

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 8, 2021

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: East Jr. High School CAFETERIA, 311 Lincoln Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Park on 6th Street or in 6th Street Parking Lot and Enter Through 6th Street Doors

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

I Call to Order

II Pledge of Allegiance

III Roll Call

IV Student Representative Report

V Minutes

A. Regular Board of Education Meeting – January 11, 2021

B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed) – January 11, 2021

VI Comments From Citizens and Delegations

Persons who wish to address the Board may make a statement pertaining to a specific agenda item, and may be recognized by the Board president to speak regarding issues which are not on the agenda; however, the Board will not take action on items not listed on the agenda. The Board President may 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.

VII Committee Reports

A. Educational Services Committee

1. Action to approve of the District 2020-21 Strategic Plan and revisions to Board Policy 672 – Purchasing Procedures/Competitive Pricing for first reading.
2. Updates and reports on the annual Achievement Gap Reduction Mid-Year Report, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II) funding allocation for WRPS, State testing requirements for 2020-21, Gifted and Talented Educational Services Plan revisions, required Seclusion and Restraint Report, Virtual student enrollment numbers, and potential changes being considered for the A/B cohort schedule at Lincoln High School and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2021.

NOTE that this meeting will be livestreamed on the WRPS YouTube Channel – [click here](#) to view the meeting once it begins or navigate to the link through the www.wrps.org website.

VII Committee Reports (*continued*)

B. Business Services Committee

1. Action to approve of the purchase of a 2021 UA80 First Products AeraVator, counseling curricula from Committee for Children, and a 2021-22 lease agreement for CESA 5 to use the Vesper facility.
2. Updates and reports on invoices for the purchase of student laptop computers and a combi-oven for the Lincoln High School foodservice program.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2021.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action on employee appointments, retirements, and resignations.
2. Updates and reports on the status of the District substitute fill rate and clarification around Employee Handbook post-employment insurance benefit language.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2021 and special closed session Committee meeting minutes of January 18, 2021.

VIII Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

IX Legislative Agenda

X Bills

- A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XI Unfinished/Old Business

- A. Update and discussion on April 6, 2021 referendum details.

XII New Business

- A. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.
- B. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution authorizing the transfer of Funds, the establishment of an Escrow Account with respect to and the defeasance of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, dated June 29, 2015. (Attachment A)
- C. Discussion and possible action on the secondary level A/B cohort schedule at Lincoln High School and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School.

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of February 8, 2021:

1. February 8, 2021 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. February 8, 2021 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. February 17, 2021 (Wed) – Referendum Information/Q&A Session in Performing Arts Center – 6:00 p.m.
4. February 24, 2021 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
5. March 1, 2021 (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 2, 2021 (Tue) – Referendum Information/Q&A Session in WR Area Middle School Auditorium – 6:00 p.m.
7. March 3, 2021 (Wed) – LHS Wall of Fame Meeting – 3:00 p.m.
8. March 8, 2021 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
9. March 16, 2021 (Tue) – Referendum Information/Q&A Session in Performing Arts Center – 6:00 p.m.
10. March 29, 2021 – April 2, 2021 – Spring Break Week (*Central Office Closed*)

XIV Adjourn

Resolution No. 20210208

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS,
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ESCROW ACCOUNT WITH RESPECT
TO AND THE DEFEASANCE OF THE
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015,
DATED JUNE 29, 2015

WHEREAS, the School District of Wisconsin Rapids, Wood and Portage Counties, Wisconsin (the "District") has outstanding its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, dated June 29, 2015 (the "2015 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 the remaining outstanding debt service on the 2015 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 of the 2015 Bonds; and

WHEREAS, since the 2015 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 2015 Bonds and applied to pay the principal of and interest on all of the 2022 and 2023 maturities of the 2015 Bonds (the "Defeased Obligations") on the respective maturity dates.

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, 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. Notice of Defeasance. The School Board hereby directs the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement to provide a notice of the defeasance of said Defeased Obligations at the time 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 notice of defeasance and to execute and deliver all documents required by Bond Counsel with respect to this transaction.

Adopted and recorded February 8, 2021.

John A. Krings
District President

ATTEST:

Larry Davis
District Clerk

(SEAL)