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### **School Board Meeting Agenda Item**

Topic: Open Forum  
Contact(s):  
Presenter(s): Pam Roe, School Board Chair

#### Nature of Action Requested

Board Action   
Board Information or Report

#### Background Information

The school board will conduct an open forum from 6 pm – 6:45 pm to obtain feedback from community members about the future of Jefferson School. Community members will sign up to ask questions and/or provide feedback. There will be time limits for each speaker depending on the number of speakers. No formal board action will be taken.

#### *Outline of Open Forum*

#### Purpose of Open Forum

The purpose of the open forum is to obtain feedback from community members about the future of Jefferson School. No formal action will be taken.

#### Information about Jefferson School

Originally built in 1916, Jefferson School was vacant for several years after the Goodhue County Education District moved programming to the River Bluff Education Center. In August, 2020, the building was reopened as a mitigation strategy due to COVID.

As planned when it reopened, the school board closed the building in June, 2021 to save about \$200,000-\$300,000 per year out of the general fund for additional staff (custodial, secretarial, nursing, paraprofessional, and administrative support), utilities, and other maintenance expenses.

Jefferson School was recommended for closure instead of another elementary school because Jefferson was intended to reopen for one year, it is the smallest building, there is no operable kitchen, and it has the greatest short-term and long-term maintenance needs (including ADA compliance).

The district is reviewing several important issues such as grade configurations, transportation routing, and building usage as we prepare for the 2022-23 school year and beyond.

Please contact the following if you have questions:

1. Alan Gaylor at [avgaylor@rwps.org](mailto:avgaylor@rwps.org) for questions about the building.
2. Jackie Paradis at [jsparadis@rwps.org](mailto:jsparadis@rwps.org) for questions about finances of the building.
3. Karsten Anderson at [klanderson@rwps.org](mailto:klanderson@rwps.org) for questions long-range plans for the district.

#### Comments and Questions from the Public

Community members will sign up to ask questions and/or provide feedback. There will be time limits for each speaker depending on the number of speakers. No formal board action will be taken.

#### Recommendation

No action is needed at this time.