



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education  
**Educational Services Committee**

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**MINUTES**

Anne Lee, Chairman  
John Benbow, Jr.  
Katie Bielski-Medina  
Larry Davis  
Sandra Hett  
Mary Rayome  
John Krings, President

March 6, 2017

LOCATION: Board of Education, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids WI  
Conference Room A/B

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee and Personnel Services  
Committee meetings, but not before 6:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Larry Davis, John Krings,  
Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Sharon Aiken-Bruha, Ed Allison, Dustin Anderson, Phil Bickelhaupt, Colleen  
Dickmann, Kimberly Hansen, Connie Henke, Ruth Holtz, Jeanine Kleman,  
Patricia Larsen, Brooke Neubauer, Dana Rice, Kelly Schaeffer, Jim Scott,  
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Valerie Tonn, Jen Wilhorn

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. District Strategic Plan: 2017-18

Colleen Dickmann, Superintendent, reviewed changes to the District Strategic Plan for  
the Committee.

**ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by John Benbow, to recommend approval of the  
2017-18 Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' (WRPS) Strategic Plan.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Community Learning Center Grant

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, stated that Mead Elementary  
Charter School, was applying for renewal of the DPI 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning

Center grant for the 2017-18 school year. Requested grant funds have increased this year with intent to fund a full-time Academic Partnership Coordinator.

**ES-2 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$145,000.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

C. United Way of Inner Wisconsin Grant for Before and After School Club Mead

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated Mead Elementary Charter School is requesting a \$61,500 grant from the United Way to fund the Before- and After-School Club Mead program. The grant will be used for staffing and enrichment classes.

**ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the United Way grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$61,500.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. K-12 Art Curriculum

Patricia Larsen, CII Art Sub-Committee Chair, Sharon Aiken-Bruha, Dustin Anderson, Kimberly Hansen, Connie Henke, Jeanine Kleman, Brooke Neubauer, Dana Rice, and Valerie Tonn, Art Teachers, presented the art curriculum. A PowerPoint was shared that showed the outline of the curriculum. Grade level standards and activities were highlighted by each teacher.

**ES-4 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to approve the K-12 Art Curriculum for implementation beginning in 2017-18.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Elementary Reading and Language Arts Materials

Jen Wilhorn, Elementary Literacy Supervisor and Principal of Vesper Community Academy, along with Ruth Holtz, teacher at THINK Academy, and Kelly Schaeffer, Principal at Washington Elementary, updated the Committee on the fall reading pilots, staff input, and the English Language Arts Committee's recommendations for reading materials. Final recommendations are to adopt *Words Their Way*, *Reading Units of Study* and to update classroom libraries. The cost proposal was reviewed.

**ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the purchase of Words Their Way in the fall of 2017 and The Reading Units of Study with supporting classroom libraries in the fall of 2018 in the amount of \$213,012, to be funded by curriculum acquisition and referendum dollars.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

A. Youth Options and Course Options

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained to the Committee that there were no Youth Options requests for the 2016-17 school year. There are seven students taking nine courses during semester two of the 2016-17 school year through the Course Options program. In addition, there are 24 students taking health related courses at Mid-State Technical College, most of whom are enrolled in the CCHI program.

V. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 District Strategic Plan: 2017-18**

**ES-2 Community Learning Center Grant**

**ES-3 United Way of Inner Wisconsin Grant for Before- and After-School Club  
Mead**

**ES-4 K-12 Art Curriculum**

**ES-5 Elementary Reading and Language Arts Materials**

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by the Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

- Social Studies Scope and Sequence (April)
- Art Acquisition (April)
- Gifted and Talented Education Plan Updates (April)
- 2017-18 District Professional Development Plan (May)
- 2017-18 Agenda Planners (May)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.