



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

John A. Krings, President
John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Troy Bier
Larry Davis
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz
Julie Timm

April 24, 2023

BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING

LOCATION: Thomas A. Lenk Educational Services Center, 510 Peach Street Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Conference Room A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John Benbow, Troy Bier, Larry Davis, John Krings, Katie Medina, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Julie Timm

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren

President John Krings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Secretary Maurine Hodgson confirmed that prior to the reorganization meeting, the Oath of Office was administered to recently elected Board members John Krings and Kathi Stebbins-Hintz.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that Craig Broeren, Superintendent, be appointed temporary chairman of the Board of Education meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Troy Bier nominated John Krings for the office of President of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to close nominations for the office of President and a unanimous vote be cast for John Krings to be Board President. Motion carried unanimously.

John Krings resumed control of the meeting as Board President.

Larry Davis nominated Troy Bier for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Julie Timm that nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Troy Bier as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Medina nominated Larry Davis for the office of Clerk of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that nominations for Clerk of the Board of Education be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Larry Davis as Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Davis nominated Katie Medina for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Julie Timm that nominations for Treasurer of the Board of Education be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Katie Medina as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

John Benbow nominated Maurine Hodgson to be elected as Secretary of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis that nominations for Secretary be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Maurine Hodgson as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis that the Board of Education continue to operate under the current operational policies, regulations, and by-laws as set forth by the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that the Board of Education approve the use of the Facsimile Signatures for use in signing School District checks or orders. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Designating Public Depositories and Authorizing Withdrawal of School District monies. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that the Board of Education authorize the administration to use the present Facsimile signature plate for School District checks appropriately drawn. Motion carried unanimously.

President John Krings recommended the following Board Committee appointments:

1. John Benbow, Jr. as Chair of the Business Services Committee, with Katie Medina and Julie Timm serving as members.
2. Kathi Stebbins-Hintz as Chair of the Personnel Services Committee, with Larry Davis and Troy Bier serving as members.
3. Katie Medina as Chair of the Educational Services Committee, with all seven Board members serving on this committee.

President John Krings recommended other appointments as follows:

1. Kathi Stebbins-Hintz as the delegate for the CESA 5 annual meeting.
2. Troy Bier as the WASB Legislative Representative.
3. John Benbow as the WASB Delegate for the WASB Convention in Milwaukee in January 2024, with Troy Bier appointed as the Alternate Delegate.
4. Katie Medina as the Council for Instructional Improvement representative.
5. John Benbow as the Trade/Construction Class Project Committee representative.
6. John Krings, Troy Bier, and Julie Timm as the WRPS/WREA Wage Negotiation Committee representatives.
7. Larry Davis as the Student/District Wellness Committee representative.
8. John Krings as the Insurance Committee representative.
9. Katie Medina and John Benbow as the Lincoln High School Alumni Wall of Fame Selection Committee representatives.

Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Julie Timm to approve the recommended appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

President Krings announced that Committee meeting times would remain the same in the coming year as follows:

Committee Meeting Times:

1. Educational Services Committee at 6:00 p.m.
2. Business Services Committee immediately following, but not before 6:15 p.m.
3. Personnel Services Committee immediately following, but not before 6:15 p.m.

President Krings stated that the seating arrangement will be as follows: Vice President Troy Bier seated on the President's right, followed by Katie Medina, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, and the Student Representative. The Superintendent will sit on the President's left, followed by John Benbow, Larry Davis, and Julie Timm.

Superintendent Broeren explained that each Board member is entitled to a District e-mail account, and reminded Board members to be aware of e-mail use in relation to the public records law, walking quorums, and Board policy. Mr. Broeren also provided information concerning Board member involvement in social media platforms, reminding them that in these arenas they speak as individuals only, and not for the full Board. Records retention requirements were also described.

The Board reviewed Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses to determine if any changes to the policy would occur. Mr. Benbow suggested that the annual salary amount for Board members be raised from \$2,700.00 to \$3,000.00. The Board discussed the potential change.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to revise Board Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses to change the annual Board member salary amount from \$2,700.00 to \$3,000.00 effective April 24, 2023. Motion carried 5-2 on a roll call vote. Katie Medina and Julie Timm voted no.

John Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



John Krings – President

Larry Davis – Clerk

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary