

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education
Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, February 9, 2026

Minutes

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2026, in the Professional Development Center, Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Ave., Rhinelander, WI.

Ronald Lueneburg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mike Roberts (virtual) and Ronald Lueneburg
Committee Members Absent: Merlin Van Buren

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

Committee Chairperson Report

- No report was given.

Superintendent Report

- No report was given.

Citizens/Delegations

- No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Report, Discussion, and/or Action Topics

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MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Roberts.

Accept the minutes of October 13, 2025, as printed.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the January Budget Status Report

Director of Business Services Bob Thom reported that he continues to closely monitor the budget. There have been no updates from the state regarding funding, and the amount of special education aid has not yet been determined.

Consider Revisions to Policies Relating to Bylaws, Administration, Program, Support Staff, Students, Finances, Property, and Relations

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Roberts.

Recommend the board approve the revisions to the following policies:

Bylaw 0100 - Definitions

Bylaw 0142.7 - Orientation
Bylaw 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications, and Code of Conduct
Policy 1210 - Board - District Administration Relationship
Policy 1230.01 - Development of Administrative Guidelines
Policy 2131.01 - Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment
Policy 2261.01 - Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs
Policy 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics
Policy 4120 - Employment of Support Staff
Policy 4140 - Termination/Resignation
Policy 5112 - Entrance Age
Policy 5411 - Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students
Policy 5830 - Student Fundraising
Policy 6320 - Purchasing
Policy 6605 - Crowdfunding
Policy 6610 - Nondistrict - Supported Student Activity Accounts
Policy 7230 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests
Policy 9700 - Relations with Non-School Affiliated Groups
Policy 9700.01 - Advertising and Commercial Activities
Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider Rescinding Policy Relating to Students.

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Roberts.

Recommend that the board approve to rescind the following policy:

Policy 5895 - Student Employment

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider New Policies Relating to Students and Finances

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Roberts.

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of:

Policy 5515 - Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles

Policy 6152.01 - Waiver of School Fees or Fines

Policy 6608 - Accountability and Oversight of Fundraiser and Crowdfunding Disbursements

Policy 7540.08 - Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Policy 9215 - School Support Organizations

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Adjourn

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Roberts

Move to adjourn.

Motion passed with a voice vote at 6:26 p.m.