



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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MINUTES

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John Benbow, Jr.
Troy Bier
Larry Davis
Sandra K. Hett
Katie Medina
Mary E. Rayome

January 13, 2020

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: Thomas A. Lenk Educational Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conf. Rm. A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Troy Bier, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett, John Krings, Katie Medina, Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: John Benbow

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Daniel Weigand, Brian Oswald, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Danielle Scott, Ed Allison, Elizabeth Messerli, Roxanne Filtz

MEDIA PRESENT: Kevin Bargender – River Cities Community Access

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mr. Krings took a moment to thank Kathi Stebbins-Hintz for her 35 years of service to the District as she retires from the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position.

Student Representative's Report

Jacqueline Sii provided an update on Lincoln High School activities as follows:

- ♦ Students in DECA performed well at a recent District competition; 37 will be moving on to compete at the State level
- ♦ A presentation will be held at the McMillan Library on January 16 concerning the health risks associated with vaping; the FACT group will be handing out quitting kits
- ♦ Rapids hockey won their last game with a final score of 5-1
- ♦ LHS theatre will present their winter show, "Radium Girls," on January 24-26
- ♦ National Honor Society is hosting a book drive from January 13-17
- ♦ The Forensics team has an invitational meet on January 21
- ♦ The annual Fire & Ice dance is scheduled to occur on February 1

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Troy Bier to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of December 9, 2019; special open and closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of December 9, 2019; and special closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of December 19, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee Reports

A. Educational Services Committee – January 6, 2020. Report given by Mary Rayome.

Ms. Rayome reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Educational Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held:

- ES-1 Approval of not designating any space limitations for regular education open enrollment students for the 2020-21 school year.
- ES-2 Approval of designating space available in special education programming as indicated in the “Projected Space Available” column set out in Attachment A.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items ES 1-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rayome provided updates and reports on:

- Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed that the Academic and Career Plan (ACP) Committee was formed in 2015-16 as mandated by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). She introduced members of the ACP Committee who shared how students are creating ACP plans. ACP is implemented through exploratory classes at all grade levels. Matchmaker and Personality Styles Inventories are taken by students, a bus tour is taken to local businesses (Heavy Metal Bus Tour), career goals are created and revised, and parent-student conferences regarding ACP planning and options take place in grades 6 and 8. At the high school, there is a College, Career and Volunteer Center available to students with access to a vast amount of information; students participate in ACP activities during Raider Pride Time (RPT); and parents are encouraged to participate in several different ways.
- Ms. Stebbins-Hintz and members of the Behavior Mental Wellness (BMW) Committee shared information regarding work the committee has been doing since it was formed in 2016-17. There are 34 members on the committee, and a pyramid graphic regarding continuum of services was shared and explained. There are several work groups within the committee which include professional development, coordination with outside agencies, mental health/behavior screeners, transitions/co-curriculars, parent outreach, social emotional learning and interventions, suicide prevention, equity, data collection and caregiver capacity (compassion resilience). The accomplishments and goals of each committee were explained.
- Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that 3-O Day Inc. has been in existence for over 40 years. The group provides an annual conference to secondary students that brings in experts on teen drug use, suicide prevention, mental and physical wellness, relationships that are destructive and premature sexual activity. The conference has traditionally been held at The Mead Inn and Conference Center. However, due to rising expenses and the desire to bring in a nationally recognized keynote speaker, the committee is exploring the possibility of moving the 2020-21 3-O Day conference to the East Jr. High School facility.
- Approximately five WRPS choir students will have the opportunity to attend the Dorian Vocal Festival at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa on January 12-13, 2020.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the January 6, 2020 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Business Services Committee – January 6, 2020. Report given by Katie Medina.

Ms. Medina reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Business Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held:

- BS-1 Approval of the proposed architectural contract from Plunkett Raysich Architects, LLP for a redesign to the Mead Elementary School kitchen, to include additional preparation space and a larger cooler and freezer at a total cost of \$17,700.00.

Motion by Katie Medina, seconded by Troy Bier to approve consent agenda item BS 1. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Medina provided updates and reports on:

- Purchases of technology software for the operation of surveillance cameras and technology equipment for the Performing Arts Center.

Motion by Katie Medina, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the January 6, 2020 Business Services Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Personnel Services Committee – January 6, 2020. Report given by Sandra Hett.

Ms. Hett reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Personnel Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held:

PS-1 Approval of the support staff appointments of Kelli Harris (Noon Duty Aide – Grove), Todd Marcoux (Noon Duty Aide – Mead), Jade Johnson (Club Mead Aide – Mead), Carmen Richardson (Office/Instructional Aide – THINK), and Tania Halbersma (Office/Instructional Aide – Howe).

PS-2 Approval of Board Policy 330 – Curriculum Development for second reading.

PS-3 Approval of Board Policy 331 – Curriculum Maps for second reading.

PS-4 Approval of Board Policy 334 – Curriculum Evaluation for second reading.

PS-5 Approval of Board Policy 442.1 – Student Board Representatives for second reading.

PS-6 Approval of Board Policy 731.2 – Use of Electronic Surveillance Technology in Public Areas of School Buildings and Property for second reading.

PS-7 Approval of a \$2,500 stipend for the Title VI program supervisor for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve consent agenda items PS 1-7. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hett provided updates and reports on:

- Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources, shared with the Committee class size and teacher reports for both elementary and secondary levels. Mr. Oswald also explained the possible need for additional support at Washington Elementary in 4th grade.
- Mr. Oswald shared that occupational therapist caseloads are high, and the District has posted a 1.0 FTE occupational therapist position, and increased a current .80 FTE occupational therapist position to 1.0 FTE.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve the balance of the Personnel Services Committee report and minutes of the January 6, 2020 Personnel Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Troy Bier shared the following information:

- The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Energy postponed a vote on Senate Bill 423, which aims to address lead contamination in drinking water in schools. Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to the bill would change the requirement in the original bill that schools test drinking water sources for lead at least once every three years, to once every five years. To facilitate remediation efforts, the substitute amendment would also create an exception to school district revenue limits to allow a district to temporarily exceed its revenue limit for costs associated with its lead remediation plan, subject to certain requirements and limitations.
- A draft bill being circulated for legislative support would allow virtual charter school students who reside in a district to participate in district athletics and other extracurricular activities, and require the WIAA to mandate to member school districts that they allow virtual charter school students who reside in the district to participate in athletics and other extracurricular activities. The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) opposes the bill based upon member approved resolutions.
- The Assembly Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality has released a set of bipartisan recommendations for improving both surface and groundwater. The report expresses support for SB 423, and under SB 424, public schools operating day care centers approved by their school boards would be subject to the testing and remediation requirements for schools rather than those established for private day care centers.

- The State Education Convention is coming up on January 21-24 with numerous break-out sessions, including two legislative review sessions; one hosted by the School Administrator’s Alliance, and the other hosted by WASB.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to note December, 2019 receipts in the amount of \$9,551,030.24 and approve December, 2019 disbursements in the amount of \$2,217,686.44. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointment and Resignation Requests

Brian Oswall, Director of Human Resources, presented the following employment recommendations for approval:

Professional Staff Appointment

Aida Juarez	Location:	District
	Position:	School Psychologist (1.0 FTE)
	Education:	EdS – University of Northern Iowa – May 2021 (anticipated) Master’s – University of Northern Iowa – August 2019 BA – Western Illinois University – May 2018
	Major/Minor:	Master’s – Educational Psychology BA - Psychology
	Salary:	\$86,180 (95% of school psychologists’ base salary)

Professional Staff Early Retirement

Kathryn Campbell	Location:	Mead Elementary School
	Position:	Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Effective Date:	June 8, 2020
	Date of Hire:	August 20, 1984

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the professional staff appointment of Aida Juarez effective at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the professional staff early retirement request of Kathryn Campbell effective June 8, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

2020 Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Resolutions

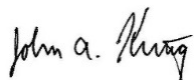
Superintendent Broeren reviewed the WASB Resolutions that will be taken up by the Delegate Assembly at the State Education Convention in January, 2020. John Benbow serves as the Board’s WASB delegate. The Board had an opportunity to discuss the Resolutions.

Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Medina to approve of having John Benbow use his own discretion and vote his conscience on behalf of the Board when attending the WASB delegate assembly at the upcoming State Education Convention. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk