

‘School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education

Operations and Strategic Planning Committee

Monday, December 9, 2024

**Minutes**

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 9, 2024, in the Professional Development Center – Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhinelander, WI.

Merlin Van Buren led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Merlin Van Buren and Patricia Townsend

Committee Members Absent: Mike Roberts

Others present at this meeting were Superintendent, Eric Burke; School Board President, Ron Counter; Director of Business Services, Robert Thom; Director of Instruction, Ryan Ourada, and Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Shelley Anderson. One other person was present.

Comments/Report by the Chairperson

- Merlin Van Buren had no report.

Comments/Report by Superintendent or Administration

- Eric Burke, Superintendent, had no report.

Citizens/Delegations

- No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Report, Discussion, and/or Action Topics

October 14, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** M. Van Buren, seconded by P. Townsend.

Accept the minutes of October 14, 2024, as printed.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Review of the November Budget Status Report

Bob Thom, Director of Business Services, shared the following information:

- There were three payroll cycles in November, which has caused payroll expenses to appear higher than usual.
- The Fiscal Year-to-Date percentage is 31.12% for 2024-25, compared to 30.25% for 2023-24.
- Overall the District's financial tracking is on target.

Consider Revised Policies Relating to Professional Staff, Support Staff, Finance, and Property

**MOTION:** M. Van Buren, no second was made.

No action was taken.

Consider Renewal Agreement with Rural Virtual Academy

**MOTION:** M. Van Buren, seconded by P. Townsend.

Recommend Board approve the five-year agreement with the Rural Virtual Academy as presented.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Adjourn

**MOTION:** M. Van Buren, seconded by P. Townsend.

Move to adjourn.

Motion passed with a voice vote at 5:12 p.m.