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Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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Troy Bier
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
John Krings, President

February 3, 2020

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, John Krings, and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Ashbeck, Vince Ashbeck, Phil Bickelhaupt, Craig Broeren, Roxanne Filtz,
Hobsen Hartjes, Tracy Hauke, Brian Henke, Maurine Hodgson, Kirsten
Johnson, Jamie Jestadt, Dani Scott, Michelle Turbin-Hartjes, Jennifer
Wilhorn, Gavin Zander, Shaun Zander

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 361.1 Rule – Procedures for Selection and Reconsideration of Library
Materials for First Reading

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology stated that most of the changes to this policy are reflected in updated language relevant to technology terminology, selection of new materials, overdue fees, and lost or damaged materials.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Troy Bier, to approve Board Policy 361.1 Rule – Procedures for Selection and Reconsideration of Library Materials for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Strategic Plan: 2020-21

Craig Broeren, Superintendent, reviewed changes to the Strategic Plan. Objective 2 will include an emphasis on universal social and emotional learning competencies. Objective 3 includes modifications and enhancements to professional learning

communities. Objective 4 relates to implementing Academic and Career Planning (ACP). ACP has been implemented successfully and therefore is removed from the plan. Buildings and Grounds continues to seek ways to maintain facilities to better meet the needs of students, energy savings, and technology, as indicated in Objective 5. Objective 7 is new and relates to the possibility of seeking additional revenue via levy override and/or bond issue referenda. The Committee reviewed concerns that need to be addressed and discussed possible ways to present this to the public. Objective 8 is also new and relates to creating a district environment that promotes educational innovation and creativity. It is important for staff to try new approaches and not fear failure.

ES-2 Motion by John Krings, second by Sandra Hett, to approve the 2020-21 Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' (WRPS) Strategic Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Response to Intervention (RtI) Handbook

Roxanne Filtz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented proposed changes to the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) Response to Intervention (RtI) Guide. She explained that the document was created six years ago and many of the changes are updates to terminology, programming, and how students are assessed. Sandra Hett expressed concern about language on Page 3 under Component 1. Ms. Filtz explained that all students who are screened below the 25th percentile on the District Screener, along with other evidence demonstrating need, will be prioritized to receive services. In addition, the Professional Learning Community process allows for deliberate use of enrichments to ensure that advanced students experience continual growth in learning.

ES-3 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the proposed modifications to the WRPS Response to Intervention Guide.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Library and Technology Update

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, Tracy Hauke, Lincoln High School (LHS) Librarian, Kirsten Johnson, Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS) Librarian, and Jamie Jestadt, Elementary Librarian updated the Committee on the library and technology plan in WRPS. The District focus is on having Future Ready schools and students. Librarians presented ways that are being used to accomplish this, including frameworks and a digital learning plan. Surveys have been conducted to evaluate where students are in meeting the Strategic Plan Objective 1 at WRAMS and LHS. The surveys show positive results.

B. AGR Mid-Year Report

Ms. Filtz and Jennifer Wilhorn, Assistant Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed results from the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Mid-Year Report. The district has provided more professional development in math, and student results reflect positively on this. Ms. Filtz further explained that in elementary reading classes, reading stamina is encouraged daily. Students also have opportunities to choose books of interest that encourage prolonged reading stamina.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Board Policy 361.1 Rule – Procedures for Selection and Reconsideration of Library Materials for first reading

ES-2 2020-21 Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' (WRPS) Strategic Plan

ES-3 WRPS Response to Intervention Guide

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

- Physical Education Curriculum Update (March)
- LHS Summer School Course Additions (March)
- Early College Credit Program/Start College Now (April)
- Athletic Code Updates (April)
- 2020-21 Professional Development Plan (May)
- Agenda Planners (May)

Mary Rayome adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.