

**School District of River Falls  
Special Board Meeting**

Monday, December 14, 2020 - 6:30 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

Also available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/schooldistrictofriverfalls>

Agendas can be viewed at <https://www.rfsd.k12.wi.us/district/school-board.cfm> or at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1447>

1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 p.m. in the River Falls High School Media Center also available via YouTube**

2. **MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

3. **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**

4. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Learning environment updates for Virtual/e-School, Hybrid grades 7-12, in school grades PK-6

B. Future considerations for shift/pivot in learning environment (proactive planning)

5. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs, spectator updates, and/or any details contained within our Wildcat Roadmap (district plan document for school operations during COVID-pandemic.)

1. Staff and Student COVID-impact in District

2. Regional and school district COVID-statistics

**Description:** Administration will discuss existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria and if there is a perceived need to shift into an alternative learning environment and/or revise our Wildcat Roadmap and/or revise plans for athletics, co-curriculars, facility use, music, and all related policy and governance decisions. (Presentation link)

**Recommended Action:** Determine if we need to pivot/shift the "Learning Environment" and related programs to include but not limited to athletics, spectators, co-curriculars, and music policy and plans.

B. Consideration and/or Action to approve December 7, 2020, Educational Program

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**Committee recommendations**

**Description:** The Educational Program Committee met on December 7, 2020, to approve the first reading of revisions to policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, hear a Virtual/e-School programming continuous improvement planning update, and review/discuss the district vision for all school graduates to include: College and Career Readiness, academics and graduation requirements, and social-emotional health support.

**Recommended Action:**

1. Approve the first reading of revisions to policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

C. Consideration and/or Action to approve December 7, 2020, Personnel Committee recommendations

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**Description:** The Personnel Committee met on December 7, 2020, to discuss sick leave policies related to the COVID-19 after FFCRA expires.

**Recommended Action:** None, informational only.

D. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

**Description:** As always, Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

**Recommended Action:** As needed.

E. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

**Description:** Upcoming Board meeting dates, times, and locations will be reviewed.

**Recommended Action:** Set meeting schedule as follows:

Regular Board of Education meeting: Monday, December 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

*All the above meetings will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road*

## 6. ADJOURN

**School District of River Falls**  
**Educational Program Committee Meeting Report**

Monday, December 7, 2020 - 5:30 PM  
River Falls High School Media Center  
818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

The Board of Education's Educational Program Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022. Chair Tuchtenhagen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

**PRESENT**

Committee Members Alan Tuchtenhagen (Chair), Bob Casey, and Mike Thompson were present. Board members Amy Halvorson and Stacy Johnson Myers were present. Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell, River Falls High School Principal Kit Luedtke, College & Career Readiness Coordinator Melisa Hansen, River Falls High School Assistant Principal Taryl Graetz, School Counselors Molly Scanlon, Cal Johnson, and Sheri Macbeth, School Psychologist Tyler Anderson, and Student Representative Dailyn Wold were also present.

**HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**

1. **Consideration and/or Action to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship**  
Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services presented recommended revisions to Policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship to the committee.  
Alan Tuchtenhagen moved, seconded by Bob Casey to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship. Motioned passed 3-0.
2. **Virtual/e-School Programming Continuous Improvement Planning update**  
Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services presented an update regarding the Virtual/e-School specific to continuous improvements planning and action items in preparation for the 2021-22 school year.  
No action, informational only.
3. **Review and discussion of district vision for all school graduates to include: College and Career Readiness, academics and graduation requirements, and social-emotional health support**  
Kit Luedtke, River Falls HS Principal presented current work being done at the high school to support student's academic, social-emotional, and college and career readiness preparation. Other High School staff also participated in the presentation including Melisa Hansen, Tyler Anderson, Taryl Graetz and Molly Scanlon. Additional information will be shared at future meetings with action items for committee approval as well as providing committee members with detailed information regarding student portfolios, examples of equitable multi-level systems of support for all high school students and a recommendation to revise the required number of graduation requirements at River Falls High School.  
No action, informational only.
4. **Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)**  
Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas. No suggestions were recommended.
5. **Schedule next Board/Committee meetings**  
Set meeting schedule as follows:  
Educational Program Committee meeting, Monday, December 14, 2020, 5:30 p.m.  
*Meeting will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road.*

Chair Tuchtenhagen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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Alan Tuchtenhagen, Educational Program Committee Chair

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER FALLS**  
**River Falls, Wisconsin 54022**

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(formerly JIA)

**WISCONSIN ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

The State of Wisconsin offers high school seniors academic excellence scholarships to encourage top students to continue their education in the State of Wisconsin. The School District of River Falls shall annually designate academic scholars for purposes of the Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship. The scholars shall be the seniors with the highest grade point averages (GPA). The scholar shall be named in accordance with timelines required by law. The GPA shall be determined in accordance with established Board policy.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in the District full-time for six consecutive terms prior to the awarding of the scholarship (i.e., four terms of their junior year and the first two terms of their senior year). To attain senior standing, a student must meet the requirements outlined in Board policy.

If two or more seniors have the same grade point average and are otherwise eligible to be designated a scholar, a representative committee of high school faculty members shall select the scholarship designee and certify, in descending rank order, those remaining seniors with the same grade point average as alternate designees. The committee shall apply the following criteria in noted order:

1. The student with the highest recorded score on the ACT/SAT by December 31 of the senior year shall be named a scholar.
2. The student with the most rigorous and well-rounded course history shall be named a scholar. The number of advanced placement classes completed, and not audited, and the number of advanced placement classes in progress shall be considered. Students may not drop or audit advanced placement classes during the second term.
3. The student with the highest score on the PSAT shall be named a scholar.
4. A writing sample shall be evaluated by an external source according to a pre-established rubric. The student with the highest scoring writing sample shall be named a scholar.

~~Beginning with the 2021 graduating class, if two or more seniors have obtained Summa Cum Laude recognition and have the same grade point average, the high school principal, or faculty designee, will select the scholarship recipient and alternate based on the established criteria listed below.~~

~~If two or more seniors have accumulated the same number of total laude points the principal and/or designee shall apply the following criteria in noted order:~~

- ~~1. The student's written commitment to attend a participating college/university/technical school in the State of Wisconsin;~~
- ~~2. The student with the highest recorded composite score of the ACT by December 31 of the senior year;~~
- ~~3. The student with the highest ACT Writing score.~~

The School District of River Falls shall not discriminate in the acceptance and administration of scholarships and other aids, benefits or services to students from private agencies, organizations or persons on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, gender non-conformity, social, socio-economic or family status, physical attributes, disability/handicap or any other basis

## FIRST READING

protected by state or federal law. Discrimination complaints shall be processed in accordance with established procedures.

LEGAL REF.: Section 39.41 Wisconsin Statutes  
HEA 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code

CROSS REF.: 341.1-Rule, Specific Grading Systems and Process for Appealing a Grade  
345.11, Class Rank  
345.43, Promotion of High School Students  
460, Student Awards and Scholarships

APPROVED: January 17, 2000

REVISED: September 25, 2006  
November 19, 2018  
**December 21, 2020**

**School District of River Falls**  
**Personnel Committee Meeting Report**  
Monday, December 7, 2020 - 6:00 PM  
River Falls High School Media Center  
818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

The Board of Education's Personnel Committee meeting was held on Monday, December 7, 2020 at River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022. Chair Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:18 PM. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

**PRESENT**

Committee Members Amy Halvorson (Chair), Cindy Holbrook, and Stacy Johnson Myers were present. Board members Bob Casey, Todd Schultz, Mike Thompson, and Alan Tuchtenhagen were present. Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell were also present.

**1. Hearing of Visitors of Delegations (None)**

**2. Discuss sick leave policies related to the COVID-19 after FFCRA expires**

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) required RFSD to provide their employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions applied from 4/1/2020 through 12/31/2020. The administrative team recommended paid sick leave updates in response to FFCRA expiring. No action, information only.

**3. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)**

As always, Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas. Suggestions included: Discussion regarding 2021-22 negotiations goals.

**4. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings**

Set meeting schedule as follows:

Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

*Meeting will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road*

**ADJOURN**

Chair Halvorson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 PM.

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Amy Halvorson, Personnel Committee Chair