



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Personnel Services Committee

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MINUTES

Sandra Hett, Chair
Larry Davis
Troy Bier
John Krings, President

May 2, 2022

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

Time: Immediately following the Educational Services Committee meeting, but not before 6:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Sandra Hett, Troy Bier and Larry Davis

Others Present: Brian Oswall

I. Call to Order

Sandra Hett called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Appointments

PS – 1 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the following professional staff appointments for the 2022-2023 school year:

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| Whitney Pascoe | Location: | Woodside Elementary |
| | Position: | Teacher |
| Olivia Baehman | Location: | THINK Academy |
| | Position: | School Counselor |
| Patrick Spray | Location: | Lincoln High School |
| | Position: | Teacher |
| Natalie Raymond | Location: | WRAMS |
| | Position: | Teacher |
| Sydney Erspamer | Location: | WRAMS |
| | Position: | Teacher |
| Megan Hernandez | Location: | Mead Elementary |
| | Position: | Teacher |
| Aisha McDade | Location: | District |
| | Position: | Social Worker |
| Christopher Kleist | Location: | WRAMS |
| | Position: | Teacher |
| Jason Robbins | Location: | Lincoln High School |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Elizabeth Wirth | Location: Position: | Lincoln High School & WRAMS Teacher |
| Faith Bristow | Location: Position: | Lincoln High School Teacher |
| Anna Radtke | Location: Position: | Grant Elementary Teacher |
| Shanna Henriksen | Location: Position: | District – Elementary Teacher |
| Vaughan Kukler-Khan | Location: Position: | District – Elementary Teacher |
| Katelyn Belcher | Location: Position: | Howe Elementary Teacher |
| Isabelle Gemza | Location: Position: | Howe Elementary Teacher |
| Nicole Brezinski | Location: Position: | THINK Academy Teacher |
| Cameron Anderson | Location: Position: | WRAMS Teacher |
| Rylyn Donahue | Location: Position: | Grove Elementary Teacher |
| Brooke Lapour | Location: Position: | WRMS Teacher |
| Elli Esselman | Location: Position: | Mead Elementary Teacher |
| Ashley Wojtalewicz | Location: Position: | THINK Academy Teacher |
| Tanner Schlender | Location: Position: | THINK Academy Teacher |
| Mara Peterson | Location: Position: | Grove Elementary Teacher |
| Megan Nolan | Location: Position: | Howe Elementary Teacher |
| Logan Christie | Location: Position: | Lincoln High School Teacher |
| Macyn Elliott | Location: Position: | District Teacher |

Motion carried unanimously.

PS – 2 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the following support staff appointments:

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| Tonya Hawke | Location: | Lincoln High School |
| | Position: | Study Hall Aide |

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| Eric Callahan | Location: | WRAMS |
| | Position: | Custodian |

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resignations

PS – 3 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the following professional staff resignations:

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| Kathryn Fix | Location: | Howe Elementary |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Rachel Christian | Location: | Lincoln High School & WRAMS |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Megan Kuntz | Location: | THINK Academy |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Hallie Ritchay | Location: | Washington Elementary & Woodside Elementary |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Leah Stubb | Location: | Central Oaks Academy |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Emeline Ritchie | Location: | Pitsch |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Gregory Rauls | Location: | Lincoln High School |
| | Position: | Teacher |

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| Bailey Babcock | Location: | Mead Elementary |
| | Position: | Teacher |

Motion carried unanimously.

PS – 4 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the following support staff resignations:

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| Stacey Shaw | Location: | THINK Academy |
| | Position: | Special Education Aide |

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| Charles Stebbins | Location: | District |
| | Position: | Custodian |

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| Emily Stieve | Location: | Lincoln High School |
| | Position: | ACP Coordinator |

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Retirements

PS – 5 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the following support staff retirements:

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| Charles Ruiz | Location: Position: | East Junior High Custodian |
| Jennifer Dietsche | Location: Position: | Lincoln High School Special Education Aide |
| Debra Vechinski | Location: Position: | WRAMS Special Education Aide |
| Lynn Berger | Location: Position: | WRAMS Instructional Technology Aide |

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Board Policy Review

Board Policy 380.1 - Therapy Dogs in Schools

PS – 6 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve Board Policy 380.1 - Therapy Dogs in Schools, second reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. 2022-2023 Open Enrollment Data Review and Application Approvals

Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources, shared the current number of open enrollment transfer in and transfer out applications for the WRPS District. As of May 2, 2022, WRPS has 41 transfer in applications and 88 transfer out applications.

PS – 7 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the 2022-2023 Open Enrollment applications under the Open Enrollment Law, pending a review of discipline records and special services needs.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. ESSER Funds

Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources, explained to the Committee that current enrollment numbers and ESSER sections has created a need to use one of our elementary ESSER sections to hire an elementary physical education teacher.

PS – 8 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve using one of the elementary ESSER sections to add another elementary physical education teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Support Staff Assignment Adjustment

Mr. Oswald explained to the Committee that adding 0.50 hours to the 4K aide hours will allow the aides time with the teacher before and after students are present.

PS – 9 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve an increase from 6.0 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day at Grant Elementary, THINK Academy, Woodside Elementary and Pitsch Early Learning Center for six District 4K aides, starting with the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Keyboarding Position

Mr. Oswald shared with the Committee that making the District elementary keyboarding instructor position a 1.0 FTE would allow the individual to offer more technology lessons that have been created by the District Library Media Specialist.

PS – 10 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Troy Bier to approve increasing the District elementary keyboarding instructor position to a 1.0 FTE effective for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

I. Reading Specialist Position

Director of Human Resources, Brian Oswald, shared with the Committee that due to staff members leaving, the District needs to hire an elementary reading specialist.

PS – 11 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Troy Bier to approve an elementary reading specialist position for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

J. Summer School Technology Positions

Mr. Oswald shared with the Committee the need for additional summer technology workers. Specifically, they would help with the installation of over 100 new sound systems in the District.

PS – 12 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis to approve adding three summer technology positions for the summer of 2022.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Consent Agenda

- Motions:
- PS – 1 Professional Staff Appointments for the 2022-2023 School Year
 - PS – 2 Support Staff Appointments
 - PS – 3 Professional Staff Resignations
 - PS – 4 Support Staff Resignations
 - PS – 5 Support Staff Retirements
 - PS – 6 Board Policy 380.1 – Therapy Dogs in Schools, Second Reading
 - PS – 7 2022-2023 Open Enrollment Data Review and Application Approvals
 - PS – 8 ESSER Funds
 - PS – 9 Support Staff Assignment Adjustments
 - PS – 10 Keyboarding Position
 - PS – 11 Reading Specialist Position
 - PS – 12 Summer School Technology Positions

V. Adjournment

Ms. Hett adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.