

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Superior Diesel Advanced Learning Center – Rhinelanders High School

665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhinelanders, 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. Annual Review of ACP (Academic and Career Planning)/E4E Program – Lexi Allen.
- e. Presentation from Instructional Coaches – Lauren Beversdorf, Meghan Retallick and Jenny Prom.
- f. Summer School Report – Alex Bontz, Kyle Raleigh and Matt Knott.
- g. 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 – The Committee recommended agenda item d.

- iii. Employee Relations Committee – Duane Frey – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
- iv. Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
- v. CESA 9 Representative Report – Merlin Van Buren – Results from the Annual CESA Convention.

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

- a. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the July 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Consider the Approval of the July 2026 Payment of Claims in the Amount of \$837,418.43 and the July 2026 Payment of Contracted Services in the Amount of \$630,874.70
- c. Consider Acceptance of Various Gifts/Donations Contributed to the District.
- d. Discussion and/or Action on Revisions to Bylaw and Policies Relating to Administration, Professional Staff, Support Staff, Property, and Operations.
 - Bylaw 0144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications, And Code of Conduct
 - Policy 1213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
 - Policy 3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
 - Policy 4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
 - Policy 7530.02 - Staff And School Officials' Use of Personal Communication Devices
 - Policy 7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use And Safety
 - Policy 7544 - Use of Social Media
 - Policy 8120 - Volunteers
 - Policy 8462 - Student Abuse and Neglect
- e. Discussion and/or Action on Additional Units of Life Insurance.
- f. Discussion and/or Action on Nominating Ron Counter for WASB Board of Directors for Interim and Director Positions.

V. Superintendent's Report – School 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 resignation.

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 accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

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.rhinelanderk12.wi.us/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)
- Rhineland High School (RHS)
- School District of Rhinelander Administration Center
- School District of Rhinelander Website: www.rhinelanderk12.wi.us
- Rhineland 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