

School District of Rhinelander
Board of Education
Annual Meeting of the Electors

Monday, October 28, 2024

MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Electors of the School District of Rhinelander was called to order on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Superior Diesel Advanced Learning Center - Rhinelander High School, 665 Coolidge Avenue, Rhinelander, WI.

Pledge of Allegiance

Ronald Counter, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Judy Conlin, Mary Peterson, Mike Roberts, Doug Artus, Duane Frey, Patricia Townsend, Ronald Lueneburg, Merlin Van Buren and Ronald Counter

Board Members Absent: None

Also present at this meeting were Superintendent, Eric Burke; Director of Business Services, Robert Thom; Director of Human Resources, Michele Cornelius; Director of Instruction, Ryan Ourada; Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Shelley Anderson; Eileen Persike of the Northwoods Star Journal, and Heather Schaefer of the Northwoods River News. Two other people were also present.

Election of Chairperson

NOMINATION: Mike Roberts nominated Ronald Counter as Chairperson of the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Electors. Judy Conlin seconded the nomination.

Ronald Counter called three times for further nominations.

No further nominations were made.

Nominations were closed and a vote was taken on the motion for Ronald Counter to act as Chairperson of this meeting.

All qualified electors present voted “aye,” and Ronald Counter was named Chairperson of the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Electors.

Opening Remarks

Superintendent Burke had no introductory statement to share.

Treasurer’s Report

School Board Treasurer Mike Roberts gave the Treasurer’s Report of the District’s General Fund for the fiscal year, which ended June 30, 2024, reviewing the receipts and expenditures.

MOTION: Ron Lueneburg, seconded by Merlin Van Buren.

Accept the Treasure’s Report as read.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

Presentation of the Budget

Robert Thom, Director of Business Services, gave a presentation on the budget, which included the following topics:

- Revenue Cap History

- Property Taxes and State Aid History
- Tax Levy Comparisons by Municipality and Township for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025
- Budget Adoption 2024-2025
- Fund 73

Those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions.

RESOLUTIONS A-E

RESOLUTION A: RESOLUTION TO LEVY A TAX FOR TRANSPORTATION, SITES, BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATION OF THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND TO RETIRE DEBT AND PAY INTEREST THEREON

MOTION: Ron Lueneburg

BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of Rhinelander tax levy for transportation, sites, buildings, vehicles, maintenance, and operation of the schools during 2024-25 be \$23,284,654.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District of Rhinelander tax levy to retire debt and pay interest thereon be \$1,893,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District of Rhinelander tax levy for community service be \$1,400,000.00.

The motion was seconded by Mike Roberts.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION B: RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES OF BOARD MEMBERS WHO TRAVEL IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES

MOTION: Judy Conlin

BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of Rhinelander is authorized to reimburse the actual and necessary expenses of school board members who travel out of the district in the performance of their duties.

The motion was seconded by Duane Frey.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION C: RESOLUTION TO DIRECT AND PROVIDE FOR PROSECUTION OR DEFENSE OF ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDINGS IN WHICH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS INTERESTED

MOTION: Ron Lueneburg

BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of Rhinelander is authorized to provide for prosecution or defense of any legal action or proceedings in which the school district is interested.

The motion was seconded by Mike Roberts.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION D: RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MINIMUM DISTANCES FOR STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

MOTION: Judy Conlin

BE IT RESOLVED that the walking distance in the City of Rhinelander to school will be:

1. Secondary (6-12) students – up to two (2) miles
2. Elementary (4-5) students – up to two (2) miles
3. Elementary (1-3) students – up to one (1) mile
4. Kindergarten and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten students – up to three-quarters (3/4) of a mile

Walking distance outside of the City of Rhinelander to a safe bus stop will be:

1. Secondary (6-12) students – up to three-quarters (3/4) of a mile
2. Elementary (4-5) students – up to three-quarters (3/4) of a mile
3. Elementary (4K-3) students – up to one-half (1/2) of a mile

Kindergarten and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten students must have their parent(s) or another responsible adult or a child supervisor who is 12 years old or older, or a child who has a babysitting certificate, present to send and/or receive them to and from the school bus stop.

Exceptions can be approved by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

The motion was seconded by Doug Artus.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

RESOLUTION E: RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL MEETING FROM TIME TO TIME OR ESTABLISH A DIFFERENT DATE AND TIME FOR A SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: Judy Conlin

BE IT RESOLVED that the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Electorate will be held on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Mike Roberts.

The motion passed with a voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS WITHIN THE POWERS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

No other business within the powers of the Annual Meeting was presented for consideration.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ron Lueneburg.

Move to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Mike Roberts.

The motion passed with a voice vote at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald Counter, Board of Education President