



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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John Benbow, Jr.
Troy Bier
Larry Davis
Katie Medina
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz
Julie Timm

October 23, 2023

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: Thomas A. Lenk Educational Services Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conference Room A/B

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Troy Bier, John Krings, Katie Medina, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Julie Timm

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: Larry Davis

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Aaron Nelson

President John Krings called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Aaron Nelson, Director of Business Services, provided an update on the 2023-24 District budget and reviewed the District’s 2023 equalized value tax apportionment provided by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. Overall District valuation increased by \$370,480,884 or 12.4%, to a total of \$3,366,525,088.

The Department of Public Instruction provided final certified school district aid amounts, and the District’s allocation increased by \$1,463,506 or 3.6%, to a total of \$42,060,325. The Revenue Limit Worksheet for 2023-24 was reviewed. This worksheet includes key pieces of data such as enrollment information, local property values, revenue limit per member, private school voucher and other information. The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) state aid amount is \$3,158,617 while the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) aid deduction is \$624,296. The District third Friday pupil count membership report indicated a reduction in pupil enrollment for 2023-24.

At its June 28, 2023 budget hearing, the Board approved an overall tax levy of \$24,222,740 which included allocations toward the following Funds: Fund 10 - \$14,800,958; Fund 38 - \$2,548,250; and Fund 39 - \$6,873,532. Fund 39 has an additional amount levied to pay down referendum debt. With aid now certified, Mr. Nelson explained that the allocations toward these funds would instead be: Fund 10 - \$15,868,225; Fund 38 - \$2,548,250 and Fund 39 - \$5,806,265. The overall impact to the mill rate will be a \$0.85 reduction from \$8.04 in 2022-23 to \$7.20 in 2023-24.

The Board had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the recommended tax levy, amended 2023-24 District budget, and revised Fund allocations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Julie Timm to approve of the 2023-24 District Tax Levy amount totaling \$24,222,740 with the reallocations in Fund 10 and 39 as stipulated, and to approve of the recommended amendments to the 2023-24 District budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Krings adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk