

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education
Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, May 12, 2025

Minutes

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Professional Development Center, Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Ave., Rhinelander, WI.

Merlin Van Buren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

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

Comments/Report by the Chairperson

- Merlin Van Buren had no report.

Comments/Report by Superintendent or Administration

- Eric Burke, Superintendent, had no report.

Citizens/Delegations

- No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Report, Discussion, and/or Action Topics

April 7, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION: R. Counter, seconded by M. Van Buren.

Accept the minutes of April 7, 2025, as printed.

Ronald Lueneburg abstained.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the April Budget Status Report

Director of Business Services Robert Thom reported that the District budget remains on track with no irregularities. He anticipates the fiscal year will conclude slightly under budget. He also noted that approximately 40% of the annual budget is typically expended during the final two months of the fiscal year, ending June 30.

Consider the 2025-2026 Open Enrollment Applications for Student Enrollment Into and Out of the District

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Van Buren.

Recommend Board approve the 'Full-Time Public School Open Enrollment' applications for students requesting enrollment into and out of the School District of Rhinelander for the 2025-26 school year and authorize Superintendent Burke to deny any applications as he finds appropriate after review of non-resident student records.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider Vehicle Replacement via Loan from the Bureau of Commissioners of Public Lands

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Van Buren.

Recommend Board approve the resolution #2025-01 as provided by the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider 2025-2026 Chromebook Replacement Purchase, Including Licenses

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Van Buren.

Recommend Board approve the purchase of 375 Chromebooks and 200 Touch Chromebooks with licenses from BDJ Tech at a cost of \$170,125.00.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider 2025-2026 District Staff Laptop and Docking Station Replacement Purchases

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Van Buren.

Recommend approval of the proposal from Heartland Business Services for the purchase of 85 HP ProBook 460 laptops and 30 docking stations for a total cost of \$79,684.50, with funding to come from the technology budget.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Adjourn

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Van Buren.

Move to adjourn.

Motion passed with a voice vote at 5:44 p.m.