



**WISCONSIN RAPIDS
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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

January 10, 2022

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: Wisc. Rapids Area Middle School, 1921 27th Avenue South, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54495
Auditorium

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Troy Bier, Sandra Hett, John Krings, Katie Medina

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: Mary Rayome, Larry Davis

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Aaron Nelson, Roxanne Filtz, Steve Hepp, Brian Oswald, Phil Bickelhaupt, Ed Allison

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment

None

Student Representative Report

Madelyn Hepp provided an update on:

- The Madrigal Dinner hosted by the LHS Drama Department in December was a huge success
- Students recently returned from Winter Break, and DECA hosted Districts competition on Friday, January 7, 2022 at Mid-State Technical College; a number of students will be advancing to State competition
- The Student Council winter dance, "Fire and Ice" is coming up at the beginning of February
- Athletic teams are performing well in winter sports
- National Honor Society is hosting an upcoming book drive

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by John Benbow to approve special Board of Education meeting minutes of December 8, 2021; regular Board of Education meeting minutes of December 13, 2021; and special open and closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of December 13, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

A. Educational Services Committee – January 3, 2022. Report given by John Krings.

Mr. Krings 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 that the Board of Education not designate any space limitations for regular education open enrollment students for the 2022-23 school year, with the exception of Central Oaks Academy enrollment caps that were approved at the December 2021 Board meeting, and designate specific space available in special education programming as indicated in the "Projected Space Available" column.

Motion by John Krings, seconded by John Benbow to approve consent agenda item ES-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Krings provided updates and reports on:

- The topic of potential calendar changes for the 2022-2023 school year was tabled.
- Committee members learned about student travels plans for Lincoln High School students involved in the annual Ag Department/FFA Fruit Sale Fundraiser as they will be attending the World's Toughest Rodeo event in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 28, 2022.

Motion by John Krings, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the January 3, 2022 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Business Services Committee – January 3, 2022. Report given by John Benbow.

Mr. Benbow 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 to purchase 100 iPads from Apple in the amount of \$31,150.00, to be funded from the 2021-22 Technology Referendum Budget.
- BS-2 Approval to accept the proposals for wax supplies from Nassco in the amount of \$19,054.96, Hillyard in the amount of \$21,222.74, and Dalco in the amount of \$57.00 to be funded from the 2021-22 Buildings and Grounds budget.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve consent agenda items BS 1-2. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- Various invoices, bid specs, and purchase orders

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the January 3, 2022 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Personnel Services Committee – January 3, 2022. 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 professional staff appointment of Drake Biolo (Teacher Intern, Mathematics – Lincoln).
- PS-2 Approval of the support staff appointments of Anthony Quinnell (Custodian – WRAMS), Lori Diver (Noon Duty Aide – Washington), Linda Sanger (Kitchen Helper – Howe), Emily Jardine (Cashier – Lincoln), Carol Koeshall (Kitchen Helper – Lincoln), Kim Brillowski (Receiving/Inter-District Delivery Assistant), Rae Ann Nelson (Kitchen Helper – WRAMS), and Roxann Nelson (Kitchen Helper/FFVP – Mead).
- PS-3 Approval of the professional staff resignation of Patricia Friday (Teacher – Lincoln).
- PS-4 Approval of the support staff resignations of Jessica McMillan (Native American Liaison – District) and Faith Peaslee (Kitchen Helper – Lincoln).
- PS-5 Approval of a one-time stipend for the 2021-2022 school year paid out of the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) grant for Jenna Peterson (LHS) \$600, Carrie Siler (RCHS) \$250, Tessa Gruszynski (WRAMS) \$550, Samantha Radtke (Grant, THINK) \$250, Barb Bondioli (Grove, Washington, Little/4K – not Pitsch) \$425, Sarah DeGuire (Howe, Woodside, COA) \$525, Natalie LeRoy (Mead, Pitsch) \$425.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by John Benbow to approve consent agenda items PS 1-5. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hett provided updates and reports on:

- Class size and section reports at the elementary and secondary levels were shared by Director of Human Resources Brian Oswall. Mr. Oswall noted that through the use of ESSER funds, ten elementary teacher positions were added across the district at the elementary level in order to decrease class sizes.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by John Benbow to approve the balance of the Personnel Services Committee report and minutes of the regular January 3, 2022 Personnel Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

Ms. Hett requested information on the consequences for students in the virtual program who may be lacking in progress or not completing their work or attending required meetings. Ms. Filtz clarified that students participating in the virtual program are issued a device and provided with internet services if needed. They are also held to expectations which were developed by the elementary administrative team to complete work, attend meetings, and show that progress is being made.

Legislative Agenda

Troy Bier shared the following information:

- Senate President Chris Kapenga and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos invited Governor Evers to deliver the 2022 State of the State address on February 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. “live and in person” to a joint session of the Wisconsin State Legislature in the Assembly chambers.
- Mr. Bier encouraged individuals to research candidates running for office and vote in the upcoming February 15, 2022 Primary election.

Bills

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by John Benbow to note December, 2021 receipts in the amount of \$11,845,273.03 and approve December, 2021 disbursements in the amount of \$3,611,129.61. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointments, Resignations, and Retirement Requests

Mr. Oswall provided the following professional staff appointment recommendation:

Gregory Matthews	Location:	WRAMS
	Position:	Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Education:	Certification – Saint Mary’s University – May, 2008 Bachelor’s – UW Stevens Point – May, 1996
	Major/Minor:	Special Education, Business Administration
	Salary:	\$23,794 (107 day contract)

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier to approve of the professional staff appointment of Gregory Matthews as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Resolutions

The Board reviewed proposed WASB resolutions to be taken up by the Delegate Assembly during the State Education Convention in January, 2022. Ms. Hett pointed out the positive impact *Resolution 22-02* would have on District budget. Mr. Krings pointed out a request from the Asian American Pacific Islander Coalition of Wisconsin to support WASB *Resolution 22-07* which supports the development of an educational curriculum and professional training to teach the history, culture, and contributions of Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders to the economic, cultural, and social development of Wisconsin and the United States, and for the state Legislature to provide sufficient funding to develop an appropriate model curriculum and training package. Mr. Krings expressed his support for the resolution, and Mr. Benbow stated he didn’t see anything in the resolution packet that the Board would likely oppose.

Motion by John Krings, seconded by Troy Bier to approve of having John Benbow use his own discretion and vote his conscience on behalf of the Board on proposed Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) resolutions when participating as the Board Delegate at the upcoming Delegate Assembly meeting in January, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment to the 2021-22 District Budget

Aaron Nelson, Director of Business Services, presented recommended amendments to the 2021-22 District budget. The overall Fund 10 budget adopted in June, 2021 was \$69,699,190 and is being adjusted to \$71,288,060. The biggest variance causing the change includes approximately \$1,000,000 in ESSER grant funding received by the District. Mr. Nelson explained reasoning behind changes made to other Fund areas including Fund 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, and 80. Certain changes relative to Fund 30 and Fund 40 pertain to finalizing referendum Bond Anticipation Notes and referendum

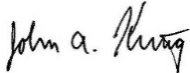
projects being pushed further out, causing a decrease in anticipated expenditures for 2021-22. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the recommended budget amendments.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier to approve of the recommended amendments to the 2021-22 District budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk