



## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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March 10, 2025

### SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING Board Review/Approval of Neola Policies

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

TIME: Immediately Following the Regular Board of Education Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Troy Bier, Christopher Inda, John Krings, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz,  
Elizabeth St.Myers, Julie Timm

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Ed Allison, Roxanne Filtz, Aaron Nelson, Ronald Rasmussen

President John Krings called the meeting to order at 6:54 p.m.

Roll Call

Mr. Krings stated the reason for the meeting is to review and approve of Neola policy drafts.

Superintendent Ronald Rasmussen reviewed each individual Neola policy contained in the 2000 and 8000 Series:

2105	2120	2131	2132	2210	2220	2221	2230	2240	2250
2260	2260.01	2260.02	2261	2261.01	2261.02	2261.03	2262	2266	2270
2271	2271.01	2312	2330	2340	2370	2411	2412	2413	2414
2416	2420	2421	2421.01	2430	2430.01	2431	2440	2451	2460
2460.03	2461	2464	2510	2521	2522	2531	2605	2623	2700.01
8120	8121	8141	8145	8146	8210	8220	8305	8309	8310
8315	8320	8320.01	8325	8330	8330.01	8350	8390	8395	8405
8407	8410	8420	8431	8431.01	8442	8450	8451	8452	8453
8453.01	8462	8462.01	8463	8500	8510	8531	8540	8550	8600
8601	8605	8610	8660	8680	8700	8710	8740	8770	8800
8802	8900	8913							

The following policies included additional discussion as noted:

2105 – Mission of the District – This policy incorporates the WRPS Vision, Mission, and Belief Statements. A question was raised regarding the Board of Education's approval of the Vision Statement. Superintendent Rasmussen clarified that it was approved as part of the Strategic Framework developed by the Administration.

2131 – Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations – “An understanding of human relations” was removed from the State Statue and subsequently deleted from the policy under Citizenship, letter H.

2210 – Curriculum Development – “Provide for multi-cultural education by including courses” was removed from the State Statue and subsequently deleted from the policy under Curriculum Development, letter Q.

2260 – Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity – Brian Oswald, Steven Hepp, and Roxanne Filtz are listed as the District's Compliance Officers.

2260.01 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability – Steven Hepp and Elizabeth VanBerkel are both listed as the District's Section 504 Compliance Officers/ADA Coordinators.

2261 – Title I Services – Title I services on site to private religious schools was added.

2262 – Child Care Programs – It was determined to retain this policy in case child care is added in the future. Currently, wrap around care is provided through the Boys and Girls Club.

2264 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities – The policy is rescinded as it is the old Title IX guidelines.

2266 – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities – This new Title IX policy replaces the existing current Board Policy 411.1.

2312 – Class Size – Mr. Rasmussen explained this is the District’s current class size policy. Ms. Roxanne Filtz noted that the last update to class size was in 2015.

2430 – District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities – A change to this policy may be made upon adoption, as the Code of Conduct will differ between Lincoln High School (LHS) and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS). This is because WRAMS is community-based, while LHS follows Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) guidelines.

2522 – Library Media Centers and Libraries – A question was raised for clarification regarding the removal/review of library materials. Mr. Rasmussen confirmed the requests to review materials will first be directed to him and then reviewed by the review committee established in policy.

8450 – Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases – Mr. Rasmussen clarified that in the event of positive cases of communicable diseases, we will conduct contact tracing and notify families of students with who may have had exposure. We will follow the communication guidelines provided by the Wood County Health Department in all situations.

8500 – Food Services – This policy clarifies the handling of staff and student carryover funds who are no longer in the District.

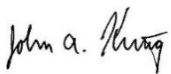
8600 – Transportation – The District is recommending a two-mile radius or hazardous areas for transportation, in accordance with State law limitations. The change will impact approximately 12-13 students per bus. The District will accommodate students living less than two miles if space is available on the route. Mr. Rasmussen stated that this change will reduce the need for one bus route. Mr. Aaron Nelson noted an increase in discipline issues due to the current rise in numbers of students riding. Changes in bus transportation will be communicated to parents in the near future. A suggestion was made to modify line four by removing the period after “attendance,” adding the word “and,” and changing “Students” to lowercase. The change will be implemented, and updated copies will be distributed.

The title change for Roxanne Filtz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Development of Teaching and Learning Director, was recommended by the Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) committee and will be updated in the policies.

Remaining policies were reviewed. Current language has been weaved into the Neola policies to capture the District’s local procedures and intent.

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier to approve of the Neola Policy Series 2000 - Program and 8000 - Operations, and held in draft form until all Neola policies are simultaneously adopted on a future date yet to be determined; at that point in time, any Board Policies currently in effect will be rescinded. Motion carried unanimously.**

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Christine Wefel – Secretary

Julie Timm – Clerk