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Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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Sandra Hett
John Krings, President

October 5, 2020

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

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Katie Bielski-Medina, Troy Bier, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett, John Krings, and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Benbow, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Bickelhaupt, Craig Broeren, Roxanne Filtz, Dani Scott

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. 2019 Act 185 School Board Report

Roxanne Filtz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that as a result of Act 185, the Department of Public Instruction requires a final report outlining the spring school closure completed by November 1, 2020. The information provided by the District summarizes the District's response to the school closure. Several administrative offices helped prepare the final report which was shared with committee members. There were no questions or concerns about the report.

ES-1 Motion by Troy Bier, seconded by Larry Davis, that the administration recommends approval of the 2019 Act 185 COVID-19 Response report, as presented, to be sent to the Department of Public Instruction by November 1, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

Ms. Filtz explained that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) includes grants that flow from the federal government to the states. These grants include Title I, II, III and IV. Dollar amounts are higher for the 2020-21 school year as funds were carried over from the 2019-20 school year as a result of the COVID shut down. Funds that had been allocated for such things as professional development, teacher subs, and parent involvement for 2019-20 were added to the 2020-21 overall allocation.

B. Policy 672

Ms. Filtz and Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, requested a review and possible update of Policy 672. The policy was last updated in 2007, and changes in technology and the cost of "doing business" may make it beneficial to update the policy. Items in the policy to be addressed include whether a multi-year contract requires approval every year of that contract, even if it was approved by the Board the first year? Could the dollar amount threshold be raised to address rising costs for individual items as well as items under \$1,000? Mr. Bickelhaupt explained that in the technology world it is sometimes difficult to get three competitive quotes for the exact same product. Craig Broeren, Superintendent, indicated that the policy could be completely revamped, or simply reworded to address the increasing dollar amounts to keep up with rising costs. There was discussion by committee members regarding whether there is preference for local vendors, how the public is made aware of an opportunity to bid on items, and how pricing is requested. Final consensus by committee members was to go forward with revising the policy and bringing it back at a future meeting for committee approval.

C. Virtual Student Enrollment Update

Ms. Filtz referred Committee members to Attachment E which reflects off-campus, Central Oaks Academy, and Lincoln Virtual School enrollment numbers as of September 30, 2020. She explained that these numbers are changing daily. Ms. Hett asked if parents were asked to commit to an enrollment option, and it was explained that with Central Oaks Academy parents/guardians of 6th – 8th grade students would be allowed to return to the building at the end of each trimester if the family chooses. For pre-K through 5th grade off-campus learning, parents/guardians can move their child from virtual to the building as they feel comfortable, in light of COVID. Ms. Filtz indicated attendance is tracked for virtual students by participation and progress made in the program. The first attendance letters were sent out in the last few days to parents/guardians of students not participating in the virtual program, or not making academic progress.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 2019 Act 185 School Board Report

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

- New Course/Curriculum Modification Proposals – Discussion (November)
- ECCP/SCN (November)
- New Course/Curriculum Proposals – Decision (December)
- Mid-Year AGR Report (February)
- Strategic Plan Updates (February)
- Student Travel Updates (February)

Mary Rayome adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.