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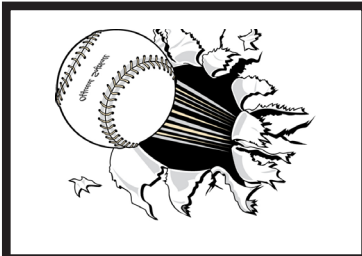
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- @ Monona - 7:30 PM
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- @ Cottage Grove - 1 PM
Rio 7 - Cottage Grove 5 June 18
- @ Lodi - 6 PM
Lodi 13-Rio 6 June 21
- vs. Monona - 1 PM
Monona 13 - Rio 5 June 25
- @ Cross Plains - 7 PM
June 28
- vs. Poynette - 1 PM
July 3
- vs. Sun Prairie - 7:30 PM
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- @ Monona - 1 PM
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THURSDAY- Grilled Brats on Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Cookie.
FRIDAY- CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
JULY 6 - JULY 10, 2026
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TUESDAY-Ham, Egg, & Cheese Bake, Cubed Hash Browns, Mandrin Oranges, Muffin.
WEDNESDAY-Kielbasa w/Kraut, Baby Red Potatoes, Calico Beans, Mixed Fruit, WW Roll.
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**RIO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, 5:00 PM
RIO MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL - ROOM 170**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Board President, Carley Young. Keith Desjarlais led the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was properly posted in the District.

Roll Call: Carley Young, Tammy Wakeman, Beth Laufenberg, Jordan Noyes and Keith Desjarlais. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Michael Lichucki; Athletic Director Jared Napralla; Food Service Director Sara Meixner; and Administrative Assistant Nicole Bagwell

Recognition of Visitors. There was one visitor present.

Approve Minutes from the April 20, 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve the April 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

Rio Showcase. None

Action Items

A. Bills for Payment. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve Checks, ACH, and Wire payments from 4/1/2026 - 4/30/2026 as presented totaling \$383,928.76. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

B. Human Relations

1. Resignation/Retirement

a. MS/HS Principal: Matt Davis. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to accept the resignation of Matt Davis, effective June 30, 2026, from the position of MS/HS Principal, with great thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

b. Activities Director/Technology Coordinator/Elementary Dean: Jared Napralla. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to accept the resignation of Jared Napralla, effective July 31, 2026, or upon completion of required extended summer contract hours, from the position of Activities Director, Technology Coordinator, and Elementary Dean of Students, with great thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

c. Elementary Teacher: Alex Lang. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Jordan Noyes to accept the resignation of Alexandra Lang, effective June 30, 2026, from the position of Elementary Teacher, with great thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

d. MS Girl's Basketball: Carey Swanson. Informational - no motion needed.

2. Hiring

a. K-12 Art Teacher: Joscelyne Clark. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve a contract for Joscelyne Clark for the position of K-12 Art Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

3. Gifts to the District

a. Grants

i. Wisconsin Economic Development Council: Technical Education Lab Enhancement. A \$25,000 grant was received from Wisconsin Economic Development Council (WEDC) to enhance the technical education lab. The grant required the district to match \$12,500 of the grant amount.

b. Donations

i. Lazy Lake Radar Run, Increase Student Opportunities. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to accept the gift of \$4,000 to be used to enhance student opportunities, from the Lazy Lake Radar Run, with thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

ii. Joseph and Jamie Peterson: MS Softball. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to accept the gift of \$500 to support the MS softball program, from Joseph and Jamie Peterson, with thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

iii. Joseph and Jamie Peterson: MS Baseball. A motion was made by Jordan Noyes and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to accept the gift of \$500 to support the MS baseball program, from Joseph and Jamie Peterson, with thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

iv. Donors Choose - Jennifer Schneider MS ELA books. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Beth Laufenberg to accept a gift of \$300 for MS ELA resources for Jennifer Schneider's classroom, from Donors Chose, with thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

v. Jared Napralla - MS Baseball equipment. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to accept the gift of baseball equipment worth \$502.46 for the the MS baseball program, from Jared Napralla, with thanks. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

Discussion/Information/Possible Action

A. Treasurer's Report. Dr. Lichucki reviewed the Treasurer's Report with the Board.

B. 2026-27 Lunch and Milk Prices. Director of Food Services Sara Meixner discussed the food service prices for the next school year. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Keith Desjarlais to approve the increase for student lunch prices by \$0.20 each, adult lunch price by \$0.25, and milk only price by \$0.10 at both the Elementary School and Middle/High School for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

C. 2026-27 Registration Fees. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve the slate of registration/extracurricular fees, as presented, discussed and finalized for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

D. 2026-27 Transportation Contract. A motion was made by Tammy Wakeman and seconded by Jordan Noyes to accept the Transportation Contract with Smith Bus Inc., as presented and discussed. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes. Keith Desjarlais abstained.

E. Set Date for Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to set the District Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting date for September 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the MS/HS Commons. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

F. FBLA State Event Overnight Request. A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to approve the overnight trip request for a student to attend the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Conference, as presented and discussed. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

G. Rio Community School District Family Perception Survey. This was a discussion item.

H. CESA Contract. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the CESA 5 contract for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

I. WIAA Membership Renewal. A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Tammy Wakeman to approve the WIAA membership renewal for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented and discussed. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.

J. Administrative Reports

1. Mr. Davis MS/HS

a. General School Update.

- Scholarships/Awards nights is Wednesday
- Student Council & NHS organized and held a Walk for Water fundraiser that raised \$300 that will be donated to Water Wells for Africa to help construct wells.
- Technical Education grant funded items have been received. Installation of the items will begin soon.
- The recent blood drive was well attended.

- The BuildMoto team did very well for their first year competing finishing 7th out of 19.

2. Dr. Lichucki District/Elementary

a. General School Update

- The Elementary music concert was well attended.
- The Elementary track meet was held.
- Lots of field trips happening.
- Summer school schedules have gone out. Summer school starts June 15th.
- Attendance this year has improved with fewer students chronically absent.

K. Legislative Update. This was a discussion item.

L. Items for Future Agendas. This was a discussion item.

A motion was made by Beth Laufenberg and seconded by Jordan Noyes to adjourn into closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1) at 6:11 PM. Motion carried by a roll call vote: Young, Wakeman, Laufenberg, Noyes, and Desjarlais voting yes.

(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically: Superintendent Quarterly Review

A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to reconvene into open session at 8:01 PM. Motion carried by voice vote; five votes yes.

A motion was made by Keith Desjarlais and seconded by Jordan Noyes to adjourn the meeting at 8:01PM. Motion carried by a voice vote; five votes yes.



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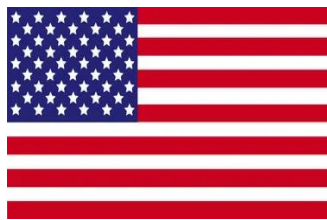
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The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

Definitions

Term	Definition
AL	Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HA and HAL	HA: Health Advisory. An estimate of acceptable drinking water levels for a chemical substance based on health effects information. HAL: Health Advisory Level is a concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice. Health Advisories are determined by US EPA.
HI	HI: Hazard Index: A Hazard Index is used to assess the potential health impacts associated with mixtures of contaminants. Hazard Index guidance for a class of contaminants or mixture of contaminants may be determined by the US EPA or Wisconsin Department of Health Services. If a Health Index is exceeded a system may be required to post a public notice.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MFL	million fibers per liter
MRDL	Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
mrem/year	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units
pCi/l	picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
ppm	parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l)
ppb	parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l)
ppt	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter
ppq	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter
PHGS	PHGS: Public Health Groundwater Standards are found in NR 140 Groundwater Quality. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.
RPHGS	RPHGS: Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standards: Groundwater standards proposed by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, poses a health risk and may require a system to post a public notice.

Term	Definition
SMCL	Secondary drinking water standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels for contaminants that affect taste, odor, or appearance of the drinking water. The SMCLs do not represent health standards.
TCR	Total Coliform Rule
TT	Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Detected Contaminants

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ARSENIC (ppb)	10	n/a	0	0	0 - 0	7/11/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes
BARIUM (ppm)	2	2	0.056	0.028	0.028 - 0.056	5/3/2023	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
CHROMIUM (ppb)	100	100	2	2	2 - 2	7/11/2023	No	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits
FLUORIDE (ppm)	4	4	0.1	0.1	0.0 - 0.1	5/3/2023	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
NICKEL (ppb)	100			0.9700	0.8200 - 0.9700	5/3/2023	No	Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products.
NITRATE (NO3-N) (ppm)	10	10	4.28	4.28	2.00 - 4.80		No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SODIUM (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.29	5.29	2.80 - 5.29	5/3/2023	No	n/a

Contaminant (units)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile Level Found	Range	# of Results	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
COPPER (ppm)	AL=1.3	1.3	0.0820	0.0350 - 0.0840	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	8/29/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives
LEAD (ppb)	AL=15	0	0.93	0.11 - 4.00	0 of 10 results were above the action level.	8/29/2023	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

PFAS Contaminants with a Recommended Health Advisory Level

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950. The following table list PFAS contaminants which were detected in your water and that have a Recommended Public Health Groundwater Standard (RPHGS) or Health Advisory Level (HAL). There are no violations for detections of contaminants that exceed the RPHGS or HAL. The RPHGS are levels at which concentrations of the contaminant present a health risk and are based on guidance provided by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Note: The recommended health-based levels in the table below were in effect in 2024. These levels were revised by WDHS in 2025. They can be found here <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/water/gws.htm>.

Contaminant (units)	Site	RPHGS or HAL (PPT)	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)
PFHXA (ppt)		150000	0.45	0.00 - 0.45	5/3/2023

Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides

Contaminant (units)	Site	MCL	MCLG	Level Found	Range	Sample Date (if prior to 2025)	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
ATRAZINE (ppb)	3	3	0.0	0.0	0.0 - 0.0	5/3/2023	No	Runoff from herbicide used on row crops

Additional Health Information

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Fall River Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact Julius Weisensel, at 920 484 3525. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Additional Information on Service Line Materials

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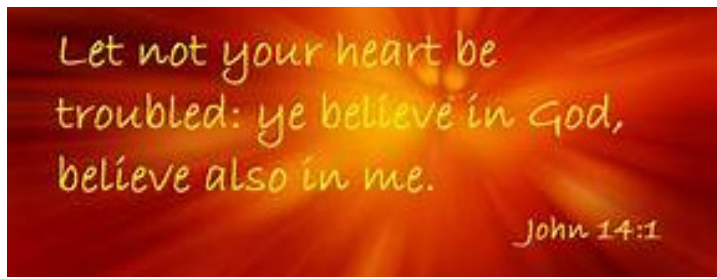
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History of the Rio Fireman's Picnic

The Rio Fireman's Picnic started about 1928. It was an event that grew and then receded much like the town itself. It got bigger every year and eventually the Firemen purchased a fully functional Merry Go Round (Carousel). It was wonderful and was still in the park and operational in the late 50's and maybe into the early 1960's. The down side was that had to be maintained every year. The thing would be worth a fortune now but all things are relative.



It started with a Parade and everyone participated. The kids, adults, businesses, car clubs, Fire Departments from the area etc. They had stage acts at various times, carnival games, food stands, Bingo and of course the baseball games. In the evening there was either a band or later a DJ and sometimes both and dancing. There was always Bar-B-Q chicken put on by the Firemen and it was so good. In addition to all of this Harold (Hap) Nelson who owned the REO Theatre would film the fun and play it in the winter time before the Feature Film. It was always fun to see that and you might even be on the big screen if you were lucky. That tradition is still carried out at the Doylestown Fireman's Picnic which I believe is a joint effort between Doylestown and Rio Firemen. Currently the Firemen hold a Banquet every year as a fundraiser and the Village has a Street Dance. Times change and people do what is best for them and their organizations in those changing times but the memories are still with those of us lucky enough to have been around to see the Rio Firemen's Picnic in its glory.

This picture is from 1955 and shows seven of the 26 volunteer fireman who helped.



THE 26 VOLUNTEER firemen's photo of the was a good picture. The 26 volunteer firemen were here leading and participating fireworks. These seven firemen happened to be grouped at one time in the background, from left, are Chief Harold Stowers and Earl Price, assistant chiefs. Others are the Schemm, Fred Jackson, Lloyd Bruster and Harold Gaudin. (Clay Register Photo)

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