

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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

This meeting is a meeting of the Board in public 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 – No report/comments will be given.
 - b. School Board Vice-President's Report – Judy Conlin – No report/comments will be given.
 - c. Referendum Construction Project Update on Budget Status and Funding – Bob Thom.
 - d. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Instruction and Accountability Committee – Judy Conlin – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
 - ii. Operations and Strategic Planning Committee – Mike Roberts – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
 - iii. Employee Relations Committee – Duane Frey – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
 - 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 – Update on upcoming CESA 9 events, including the end-of-year dinner in June, no scheduled meeting in July, and the August organizational meeting. Additionally, our seat on the Board will be up for election.

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

- a. Discussion and/or Action on the District's Health Insurance Renewal for the 2026-2027 School Year. Information will be presented by Ken Zastrow, Senior Employee Benefits Consultant with USI Insurance Services.
- b. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the April 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
- c. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the May 11, 2026, Special Meeting/School Board Organizational Meeting.
- d. Consider the Approval of the April 2026 Payment of Claims in the Amount of \$1,171,818.84 and the April 2026 Payment of Contracted Services in the Amount of \$556,325.55.
- e. Review of the April Budget Status Reports.
- f. Consider Acceptance of Various Gifts/Donations Contributed to the District.
- g. Discussion and/or Action on the 2026-2027 Open Enrollment Applications for Student Enrollment Into and Out of the District.
- h. Discussion and/or Action on Appointment of the 2026 CESA #9 Annual Convention Representative.
- i. Discussion and/or Action on the 2026-2027 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Membership Renewal for Rhinelander High School.
- j. Discussion and/or Action on Appointment of Administrator for Board Treasurer.
- k. Discussion and/or Action on 2026-2027 Breakfast and Lunch Prices.

V. Superintendent's Report – School Year Updates and Celebrations.

VI. Enter Closed Session

Enter closed session pursuant to

- a. Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c), to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The Board will convene in closed session to discuss staff hiring and resignations.

VII. Return to Open Session to Take Possible Action on Items Considered in Closed Session.

VIII. 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.rhinelanderschool.org/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)
- Rhinelanders High School (RHS)
- School District of Rhinelander Administration Center
- School District of Rhinelander Website: www.rhinelanderschool.org
- Rhinelanders 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