



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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Anne Lee, Chairperson
John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

June 4, 2018

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

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee and Personnel Services
Committee meetings, but not before 6:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Larry Davis, Katie Bielski-Medina, Sandra Hett, John
Krings, Anne Lee, Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Craig Broeren, Dan Guck, Eric Siler, Matt Green, Ronald
Rasmussen, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Grants

1. Carl Perkins Grant

Eric Siler, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator, shared goals of the Carl Perkins grant application for the 2018-19 school year, as well as how the grant funds will be expended. He noted that there are six areas to CTE and grant monies are used for several things including professional development and capital equipment.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, seconded by John Krings, to approve the Carl Perkins Grant for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$44,167.18. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Department of Workforce Development Technical Incentive Grant

Mr. Siler stated that 73 students in Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) utilized the grant last year through apprenticeships. WRPS was ranked eighth in

the state of districts using this grant. WRPS and area business and industry work together to provide apprenticeship opportunities and approved industry-recognized certifications for students.

ES-2 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the Department of Workforce Development Technical Incentive Grant for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$46,720.00. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Great Lakes Summer Melt Texting Initiative Grant

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School (LHS), explained that The Great Lakes Grant is intended to ensure that graduating seniors, both at LHS and River Cities High School, who have committed to attend institutions of higher education, complete necessary tasks for enrollment during the summer before their freshman year. Push notifications via text remind students to complete necessary financial aid, registration, and housing tasks. The grant will pay for a grant coordinator to follow-up with students as well as a counselor to be available to students during the summer.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Mary Rayome, to approve the Great Lakes Grant in the amount of \$47,000.00 over the 2018-19 and 2019-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Purchase of Climbing Wall for Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS)

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that there is currently no climbing wall at WRAMS. With eighth grade students moving to WRAMS for the 2018-19 school year, and climbing a part of the physical education curriculum, it is necessary to purchase and install a wall, related equipment, and provide teacher training. Ms. Stebbins-Hintz mentioned that cost estimates are still coming in, and the estimated cost of \$29,695.00 could increase. If that were to happen, she would bring the motion back to the Committee for approval.

ES-4 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the purchase and installation of a bouldering wall for WRAMS, along with related equipment and necessary teacher certification, as set out in Attachment A in the amount of \$29,695.00 to be purchased with District curriculum funds. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Supplemental Pay Plan: 2018-19

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed changes to the Supplemental Pay Plan for the 2018-19 school year. Sandra Hett asked if anyone had done a cost analysis of the changes. Mr. Broeren, Superintendent, explained that the budget for compensation will be the same as in the past, with funds allocated for each teacher maxing out at \$750 annually. He hopes the changes will help with recruitment and retention of teachers.

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz noted that staff at the \$70,000 salary will probably take advantage of this new plan as it is an opportunity they did not have before.

ES-5 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by John Benbow, to approve the Supplemental Pay Plan for teachers for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the proposed consolidated plan for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Each district is required to submit a plan when the act is reauthorized.

ES-6 Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis, to approve the ESSA consolidated plan for Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Student Travel

Three LHS students and two East Junior High (EJH) School students will be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia from June 27 – July 2, 2018 for FCCLA Nationals. Lynn Borski and Valerie DeVries-Polman, FCE teachers, will chaperone the students.

B. Athletic Facilities

Mr. Rasmussen updated the Committee on the LHS strategic plan with regard to athletic facilities. Mr. Rasmussen noted that the pool replacement and wrestling and gymnastic rooms were part of the first phase. Replacing the track, re-sodding the football field, and improving the softball and baseball diamonds are future projects. He indicated that there is a possible collaboration with the American Legion Rangers and Ramblers baseball teams to improve the baseball and softball facilities.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Carl Perkins Grant**
- ES-2 Department of Workforce Development Technical Incentive Grant**
- ES-3 Great Lakes Grant**
- ES-4 Boulderling Wall for WRAMS**
- ES-5 Supplemental Pay Plan**
- ES-6 ESSA Consolidated Plan**

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

- Renaissance Learning Contract for 2018-19 (July)
- AGR Report: 2017-18 (July)
- Board Policy on ECCP (July)
- Co-Curricular Approval (July)
- Federal Grants Update (July)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.