

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education
Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, June 16, 2025

Minutes

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025, in the Superior Diesel Advanced Learning 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; Heather Schaefer of the Northwoods Star Journal, and Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Shelley Anderson. Five other people were present.

Superintendent District Update

- Eric Burke, Superintendent, had no report.

Citizens/Delegations

- No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Report, Discussion, and/or Action Topics

May 12, Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Accept the minutes of May 12, 2025, as printed.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the May Budget Status Report

Superintendent Eric Burke shared encouraging news that the budget is moving in a positive direction. The District's projected budget deficit has improved from \$3 million to \$2.7 million.

Consider the Increase in the Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2025-2026 School Year

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

Recommend the Board approve the increase of breakfast and lunch meals by \$0.10 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider the Purchase of a Wheelchair Accessible Van

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

Recommend the Board approve the purchasing of a wheelchair accessible van from Rollx Vans of Minnesota for \$65,295.00 to be paid from the Fund 38 loan with possible reimbursement from special education grants.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider 2024-2025 Budget Revisions

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

Recommend the Board approve the budget revisions as presented for the 2024-2025 school year as of May 28, 2025.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

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

Recommend the Board approve the Preliminary Budget for the 2025-2026 school year as presented.

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 5:40 p.m.