



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education  
**Educational Services Committee**

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Katie Bielski-Medina  
Troy Bier  
Larry Davis  
Sandra Hett  
John Krings, President

June 3, 2019

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Troy Bier, Sandra Hett,  
John Krings, and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Larry Davis

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Akey, Ed Allison, Scott Benitz, Craig Broeren, Ronald Rasmussen, Karen  
Scarseth, Lizzie Severson, Eric Siler, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Jen Wilhorn

I. Call to Order

Mary Rayome called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 365.1 - Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Policy for Students and Board Policy 365.1 Rule Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Guidelines for Students for First Reading

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, explained that since these policies were last updated there has been a shift in the technology available to students, as well as the technology tools being utilized in classrooms. Updating both policies is necessary to reflect current technology utilization.

**ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve Board Policy 365.1 – Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Policy for**

**Students and Board Policy 365.1 Rule – Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Guidelines for Students for First Reading.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Math Acquisition: Grades 6 – 12

Kim Akey, Math Coordinator and Math CII Sub-committee Chairperson shared the math acquisition proposal for grades 6 – 12 that supports the recently approved curriculum. Ms. Akey shared a slide presentation which explained the timeline and process used to arrive at this recommendation. The process included materials review, piloting, and an opportunity for parents to examine materials.

**ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the proposed secondary math acquisition in the amount of \$184,598 in 2019-20 and \$43,859 annually from WRPS curriculum funds.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Acquisition

Eric Siler, Career and Technical Education Coordinator shared the CTE proposal for materials to support the recently approved curricula. Scott Benitz, Technology Education Teacher was also present to explain the Fab Lab and answer questions. Mr. Siler shared how funds from the Carl Perkins Grant, the Fab Lab Grant, and the CTE Technical Incentives Grant will be combined with the acquisition funds to support the CTE curricula.

John Benbow thanked Mr. Siler for the time taken to write all the grants. Mr. Siler added that he is assisted by the teachers in the department who meet with people in the industry, Mid-State Technical College, etc., and keep things moving forward.

**ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve the proposed CTE acquisition in the amount of \$90,000 in 2019-20 from WRPS curriculum funds.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ES-4 Motion by John Krings, second by Troy Bier, to approve the Carl Perkins Grant in the amount of \$43,774.09 for the 2019-20 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Curriculum Cycle Modifications

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, detailed how the CII Sub-Committee Chairs and the District CII Committee have been discussing possible changes to the WRPS Curriculum Cycle because of concerns with the present cycle. A proposed modified cycle was shared with the Committee. It was noted that although this is an extended cycle, every five years core content areas would still have the opportunity to update or try new materials. The proposed cycle would also help with managing on-line subscriptions and elementary acquisitions.

**ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve modifications to the WRPS Curriculum Cycle to be implemented beginning in the 2019-20 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

E. Elementary Report Card Modifications

During the 2015-16 school year, the Educational Services Committee and the WRPS Board of Education voted to implement a standards based report card for grades K-5. However, with modifications in the elementary language arts, math, and music curricula, there is a need to change some of the reporting standards on the report card. Jennifer Wilhorn, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, was available to review and answer questions about proposed changes to Language Arts standards. Sandra Hett questioned some of the terminology on the grade 5 report card and whether parents would understand what is meant. It was agreed that some areas would be rewritten for better clarification.

**ES-6 Motion by John Benbow, second by Troy Bier, to approve the proposed changes to the elementary report cards for implementation beginning in the 2019-20 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

A. 1 to 1 Implementation

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, updated the Committee on the 1 to 1 implementation in technology at Lincoln High School, River Cities High School, and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School. Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School, was also available to answer questions and offer input. A new handbook has been created to support students and their families with the 1 to 1 implementation.

The handbook is quite detailed and offers a lot of information to families. A Chrome-book Care Program will be available as an option to families to help defray costs of repairs.

Mr. Bickelhaupt reviewed the new Responsible Use Policy forms for technology that will be implemented starting with the 2019-20 school year. These forms will need to be signed by parents and students every year as part of the on-line verification process.

#### B. Phonics Units of Study

Ms. Wilhorn stated that in the spring of 2016, the Educational Services Committee and The Board of Education approved the implementation of The Reading and Writing Units of Study from the Teacher's College at Columbia University for elementary reading and writing instruction. Since that time, Teacher's College has published the Phonics Units of Study (PUS). Several kindergarten and first grade teachers have expressed an interest in the PUS.

The Language Arts CII Sub-Committee recommended kindergarten and first grade teachers have the option to continue to use Words Their Way, or use the PUS as a pilot for potential implementation in the next language arts acquisition.

#### V. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 Policy 365.1 – Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Policy for Students and Board Policy 365.1 Rule – Network and Internet Responsible Use and Internet Safety Guidelines for Students for First Reading**

**ES-2 Secondary Math Acquisition**

**ES-3 CTE Acquisition**

**ES-4 Carl Perkins Grant**

**ES-5 WRPS Curriculum Cycle**

**ES-6 Elementary Report Cards**

#### 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.

- Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Update (July)
- Academic Standards (July)
- Seclusion and Restraint (August)
- Elementary Social Studies Curriculum (August)
- Parent CII Representatives (September)
- ESSA Update (September)
- ACP Update (October)
- ECCP/SCN (November)
- Library Update (December)

Mary Rayome adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.