

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education
Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, June 8, 2026

Minutes

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026, in the Superior Diesel Advanced Learning Center, Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Ave., Rhinelander, WI.

Ronald Lueneburg 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 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. Six other people were 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

April 13, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Accept the minutes of April 13, 2026, as printed.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the May Budget Status Report

Director of Business Services Bob Thom reported that he continues to closely monitor the budget and the District is tracking to have a balanced budget.

The state approved the Special Education Aid at 38%. This is the same percentage that the District budgeted for.

Health insurance continues to be closely monitored. One point to note is that the insurance runs from September to August and our fiscal year is from July to June.

Consider the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget

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

Recommend the board approve the Preliminary Budget for 2026-2027 school year as presented.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Adjourn

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

Move to adjourn.

Motion passed with a voice vote at 5:58 p.m.