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Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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Sandra Hett
John Krings, President

December 2, 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, Larry Davis,
Sandra Hett, and John Krings

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Dani Scott, and Jennifer Wilhorn

I. Call to Order

Sandra Hett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

Board Policy 330 Curriculum Development, Board Policy 331 Curriculum Maps, Board Policy 334 Curriculum Evaluation, and Board Policy 442.1 Student Board Representatives for First Reading

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the new policies and highlighted changes to the policies. Most changes reflect updates to terminology and curriculum department processes. Board Policy 442.1 Student Board Representatives changes the start date for the student representative from July 1 to September 1 and allows for an additional term.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve Board Policy 330 – Curriculum Development for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by Troy Bier, to approve Board Policy 331 – Curriculum Maps for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve Board Policy 334 – Curriculum Evaluation for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-4 Motion by John Benbow, second by Troy Bier, to approve Board Policy 442.1 – Student Board Representatives for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Cursive Writing Expectations in Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS)

Jennifer Wilhorn, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, updated the Committee on handwriting instruction in WRPS. Ms. Wilhorn shared samples of handwriting books that are currently being used in grades K-5. Students learn manuscript from kindergarten to mid-year of grade 2. They are then introduced to cursive and continue cursive instruction through grade 5. Ms. Wilhorn noted that cursive handwriting has always been taught in WRPS.

B. Student Travel

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed background information regarding the two different groups that will be traveling to Nashville, TN and Decorah, Iowa.

C. School and District Report Cards: 2018-19

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed results of the 2018-19 School and District Report Cards.

D. Innovation Education Grant and Sub Raffle

Mr. Broeren indicated there were 13 applications submitted for the Innovation Education Grant. The QEC Committee reviewed the applications and selected three to receive the grant: 1) Stukent Digital Marketing Simulator, Ashley Tessmer, 2) Safe Space, Jean Robinson, 3) Wisconsin, Our State, Our Story, Mary Pat Erdmann, Diane Glodosky and Becky Sturdy. Mr. Davis asked if the winners could present back to the Committee on how the grant was used.

Mr. Broeren also updated the Committee on the Sub Raffle. To date about half of the winners have taken their personal day with an administrator filling in. All have had positive things to say about the experience.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Board Policy 330 – Curriculum Development for first reading**
- ES-2 Board Policy 331 – Curriculum Maps for first reading**
- ES-3 Board Policy 334 – Curriculum Evaluation for first reading**
- ES-4 Board Policy 442.1 – Student Board Representatives for 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.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- Library Update – January
- ACP Update – January
- Behavior & Mental Wellness Committee Update – January
- Class Size Limits – January
- Mid-Year AGR Report – February
- Strategic Plan Updates – February
- Physical Education Curriculum Update - March

Sandra Hett adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.