



AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education  
**Educational Services Committee**

510 Peach Street · Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 · (715) 424-6701

Anne Lee, Chairperson  
John Benbow, Jr.  
Katie Bielski-Medina  
Larry Davis  
Sandra Hett  
Mary Rayome  
John Krings, President

December 4, 2017

LOCATION: Board of Education, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
Conference Room A/B

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee and Personnel Services  
Committee meetings, but not before 6:15 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Actionable Items
  - A. Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses – First Reading
  - Policy 163 – Opportunities for Development – First Reading
  - Policy 162 – New Board Member Orientation - First Reading
- IV. Updates
  - A. Title IV, Part A
  - B. Homeless Education Services
  - C. Trimester Schedule: Lincoln High School
  - D. 2016-17 School and District Report Cards
- IV. Consent Agenda Items
- V. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

The Wisconsin open meetings law requires that 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.

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School Board members may attend the above Committee meeting(s) for information gathering purposes. If a quorum of Board members should appear at any of the Committee meetings, a regular School Board meeting may take place for purposes of gathering information on an item listed on one of the Committee agendas. If such a meeting should occur, the date, time, and location of the Board meeting will be that of the particular Committee as listed on the Committee agenda.



BACKGROUND

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  - A. Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses – First Reading

At its November 2017 meeting, the Educational Services Committee was updated by Superintendent Broeren on changes concerning Board compensation in relation to the passage of Wisconsin Act 9 in June, 2017. After gathering feedback from the Committee, Mr. Broeren incorporated potential revisions to Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses, Policy 163 – Opportunities for Development, and Policy 162 – New Board Member Orientation for the Committee’s consideration for first reading. Mr. Broeren will explain the recommended changes at the December meeting.

The administration recommends approval of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses as set out in Attachment A for First Reading.

The administration recommends approval of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 163 – Opportunities for Development as set out in Attachment B for First Reading.

The administration recommends approval of the proposed revisions to Board Policy 162 – New Board Member Orientation as set out in Attachment C for First Reading.

#### IV. Updates

##### A. Title IV, Part A

Title IV, Part A is a newly enacted grant within the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) that provides funding to support three areas which include:

- Access to a well-rounded education
- Improving school conditions for learning to ensure safe and healthy students
- Improving the use of technology to improve academic achievement and digital literacy

Funding for Title IV is based on the Title I Funding formula. Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) received a total allocation of \$11,325.00. Parochial schools will receive \$1288.38 of this total.

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, will be present to update the Committee on Title IV, Part A, and how the funds from this grant will be utilized.

##### B. Homeless Education Services

Heather Lizitsa, Homeless Coordinator, will be present to update the Committee on the impact of homelessness on students in WRPS, statutory requirements that districts must follow on this topic, and the services that WRPS provides.

##### C. Trimester Schedule at Lincoln High School

Ron Rasmussen, Principal at Lincoln High School will be present to update the Committee on the trimester schedule at Lincoln High School. He will address questions on how multiple trimester classes are scheduled. He will also share results from a survey taken by staff in 2016-17 about the trimester schedule.

##### D. 2016-17 School and District Report Cards

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz will update the committee on the WRPS school and district report card results from 2016-17. Attachment D sets out the District's report card. Attachment E sets out a summary of report card results for all WRPS schools.

#### V. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

#### VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by the Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- Class Size Limits (January)
- Strategic Plan (February)

164 BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

To help remunerate Board members for travel and expenses in attending meetings, his/her attendance at Board and Committee meetings and for participation in professional development opportunities and other Board related service, Board members shall be paid a \$60.00 per day meeting stipend for all regular, special, and authorized committee meetings and authorized school related meetings an annual salary of \$2,700.00 which will be paid on a monthly incremental basis through direct deposit on the second payroll run each month. The pay period for Board members begins each January 1.

Board members shall be reimbursed for all necessary and legal expenses incurred in attending any meetings or in making any trips on official business for the School District when so authorized by the Board.

Board members are eligible to participate in the Flexible Spending Account program under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code as offered by the School District of Wisconsin Rapids.

Actual and necessary expenses of a Board member (conference fees, lodging, parking, and/or mileage) shall be reimbursed when incurred in the performance of his/her duties. Reimbursement shall be in accordance with expense reimbursement rates and procedures for District staff members.

Board members may decline their compensation by sending written notification to the District Clerk and Treasurer prior to December 1, that the Board member wishes to refuse his/her salary from January 1 through December 31 in the subsequent year, including any portion of such taxable year that is covered by any additional term of office to which a Board member may be elected or appointed.

Newly elected Board members shall notify the Clerk and Treasurer of their refusal of salary no later than the day on which the Board member takes the official oath of office and before he/she performs any services in his/her capacity as a Board member.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.10(3) & (4) Wisconsin Statutes  
120.13(16) &(32)  
120.43(3)  
120.44  
120.45  
2017 Wisconsin Act 9

APPROVED: July, 1978

REVISED: July, 1979                      September, 1985                      December 11, 2000  
December, 1981                      June 11, 1990                      TBD  
February, 1983                      September 11, 2000

## 163 OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education believes that in-service training for its members is vital in order for the Board to govern the District in an informed manner. The continuing development of Board members with regard to the role, responsibility and knowledge required to function effectively is an important component of the Board’s overall activity.

Board member orientation and professional development is important for the personal growth of Board members and the effective operation of the District. The need to keep informed of emerging issues, to acquire skills in critical thinking, decision making and boardmanship are crucial to being an effective Board member. Development activities demonstrate commitment to education and the responsibility to effective boardmanship.

Board membership development should be a continuous process. Themes to be addressed in that development include:

1. Vision (setting direction, identifying goals, and developing plans).
2. Structure (establishing a structure and creating an environment for a sound organization).
3. Accountability (continuous assessment of all conditions affecting education).
4. Advocacy (being the key advocate on behalf of students and their schools in the community).

Board member attendance at state conferences, workshops, seminars, and national conventions ~~are expected~~ ***is encouraged*** for continued development. Board members should especially attend those conferences that relate to their particular committee assignments. Members who attend these various programs shall share information, materials, and recommendations that result from the session by reporting on the program to the entire Board ***as appropriate***. ~~Board members attendance at such activities is subject to Board approval.~~

LEGAL REF.:           Sections        120.10(4) Wisconsin Statutes  
   120.13(16) & (32)  
   120.44

CROSS REF.:           162, New Board Member Orientation  
   164, Board Member Compensation and Expenses

Policy Adopted:       October 8, 1979

Revised:               December 10, 1984  
                               July 13, 1988  
                               November 11, 1996  
                               December 11, 2000  
                               **TBD**

## 162 NEW BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

The magnitude of School Board membership calls for knowledge of and orientation to many areas of information and understandings. Under the guidance of experienced Board members and the Superintendent, orientation will be provided to new Board members through activities such as these:

1. Workshop for new Board members conducted by state and area School Board Associations.
2. Discussions and visits with the Superintendent and other members of the school staff which will be scheduled by the Superintendent.
3. Provision of ~~printed and audio-visual~~ materials and resources pertaining to ~~on~~ Board and administrative policies and procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Sections 120.13(16) Wisconsin Statutes  
120.13(32)  
120.44

CROSS REF.: 163, ~~Board Member Development Opportunities~~ For Development

APPROVED: November 11, 1974

REVISED November 11, 1996  
December 11, 2000  
TBD