



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  
John Krings  
Mary Rayome, President

August 3, 2009

LOCATION: Washington Elementary School Cafeteria

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee meeting, but not before 6:30 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Anne Lee

OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Christianson, Cassandra Hansen, Diane Miller, and Matthew Renwick

I. Call to Order

Committee Chairperson Mary Rayome called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Mary Rayome reported that Sharon Toellner, Director of Curriculum was ill and would not be present to report on a number of agenda items. She asked that these items be tabled.

**Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Bielski-Medina to table Agenda Items III A - 2008-09 Writing Assessment Results and IV A - Volunteer Programs.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Curriculum Development

A. 2008-09 Writing Assessment Results

The Committee tabled this item.

B. Lincoln High School Advanced Placement Report

Ryan Christianson, Principal of Lincoln High School, reported on the Advanced Placement Program at Lincoln High School. An Exam Data Summary was provided for 2009 which indicated that 66% of the exams taken received a 3, 4, or 5. Scores at this level provide college credit for the student taking the exam.

Mr. Christianson emphasized that studies show that participation in AP exams provides an advantage to students when they enter college, regardless of the score received. The percentage of LHS seniors who score a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam has been consistently higher than state levels.

Mr. Christianson also reported that Lincoln will be offering several new AP classes this fall, including a sophomore World History class, as well as the possibility of an AP Music Theory class.

C. Intermediate Reading Intervention Recommendation

Mary Rayome reviewed the information provided in the Background regarding the Intermediate Reading Intervention recommendation. There were several questions regarding the program such as when the pilot began and if the recommended purchase was for schools that were not currently participating in the pilot.

It was decided this item should also be tabled, so that Ms. Toellner would be able to provide answers to those questions.

IV. Updates and Reports

A. Volunteer Programs

The Committee tabled this item.

V. Consent Agenda Items

There were no items placed on the Consent Agenda.

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Future agenda items include, but are not limited to:

- America Reads (September)
- Building Your Own Curriculum Summer Academies (September)
- Grades 3 and 6 Exit Surveys (September or October)
- 2009-10 Building Professional Development Plans (October)
- Parent Representative to the CII (October)

Mary Rayome adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.