



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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MINUTES

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

March 4, 2019

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, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Sandra Hett, John Krings,
Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Larry Davis

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Craig Broeren, Kathy Jarosinski, Brian Oswald, Melissa Siegler,
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Wood County Farm Forward Grant

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that a grant opportunity is available from the concessions and admission profits at the Wood County Farm Technology Days held in July of 2018. Jeremy Radtke, Agriculture Teacher, will be applying for a \$50,000 grant to put toward a new greenhouse that would be attached to the current agriculture room at Lincoln High School (LHS).

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve the Wood County Farm Forward Grant to replace the current LHS Greenhouse in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Policy 447.11 – Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students, Policy 447.11 Exhibit – Notification and Reporting of Physical Restraint, Policy 447.1 – Physical Force and Corporal Punishment

Craig Broeren, Superintendent, explained how administration has been researching policies and statutory language with regard to the use of seclusion and restraint with pupils. As a result, the proposed new or revised policies were developed.

ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by Mary Rayome, to approve Policy 447.11 – use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students, Policy 447.11 Exhibit – Notification and Reporting of Physical Restraint, and Policy 447.1 – Physical Force and Corporal Punishment, all for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Classroom Expenses

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz shared a Google Slide presentation regarding surveys given to teachers about classroom spending from personal funds.

B. Student Travel

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed upcoming travel plans for students at Lincoln High School, including band students traveling to New York City over spring break, students traveling to Orlando, Florida April 25 to May 1 for the International Career Development Conference, and 13 students traveling to France from June 1 to 28.

C. Make Up Days

Mr. Broeren provided an update to the Committee regarding options for making up lost instructional time due to the seven days of school closure up to this point in the 2018-19 school year. Three days are built into the calendar and do not have to be made up by students. The fourth missed day will be made up by adding additional minutes to the high school and middle school schedules as well as making the original last day of school (June 7) a full day for students and staff.

One additional day could come from the scheduled April 22 Professional Development Day, making it a student contact day. Options for the other two days to be made up include adding a day at the end of the current school year calendar, or adding minutes to remaining school days starting on March 11. There are several considerations on how to add minutes, including bus schedules, private/parochial school schedules, cancelling early start days at LHS and early release at Mead Elementary Charter. Mr. Broeren added that he would like to get word out to families this week to help them with planning for the additional days. He also mentioned there is concern that we could still have additional inclement weather days. Administration is leaning towards using the April 22 PD day and adding minutes to days starting March 11 to make-up the remaining days.

D. Bullying

Mr. Broeren provided information to the Committee regarding anti-bullying initiatives currently in place, Board policy as it relates to the topic of bullying, and potential future modification recommendations. He referenced a hand-out shared with Committee members regarding initiatives related to bullying taking place at buildings. He explained the District has a formal request to the Township of Grand Rapids and City of

Wisconsin Rapids, in conjunction with law enforcement officials, asking both to consider the implementation of an anti-bullying ordinance. He will keep the Committee updated as he works with our municipalities to develop these ordinances.

E. Federal Accountability Update

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz shared a Google Slide presentation regarding the ESSA – IDEA accountability systems. This system is in addition to the school report cards. Mead Elementary Charter School has been designated as a school identified for targeted support. Several Board members raised concerns about the new accountability system.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Wood County Farm Forward Grant

ES-2 Policy 447.11 – use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students, Policy 447.11 Exhibit – Notification and Reporting of Physical Restraint, and Policy 447.1 – Physical Force and Corporal Punishment, First Reading

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by the Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

- Revisions to the CII Cycle (April)
- LEAP 2.0 (April)
- Marketing, Business, Computers, and Health Science Curricula (April)
- ECCP/SCN Applications (April)
- F/CE, Agriculture, Technology & Engineering Curricula (May)
- District Professional Development Plan (May)
- Agenda Planners (May)
- CTE Acquisition (May)
- Elementary Social Studies Curriculum (June)
- Behavior & Mental Wellness Committee Update (June)
- Achievement Gap Reduction Update (July)
- Academic & Career Planning Report (August)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.