

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 14, 2025

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 Christine Wefel at christine.wefel@wrps.net (emails must be received by noon on the day of the meeting) – call Chris 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 Julie Timm
- VI Student Representative Report
- VII Minutes
 - A. Regular Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – March 5, 2025
 - B. Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 10, 2025
 - C. Special Board of Education Meeting (Neola Policies) – March 10, 2025
 - D. Special Board of Education Meeting (Neola Policies) – April 7, 2025
 - E. Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – April 7, 2025
- IX Committee Reports
 - A. Educational Services Committee
 - 1. Action to approve the of Start College Now applications; 2025-2026 Professional Development plan; Professional Development Day Calendar for 2025-2026; and renewal of 7 Mindsets in the amount of \$39,000 for 2025-2026.
 - 2. Updates and reports on Educator Effectiveness Grant; upcoming student travel; Middle School FBLA Honors awards; WRAMS Academic and Behavioral Initiative.
 - 3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of April 7, 2025.

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 of the 2026-26 Trade House Application Selection; Gaggle Renewal; BenQPurchase – WRAMS and Elementary.
2. Updates and reports on invoices, bid specs, and purchase orders; donations update.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of April 7, 2025.

C. Personnel Services Committee

1. Action to approve employee appointments, resignations, and retirements; Professional Staff Base Wage Increase; Co-Curricular Base Wage Increase; Grove Elementary School Students with Disabilities Increase.
2. Updates and reports on a proposed plan for changes to the hourly wage scale.
3. Action to approve regular Committee meeting minutes of April 7, 2025.

X Lincoln High School update on Vaping and Student Searches

XI Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

XII Legislative Agenda

XIII Bills

A. Action on Receipts and Disbursements

XIV New Business

- A. Possible action on employee appointments, resignations, and retirement requests.
- B. 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)

XV Calendar

The calendar reflects meetings and events that are scheduled as of April 14, 2025:

1. April 14, 2025 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
2. April 14, 2025 (Mon) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – Immediately Following the Regular Board of Education Meeting
3. April 15, 2025 (Tues) – Special Board of Education Meeting (Closed Session) – 5:00 p.m.
4. April 23, 2025 (Wed) – Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Meeting – 8:00 a.m.
5. April 25, 2025 (Mon) – WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – Airs Around 4:30 p.m.
6. April 28, 2025 (Mon) – Board Organizational Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
7. May 5, 2025 (Mon) – Board Committee Meetings
Educational Services – 6:00 p.m.
Business Services and Personnel Services – Immediately following Special Board Meeting
8. May 5, 2025 (Mon) – Special Board Meeting (Neola Policies) – Immediately following Educational Services Committee Meetings
9. May 12, 2025 (Mon) – Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
10. May 22, 2025 (Thur) – Project Search Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
11. May 23, 2025 (Fri) - WRPS Education Update on WFHR Radio Show – Airs Around 4:30 p.m.
12. May 30, 2025 (Fri) – River Cities High School Graduation – 6:00 p.m.
13. June 1, 2025 (Sun) – Lincoln High School Graduation – 1:00 p.m.

XVI 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)

Brian Oswald, Director of HR Steve Hepp, Director of Pupil Services

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Resolution No. 20250414-1

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 \$345,000 of the 2031 maturity, \$1,200,000 of the 2032 maturity, \$1,240,000 of the 2033 maturity and \$1,125,000 of the 2034 maturity of the 2021 Bonds (the "Defeased Obligations") on the April 1, 2028 early redemption date.

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 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 said Defeased Obligations and a notice with respect to the redemption of the Defeased Obligations 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 14, 2025.

John A. Krings
District President

ATTEST:

Julie Timm
District Clerk

(SEAL)