

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER
Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Superior Diesel Advanced Learning Center – Rhineland High School
665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhineland, Wisconsin
(715) 365-9750 (Superintendent's Office)

This meeting is a public Board meeting for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Declaration of Public Notice

- II. Citizens and Delegations – This is an opportunity for citizens/delegations to speak to the Board of Education (4-minute limit)

- III. Report Topics/Updates
 - a. School Board President's Report – Ron Counter – Observations Regarding Athletic Event Spectators.
 - b. School Board Vice-President's Report – Judy Conlin – No report/comments will be given.
 - c. James Williams Middle School - Spotighting the Positive Impact of Building-Wide Character Strong Implementation - Presenters: Kyle Raleigh, Principal; Ingrid Bodensteiner, Associate Principal; Melissa Hasselberger, Counselor; Ryan Tienhaara, Counselor; Britney Bolkema, School Psychologist.
 - d. John Gillen, DNR Forester – Information Regarding the Upcoming Timber Sale.
 - e. Rhineland High School Student Council – Dylan Shefvland – Update on Student Council State Conference and Prom.
 - f. Referendum Construction Project Update on Budget Status and Funding – Bob Thom.
 - g. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Instruction and Accountability Committee – Chair Judy Conlin – The Committee recommended agenda items d and e to the Full Board.

- ii. Operations and Strategic Planning Committee – Mike Roberts – The Committee recommended agenda items g, h, i, j, and k to the Full Board.
- iii. Employee Relations Committee – Duane Frey – Meeting was held with the focus on health insurance. No recommendations were made to the Board.
- iv. Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee – Mike Roberts – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
- v. CESA 9 Representative Report – Merlin Van Buren – No report will be given.

IV. Discussion, Report/Update, and/or Action Topics

- a. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the February 16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Consider the Approval of the February 2026 Payment of Claims in the Amount of \$1,145,373.91 and the February 2026 Payment of Contracted Services in the Amount of \$542,349.43
- c. Consider Acceptance of Various Gifts/Donations Contributed to the District.
- d. Discussion and/or Action on the 2026-2027 New Rhinelander High School Courses.
- e. Discussion and/or Action on Rhinelander High School Start College Now Requests for the 2026 Fall Semester.
- f. Discussion and/or Action on Second Reading of Policies Relating to Students, Finances, and Relations.
 - 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
- g. Discussion and/or Action on Revisions to Policies Relating to Administration, Students, and Property.
 - Policy 1240 – Evaluation of the District Administrator
 - Policy 5111.01 – Homeless Students
 - Policy 5136 – Personal Communication Devices
 - Policy 5505 – Academic Honesty
 - Policy 7540.02 – Digital Content and Accessibility
- h. Discussion and/or Action on Rescinding Policy Relating to Relations.
 - Policy 9211 – District-Support Organizations
- i. Discussion and/or Action 2026-2027 Chromebook Replacements.

- j. Discussion and/or Action on Refinishing and Replacement Needs for Outdoor Track, Indoor Track, and Indoor Tennis Courts.
 - k. Discussion and/or Action on CESA 9 Contract for the 2026-2027 School Year.
 - l. Discussion and/or Action on Tentative Offers for Employment.
- V. Superintendent's Report – School Year Updates and Celebrations.
- VI. Return to Open Session to Take Possible Action on Items Considered in Closed Session.
- VII. Adjourn.

This Board of Education meeting is held to conduct the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. As indicated on the agenda, there is a time for citizens'/delegations' participation during the meeting.

Upon request to the Superintendent, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a disabled person to attend this meeting, including providing informational material in an alternative format.

The Notice/Posting of this meeting was emailed to all school district staff and Media sources and sent electronically to the Board of Education. It is also posted on the School District of Rhinelander Website at www.rhineland.k12.wi.us/board/boardagendas.cfm

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting was sent to the following locations for public posting:

- Central Elementary School
- Crescent Elementary School
- Pelican Elementary School
- James Williams Middle School (JWMS)
- Northwoods Community Elementary School (NCES)
- Rhineland High School (RHS)
- School District of Rhinelander Administration Center
- School District of Rhinelander Website: www.rhineland.k12.wi.us
- Rhineland District Library

Notice of the meeting was also sent via U.S. Mail, Facsimile, Email, or School District Website to the following media:

- Northwoods River News
- Northwoods Star Journal
- Coyote 93.7 WCYE
- NRG Media
- Radio Station WJJQ
- Radio Station WRJO

WJFW-TV Channel 12
WAOW-TV Channel 9
WSAW-TV Channel 7

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MISSION OF THE BOARD

We will provide leadership, stewardship, communication, and support for our community while focusing on the district's vision of learning for our students

AS A BOARD, WE WILL

- Listen
- Respect
- Communicate
- Trust
- Inquire
- Accept
- Consider
- Collaborate
- Be Open
- Achieve
- Model
- Be Honest

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP WILL

- Be Open
- Advocate
- Include
- Communicate
- Care
- Invest
- Inform
- Lead
- Respect
- Be Clear
- Be Honest
- Trust