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Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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John Krings, President

November 7, 2016

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, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett,
John Krings, Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Kent Anderson, David Bergerson, Jacob Bertagnoli, Kelly Bluell,
Colleen Dickmann, Matt Green, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

There were no actionable items.

IV. Updates

A. Boys and Girls Club

Kent Anderson, Director of Boys and Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area (BGCWRA) updated the Committee on the work of the club as well as club happenings. Mr. Anderson reviewed the club's mission statement, the different groups within the club and what they do, membership fees, and how they are encouraging more teen participation. There are approximately 387 students that attend daily, with 286 from Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. The Club will complete its lease with WRPS for the Pitsch Elementary facility which runs through August, 2018. They hope to have the new facility that they are partnering with the YMCA to build, complete the summer of 2018.

B. 2015-16 Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz shared a hand-out with results of the 2015-16 WSAS, including information on the Forward Exam, ACT Aspire, the ACT and AP exams. She then shared a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed results of each assessment.

C. New Course Proposals - Discussion

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz presented the new course proposals that were submitted for consideration:

1. Family and Consumer Economics: Teach and Lead

This course will explore the Education and Training career cluster to introduce students to a career in teaching. It will teach about the education cycle and offer job shadowing. This would be a .5 elective credit course.

2. Language Arts: English 4

This class will more fully address the strands of the ELA standards and be a continuation of material and content that students learned in their junior level English class. It would be a one-term, .5 credit course for 12th grade students, replacing *Search for Identity*, *Literary Media Studies*, and *Contemporary Literature*.

3. Math: Algebra Topics

This is not a new course offering. Rather this proposal suggests modifications to the existing course. The intent of the revisions is to prevent students from falling a year behind in math, while getting a review of Math 8 and an introduction to algebra. It will provide a bridge between Math 8 and Algebra 1. The goal is to ensure student mastery of the previous topics while preparing them for future success in mathematics. The proposal is to modify this class from one credit to .5 credit.

4. Math: Foundations for Advanced Algebra

This course is for college bound students and would be an option for grade 11 students who have completed Algebra 1 and Geometry. It would provide students the ability to take math for an entire year. It would help prepare students for Algebra II. This would be a one term, .5 credit course.

5. Music: String Orchestra

Orchestra enrollment has increased with enough string students at the high school to support two orchestras. This proposal is to have one of the two sections be for sophomores. Seventh and eighth grade students are receiving less instructional time in music. Providing a course for sophomores will attempt to counterbalance the loss of instruction time at the 7th and 8th grade levels, and maintain the integrity of the current orchestra program. This would be a one credit class.

6. Science: Life Sciences and Society

7. Physical Sciences and Society

Act 63, signed into law in December, 2013, increased the required number of science credits from two to three for all Wisconsin students, beginning with the class of 2017. As a result, more class options need to be available. Life Sciences and Society as well as Physical Sciences and Society are more remedial than other current offerings in the science department. Both courses are proposed for .5 credits.

8. Science: Forensics Science

This course would introduce science used in the legal system. It is available for .5 credits.

9. PLTW: Principles of Bio-Medical Science

This proposal is a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) course that will allow students to explore biomedical sciences. It will also provide the potential for students to earn college credit while in high school. Start-up cost for this class is around \$17,900. Funds could come from grants and Title II.

10. Social Studies: Contemporary Issues

This course would cover current issues and global problems. Students will be able to explore social, political, environmental, and economic issues of both the United States and the world. This course would be offered for .5 credit.

11. Social Studies: Introduction to Economics

This course would be an elective option for 9th grade students, addressing the economic strand of the Wisconsin Social Studies Standards. It will provide another social studies opportunity for freshmen. It would be available for .5 credit.

V. Consent Agenda Items

There were no consent agenda items.

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.

- New Course and Curriculum Proposals – Approval (December)
- Supplemental Pay Plan for Professional Development (December)
- Class Size Limits (January)
- Elementary English Language Arts Curriculum Update (January)
- Art Curriculum Update (February)
- Student Travel Update (February)
- Strategic Plan (February)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.