

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education  
**Operations and Strategic Planning Committee**

**Monday, January 8, 2024**

**Minutes**

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2024, in the Professional Development Center – Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhinelander, WI.

David Holperin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: Mike Roberts (arrived 5:01 p.m.), David Holperin,  
and Ronald Lueneburg

Committee Members Absent: None

Others present at this meeting were: Superintendent, Eric Burke; School Board President, Ron Counter; Director of Learning Support, Richard Gretzinger; Director of Business Services, Robert Thom; Director of Human Resources, Michele Cornelius; Director of Instruction, Ryan Ourada; Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Shelley Anderson, Eileen Persike of the Northwoods Star Journal, and Heather Schaefer of the Northwoods River News. Four other people were also present.

Comments/Report by the Chairperson

- David Holperin, Committee Chair, stated he had attended the Finance Challenge Bowl and the DECA competitions.

Comments/Report by Superintendent or Administration

- Eric Burke, Superintendent, reminded everyone that the full Board meeting will take place on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Citizens/Delegations

- No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Report, Discussion, and/or Action Topics

December 11, 2023, Committee Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Roberts.  
2023, as printed.

Accept the minutes of December 11,

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the December Budget Status Report

Robert Thom, Director of Business Services, reported the following:

- There have not been any dramatic changes to note.
- The District is tracking items that are trending over budget.

Consider New Policy 7544 – Use of Social Media

**MOTION:** M. Roberts, seconded by D. Holperin.  
reading of Policy 7544 - Use of Social Media.

Recommend Board approve the first

Motion passed with voice vote.

Consider Revised Policies Relating to Bylaw, Professional Staff, Support Staff, Students, and Property

**MOTION:** R. Lueneburg, seconded by D. Holperin. Recommend Board approval of the revisions to the following policies:

- Bylaw 0100 - Definitions
- Policy 3215 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Professional Staff
- Policy 4215 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Support Staff
- Policy 5512 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine by Students
- Policy 7434 - Use of Tobacco and Nicotine on School Premises

**PRIMARY AMENDMENT:** D. Holperin, seconded by M. Roberts. Exclude Bylaw 0100 – Definitions from the recommendation.

Amendment passed with voice vote.

**MOTION WITH AMENDMENT:** Recommend Board approval of the revisions to the following policies:

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Motion passed with voice vote.

Adjourn

**MOTION:** R. Lueneburg, seconded by D. Holperin. Move to adjourn.

Motion passed with a voice vote at 5:17 p.m.