

## RAPID CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 51-4

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Rapid City Area School Board of Education held a Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM with President Troy Carr calling the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were Katy Urban, Angela Rafferty, Christine Stephenson, Jamie Clapham, Donna Moore and Walt Swan. Also in attendance were CFOO Coy Sasse and Superintendent Dr. Kami Jo Thompson.

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA

URBAN moved and CLAPHAM seconded to approve the agenda as recommended by administration. MOTION CARRIED (7-0). All agenda items can be viewed at: <https://aptg.co/nfD-Nb>

### SHARING THE SUCCESS

This is National Counselors week and we want to do a shout out to all our district counselors. Brittany Henry-James is a National Certified School Counselor.

### OPEN FORUM

No open forum requests

### STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

Students reported on their schools respectfully.

### SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Thomson reported on the Strategic Planning Update with the district. She will be making some edits based on board feedback.

### CFOO REPORT

The district accumulates \$2000/day in student meal debt, which totals to \$175,000-\$200,000 each year. This affects our ability to provide quality meals, compensation increases, economically priced meals. We received \$51,000 in student nutrition revenue (payments and donations) since our January 21<sup>st</sup> message that was sent to families. Of the \$139,600 (81%) is from families who pay full price for meals, \$20,000 (14%) from families who qualify for free meals

(this debt accumulated before they completed a free/reduced lunch application and \$6,600 (5%) is from

families who qualify for reduced price meals. The district will use recent donations to clear all debt for families who qualify for free or reduced-price meals. These parents will NOT be referred to collections.

No student will be denied a regular meal. No families will be reported to the credit bureau. We are actively supporting HB 1082, which would provide funding for reduced price meals to be free.

### APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGREEMENTS

STEPHENSON moved and SWAN seconded to approve the proposed agreements as presented. MOTION CARRIED (7-0).

### AGREEMENT WITH BHSSC 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY LEARNING GRANT

BACKGROUND INFORMATION This agreement is for with Black Hills Special Services for a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Grant. This grant would support Afterschool and Summer Program at South Middle School.

RCAS currently has an agreement in place to support this and the grant is expiring at the end of this year. This application will include a new "Club Five" for a small number of 5<sup>th</sup> graders from 3 elementary schools that feed into SMS. The goal of this addition is to support the transition from elementary school to middle school. This agreement allows RCAS to share data with BHSSC for required grant reporting.

The agreement does not cost RCAS any funds.

### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approve this agreement.

### AGREEMENT WITH BRUMAN GROUP

BACKGROUND INFORMATION The District has engaged The Bruman Group in prior professional development and federal grants training.

Based on recent discussions with district leadership and increased federal oversight activity, the District requested a proposal from The Bruman Group to conduct a comprehensive grants risk assessment and provide related on-site training. The purpose of these services is to strengthen federal grants management practices and ensure compliance with applicable federal requirements.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Bruman Group will provide on-site training for district staff focused on federal grants management and compliance. The training is intended to strengthen staff understanding of regulatory requirements, internal controls, and best practices, and to help ensure the district is prepared for audits, monitoring, and reviews.

The training component is designed to be practical and directly aligned to issues identified through the risk assessment process. The Bruman Group will also conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of the district's federal grants management processes. This assessment will review policies, procedures, and operational practices to identify compliance risks, internal control gaps, and areas of vulnerability. The results of this assessment will help the district proactively address weaknesses, reduce the risk of findings, and improve overall grants management effectiveness.

### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education approves this agreement. Approve the agreement with Brustein and Manasevit for a review of the District's Federal Grants Manual and completion of a risk assessment for the cost of \$47 thousand. The risk assessment findings will be used to guide improvements to grants management processes and inform future training needs.

### AGREEMENT WITH DYNAMIC KIDS PHYSICAL THERAPY

BACKGROUND INFORMATION Rapid City Area Schools and Dynamic Kids Physical Therapy (Melissa Allen, PT, DPT)

wish to enter into a contract from

on or about February 1, 2026, through on or about June 1, 2026. This contract will provide up to 100 hours of Physical Therapy to students in the Birth to Three program identified for prolonged services with Physical Therapy included in their Individual Family Service Plan. Compensation for physical therapy-related services shall be paid at a rate of \$27.30 per 15-minute unit.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

The Rapid City Area Schools have a legal obligation to provide special education services to identified prolonged students in the birth to Three Program; this contract will help fulfill needed service time for this school year.

### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the RCAS Board of Education approve the contract with Dynamic Kids Physical Therapy starting on or about February 1, 2026, through on or about June 1, 2026, unless terminated by either party with thirty (30) days' notice.

### AGREEMENT WITH IWORQ

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This is a replacement for our current work order, asset tracking and preventative maintenance system.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

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### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The services covered under this add-on are supplemental to the existing agreement and are intended to support the district's ongoing marketing and communication efforts. Rapid City Area Schools will be responsible for payment of the \$1,650 as outlined in this additional agreement. All content produced under this contract remains subject to RCAS review and approval.

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

This agreement will positively impact all areas of Rapid City Area Schools, supporting attendance, enrollment, facilities, and advancing all five pillars of our strategic plan.

### ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The total cost for this agreement is \$1,650.00.

It is recommended that the RCAS Board of Education approve the agreement between RCAS and IWORQ for a year 1 total cost of \$25 thousand.

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