 Bonds;

WHEREAS, the School Board of the District deems it desirable and in the best interest of the District to transfer and apply such Funds to the defeasance and early redemption of a portion of the 2021 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, since the 2021 Bonds are not currently callable, it is necessary for the available Funds to be irrevocably deposited into an escrow account, invested in direct obligations of the United States of America, treated as a portion of the debt service fund for the 2021 Bonds and applied to pay the principal of and interest on: (1) \$1,000,000 of the 2028 maturity of the 2021 Bonds on its April 1, 2028 maturity date and (2) \$1,070,000 of the 2029 maturity, \$1,125,000 of the 2030 maturity and \$825,000 of the 2031 maturity of the 2021 Bonds on their April 1, 2028 early redemption date (collectively, the "Defeased Obligations").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District that:

1. Establishment of Escrow Account. The School Board hereby authorizes and directs the officers of the District to enter into an Escrow Agreement with Associated Trust Company, National Association, Green Bay, Wisconsin, as Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent"), for the purpose of effecting the provisions of the Resolution.
2. Transfer and Deposit to Escrow Account. The School Board hereby authorizes and approves the transfer and deposit of the Funds into the Escrow Account to be established with the Escrow Agent in an amount sufficient, together with earnings thereon, to provide for the payment of the Defeased Obligations concurrently with the execution of the Escrow Agreement, and the subsequent use, investment and disbursement thereof by the Escrow Agent in the manner provided by the Escrow Agreement.
3. Professional Services. The School Board hereby ratifies and approves the retention of PMA Securities, LLC ("PMA") to provide financial advisory services in connection with this transaction; Quarles & Brady LLP ("Bond Counsel") to provide limited, special counsel legal services in connection with this transaction; and Robert Thomas CPA, LLC to provide mathematical verification and related services in connection with this transaction.

4. Redemption of the Defeased Obligations, Notice of Defeasance and Redemption. The Defeased Obligations maturing in the years 2029 through 2031 are hereby called for redemption on April 1, 2028. The School Board hereby directs the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement to provide a notice of the defeasance of the Defeased Obligations and a notice with respect to the redemption of the Defeased Obligations maturing in the years 2029 through 2031 at the times and in the manner set forth in the final Escrow Agreement.

5. Authorization of Officers and Agents. The School Board hereby authorizes the appropriate officers and agents of the District to work with PMA and the Escrow Agent to review and approve the finalized Escrow Agreement including the escrow deposit and other details, to provide the notices of defeasance and redemption and to execute and deliver all documents required by Bond Counsel with respect to this transaction.

Adopted and recorded April 8, 2024.

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John A. Krings  
District President

ATTEST:

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Larry Davis  
District Clerk

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