

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

December 9, 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 Special Presentation – Seeking Educational Equity & Diversity – Ho-Chunk School District Collaboration
- VI Student Representative Report
- VII Minutes
 - A. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – October 10, 2024
 - B. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – October 30, 2024
 - C. Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 11, 2024
 - D. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – November 13, 2024
 - E. Special Board of Education Meeting – December 2, 2024
- VIII Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to not move forward with the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program application.
 - 2. Updates and reports on Innovation Mini-Grant recipients for 2024-25, potential school year calendar changes for 2025-26, and finalization of the Early Literacy Remediation Plan.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of December 2, 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 the renewal of an 18-month license for Meraki Wireless Access Points from PDS at a cost of \$55,815.84.
2. Updates and reports on purchases and invoices.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of December 2, 2024.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; the addition of a school counselor position at the secondary level; approval to hire a Speech and Language Assessment Specialist at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for approximately 8 hours per week; and approval of a one-time stipend of \$1,900.00 for the facilitator of the Vaping Prevention and Treatment Initiatives Grant.
2. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of December 2, 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 approve of the appointment of a staff member to fulfill summer school administrator duties, including compensation for the appointment.
- C. Update and possible action to approve of proposed modifications to the 2025-26 school year calendar.
- D. Update and discussion on School and District report card results for 2023-24.
- E. Update and action to approve of the annual school violence event drill reports submitted by each building principal for drills conducted in accordance with Wisconsin State 118.07(4)(cp).
- F. Review and approval of individual reports providing evidence that on-site “School Safety Assessments” were performed at each District building by the Director of Buildings & Grounds in partnership with local law enforcement officials to satisfy the requirements under Wis. Stat. 118.07(4)(b).
- G. Review and approval of the updated District Crisis Plan.
- H. Discussion and possible action to approve of a proposal from Pro Track and Tennis, Inc. to upgrade the Lincoln High School tennis courts at a cost of \$150,520.00.
- I. Discussion and possible action to approve of a proposal from Robinson Brothers to complete asbestos, hazardous materials, and lead paint material abatement and disposal from the Immanuel Lutheran Church building in preparation of demolition work to be completed, and approval of a proposal for demolition of the building.

XIII Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of December 9, 2024:

1. December 9, 2024 (Mon) – Conduct First Round Interviews for Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board Secretary Position – 1:00 p.m.
2. December 9, 2024 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
3. December 9, 2024 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed Session) – Immediately Following Regular Board of Education Meeting
4. December 16, 2024 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Open/Closed Session) – Conduct Second Round Interviews for Executive Assistant to Superintendent/Board Secretary Position – 6:30 p.m.
5. December 19, 2024 (Thur) – Friend of Education Community Concert
6. December 20, 2024 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – Airing Around 4:30 p.m.
7. December 23, 2024 – January 1, 2025 – Winter Break / Central Office Closed
8. January 6, 2025 (Mon) – Board Committee Meetings
 - Educational Services – 6:00 p.m.
 - Business Services and Personnel Services – Immediately following the Special Board of Education Neola Policy Review Meeting
9. January 6, 2025 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Neola Policy Review) – Immediately Following Educational Services Committee Meeting, but not before 6:15 p.m.
10. January 7, 2025 – Deadline to File to Appear on Spring Election Ballot
11. January 13, 2025 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
12. January 21-24, 2025 – Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) State Education Convention
13. January 24, 2025 (Fri) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – Airing Around 4:30 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 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 411.24](#) for additional information.

WRPS Title IX Coordinators (located at 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494)

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