

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RHINELANDER

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

Monday, November 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

**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 – No report/comments will be given.
 - b. School Board Vice-President's Report – Judy Conlin – No report/comments will be given.
 - c. Rhinelander Education Association Representative - Shari Wendland - Brief update on current district activities and progress.
 - d. Crescent Elementary School – CARES Cadets Program Presentation – Principal Alex Bontz, Dean of Students Jeff Welk, and Crescent Elementary students.
 - e. Rhinelander High School Student Council – Lorelai Aylesworth – Angel Tree Preview and the November Leadership Conference.
 - f. Referendum Construction Project Update on Budget Status and Funding – Bob Thom.
 - g. Local Report Card Update – Eric Burke, Ryan Ourada, Bob Thom, Michele Cornelius and Richard Gretzinger.
 - h. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Instruction and Accountability Committee – Chair Judy Conlin – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.

- ii. Operations and Strategic Planning Committee – Mike Roberts – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
- iii. Employee Relations Committee – Duane Frey – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
- iv. Capital Projects Ad Hoc Committee – Mike Roberts – No report will be given as the committee did not meet.
- v. CESA 9 Representative Report – Merlin Van Buren – No report will be given.

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

- a. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the October 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting.
- b. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the October 27, 2025, Annual Meeting of the Electors.
- c. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the October 27, 2025, Special Meeting – Budget and Tax Levy.
- d. Consider the Approval of the October 2025 Payment of Claims in the Amount of \$4,418,758.71 and the October 2025 Payment of Contracted Services in the Amount of \$885,914.49.
- e. Review of Review of the October Budget Status Reports
- f. Consider Acceptance of Various Gifts/Donations Contributed to the District.
- g. Discussion and/or Action on Second Readings of New Proposed Policies Relating to Professional and Support Staff.

V. Superintendent's Report – School Year 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.

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 sent electronically to the Board of Education. It is also posted on the School District of Rhinelanders Website at www.rhinelanders.k12.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)
Rhinelanders High School (RHS)
School District of Rhinelanders 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