

School District of Rhinelander - Board of Education

Operations and Strategic Planning Committee
Monday, June 3, 2024

Minutes

The Operations & Strategic Planning Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 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 Human Resources, Michele Cornelius; Director of Instruction, Ryan Ourada; Secretary/Deputy Clerk, Shelley Anderson, Heather Schaefer of the Northwoods River News, and Eileen Persike of the Northwoods Star Journal. One other person was also present.

Comments/Report by the Chairperson

- Merlin Van Buren, Committee Chair, 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

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

Accept the minutes of May 6, 2024, as printed.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider the 2023-2024 Budget Revisions

Robert Thom, Director of Business Services, reported the following updates:

- Expenses are being matched to grants
- Grant awards have decreased compared to last year
- There is an increase in college courses taken by teaching staff, leading to higher expenses in this category
- Student participation in RVA and Start College Now programs has increased, resulting in higher costs
- We are currently facing a \$1.4 million deficit
- Next year's budget will be presented in July

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

Recommend the Board approve the budget revisions as presented for the 2023-24 school year as of

May 28, 2024.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Consider 2024-2025 Breakfast and Lunch Prices

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

Recommend Board approve the increase of breakfast and lunch meals by \$0.10 for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion passed with voice vote.

Consider 2024-2025 Chromebook Replacements

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

Recommend Board approve the purchase of 370 Chromebooks and 190 Touch Chromebooks with licenses from BDJ Tech at a cost of \$160,850.00.

Adjourn

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

Move to adjourn.

Motion passed with a voice vote at 5:13 p.m.