



MINUTES

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

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Anne Lee, Chairman  
John Benbow, Jr.  
Katie Bielski-Medina  
Larry Davis  
Sandra Hett  
Mary Rayome  
John Krings, President

April 3, 2017

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: Jacob Bertagnoli, Matt Green, Heather Lisitza, Jim Scott, Steve Smith,  
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Paula Reaves

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 426 Homeless Education Program and Board Policy 426 Rule Homeless  
Education Program Procedures

Steve Smith, Assistant Director of Pupil Services, and Heather Lisitza, Homeless  
Coordinator, reviewed and explained the new policy and rule. The McKinney-Vento  
Homeless Education Assistance Act requires that a policy be in place.

**ES-1 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to recommend approval of Board  
Policy 426 Homeless Education Program and Board Policy 426 Rule Homeless  
Education Program Procedures.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Board Policy 345.41 Promotion/Retention of Kindergarten, Fourth and Eighth Grade  
Students

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, explained the policy was being brought to the committee for modification, to reflect the eighth grade transition to a trimester schedule beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Anne Lee requested a wording change be made.

**ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Benbow, to approve the revisions to Board Policy 345.41 as set out in Attachment C, with language change.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Social Studies Scope and Sequence

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz introduced Jacob Bertagnoli, Social Studies CII Sub-Committee Chair, and Ms. Reaves, Social Studies CII member. Mr. Bertagnoli explained how the committee reviewed the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' (WRPS) scope and sequence, with consideration to recommendations from the Department of Public Instruction, and examples from other school districts. Suggested changes include eliminating duplication of content through grade levels, moving Government to grade 11, and requiring a full credit of Human Geography at grade 9.

**ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to adopt the Social Studies Scope and Sequence set out in Attachment D beginning in the 2018-19 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Grant Applications

1. Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Grant

Ms. Lisitza explained that this grant is on a three-year cycle. She explained that the majority of the grant funds are used for transportation, which is currently being paid for out of Title I.

**ES-4 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to approve The Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant for years 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 in the amount of \$50,000 per year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Add-Vantage Math Recovery Professional Development Grant

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that last year five math interventionists were trained utilizing this program, and found their training was very beneficial in the classroom. Application of this grant is to provide training for additional staff and further training for interventionists.

**ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the Add-Vantage Math Recovery Professional Development grant for AVMR training during the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$12,000.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Community Impact Grant

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated that the district has already received notification that we did not receive this grant.

4. Peer Review and Mentoring Grant

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that this grant has been applied for and received by the district for several years. It has been instrumental in the successful new teacher/mentor program that also involves Port Edwards, Rosholt and Nekoosa Public Schools.

**ES-6 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by Larry Davis, to approve the Peer Review and Mentoring Grant for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$25,000.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

5. Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Grant

Matt Green, Director of Pupil Services, explained how the district took a three-pronged approach when applying for this grant. First, the grant would be used to support student learning in the schools through groups such as East Junior High Ambassadors and Lincoln High School FACT. Second, the district would hire a part-time AODA Coordinator. Third would be for parent education.

**ES-7 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the AODA grant for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$25,000.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

A. Pupil Nondiscrimination Report

Matt Green, Director of Pupil Services, reviewed The Pupil Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation Report for the Committee. The district received input from many different people, as well as a consultant to complete this report. Discussion took place on how to attract both genders to various activities.

B. Student Out of State Travel

1. Lincoln High School (LHS) DECA

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated that 12 students from Lincoln High School (LHS) will be traveling to Santa Ana, California for National DECA competition from April 24 to April 30, 2017, chaperoned by DECA advisors Eric Siler and Ashley Tessmer.

2. Japanese Classes: East Junior High (EJH & LHS)

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained that students enrolled in Japanese at both EJH and LHS will be traveling to Arlington Heights and Rockford, Illinois on May 10 and May 16 respectively. Yu Kitamura, Japanese Instructor, along with parents will be chaperoning the trips.

C. Japanese, Driver Education, and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Principles of Biomedical Science

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz updated the committee on the status of curriculum changes for the 2017-18 school year. Students in levels three through five in Japanese may have the option to further their instruction through UW-Oshkosh Distance Learning. An option for level two students would be to take Japanese through the Wisconsin Virtual School.

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated that 79 of the 98 students enrolled in Driver Education before its elimination have chosen to take instruction through a private business at Lincoln High School. Private businesses are very interested in participating. This class could be completed in a trimester, and having a private business will hopefully allow for more evening and weekend hours being available to students for road instruction.

Project Lead the Way Principles of Biomedical Science was offered at registration, and 77 students enrolled. Next steps include finding funds for start-up costs of the program. Ms. Stebbins-Hintz said Title II and curriculum funds will be used for staff training and annual supply costs.

V. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 Board Policy 426 Homeless Education Program & Board Policy 426 Rule Homeless Education Program Procedures**

**ES-2 Board Policy 345.45 Promotion/Retention of Kindergarten, Fourth and Eighth Grade Students**

**ES-3 Social Studies Scope and Sequence**

**ES-4 Grant Application: The Education for Homeless Children and Youth**

**ES-5 Grant Application: Add-Vantage Math Recovery Professional Development**

**ES-6 Grant Application: Peer Review and Mentoring**

**ES-7 Grant Application: Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse**

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.

- Art Acquisition (May)
- 2017-18 District Professional Development Plan (May)
- 2017-18 Agenda Planners (May)
- Gifted and Talented Services (GATES) Report (May)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.