

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education
Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, October 13, 2025

Minutes

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 13, 2025, in the Professional Development Center, Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Ave., Rhinelander, WI.

Mike Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mike Roberts, Merlin Van Buren, and Ronald Lueneburg
Committee Members Absent: None

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; and Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Shelley Anderson. Four other people were present.

Committee Chairperson Report

- No report was given.

Citizens/Delegations

- No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Report, Discussion, and/or Action Topics

September 8, 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes

MOTION: R. Lueneburg, seconded by M. Van Buren.
Accept the minutes of September 8, 2025, as printed.
Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the September Budget Status Report

Director of Business Services Bob Thom reported that the 2025-2026 budget has been entered into the system. He noted that the budget is balanced but remains very tight. Federal grant funds have not yet been received, and year-to-date expenditures are consistent with the prior year.

Consider New Policies Relating to Professional and Support Staff

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

Recommend the Board approve the first reading of:

Policy 3419.01 - Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans and Related Benefits

Policy 4419.01 - Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans and Related Benefits

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider Rescinding Policies Relating to Programs

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

Recommend the Board rescind the following policies:

Policy 2700.02 - District and School Requirements for Title I Schools Identified for Improvement (SIFI)

Policy 2700.03 - District and School Requirements for Title I Districts Identified for Improvement (DIFI)

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 5:06 p.m.