

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER
Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

Monday, June 16, 2025

6:00 p.m.

**But it May Start Later if the
Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Meeting Runs Over**

**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 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 - Congratulatory message to honor the Class of 2025 and thank staff for their support and dedication throughout the year
 - b. School Board Vice-President's Report – Judy Conlin - Acknowledge and commend the senior speaker's message, and briefly highlight how it reflects and supports the district's mission and values
 - c. Referendum Construction Project Update on Budget Status and Funding – Eric Burke
 - d. Update on Project Search for the 2024-2025 School Year – Rod Olson
 - e. Introduction of New Food Service Director Drew Stamper – Pat Karaba Taher Food Service
 - f. School Nutrition Standards Compliance Report – Pat Karaba
 - g. Acknowledgment of Final Payment from the Hodag Schools Foundation Toward the Hodag Dome Project – Eric Burke
 - h. Committee Chair Reports

- i. Instruction and Accountability Committee – Chair Judy Conlin - recommended agenda items d and e to the Full Board for approval. Summarization of AGR (Achievement Gap Report) from the meeting
- ii. Operations and Strategic Planning Committee – Merlin Van Buren - the Board will only consider agenda items f, g, h, and I if they are referred by the committee that meets before this Full Board meeting
- iii. Employee Relations Committee – did not meet in June
- iv. Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee – did not meet in June
- v. CESA 9 Representative Report – no report

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

- a. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the May 19, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Consider the Approval of the May 2025 Payment of Claims in the Amount of \$1,404,512.09 and the May 2025 Payment of Contracted Services in the amount of \$814,331.01.
- c. Consider Acceptance of Various Gifts/Donations Contributed to the District.
- d. Discussion and/or Action on Rhinelander High School Students Travel and Fundraising Request to Ecuador/Galapagos 2028 (Science & Spanish Classes) Spring Break 2028. – Mr. Dornfeld.
- e. Discussion and/or Action on Rhinelander High School Students Travel and Fundraising Request to Germany Spring Break 2027. – Mr. Dornfeld.
- f. Discussion and/or Action on Increase in the Breakfast and Lunch Prices for the 2025-2026 School Year (This topic will be considered if the Operations and Strategic Planning Committee has made a recommendation).
- g. Discussion and/or Action on Purchase of a Wheelchair Accessible Van (This topic will be considered if the Operations and Strategic Planning Committee has made a recommendation).
- h. Discussion and/or Action on 2024-2025 Budget Revisions (This topic will be considered if the Operations and Strategic Planning Committee has made a recommendation).
- i. Discussion and/or Action on the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget (This topic will be considered if the Operations and Strategic Planning Committee has made a recommendation).
- j. Discussion and/or Action on Moving the Full Board Meeting Date from March 16, 2026, to March 23, 2026.

V. Superintendent's Report – Staff and Student Recognitions and Accomplishments, Recent and Upcoming Events/Activities in the Schools; and District Information.

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.
- b. Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (f) to consider financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

More specifically, to address matters related to staff contracts, including the hiring of staff, staff layoffs, and/or resignations, and retirements, as well as to review an agreement concerning a specific individual and/or contracted service and/or to consider the histories and/or disciplinary data of specific individuals.

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 hand-delivered or sent via U.S. Mail to the Board of Education. It is also posted on the School District of Rhinelander Website at www.rhinelanderschools.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)
Rhinelander High School (RHS)
School District of Rhinelander Administration Center

School District of Rhinelanders Website: www.rhinelanders.k12.wi.us
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