



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

May 1, 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: Kelly Bluell, Colleen Dickmann, Matthew Green, Patricia Larsen, Ronald  
Rasmussen, Patti Ritchay, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Tina Wallner

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

I. Actionable Items

A. Secondary Agenda Planners: 2017-18

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School, presented revisions being recommended for the 2017-18 Agenda Planner for Lincoln High School. In addition to the changes listed in "Attachment A," Mr. Rasmussen also introduced an additional change to the "Academic Integrity" section on page 4 to add consequence language for academic dishonesty.

Patti Ritchay, Associate Principal of East Junior High School (EJH), reviewed changes being proposed for the 2017-18 Agenda Planner for East as set out in "Attachment B."

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, explained that there were no substantive changes proposed for the Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS) Planner as set out in "Attachment C."

Committee members had an opportunity to ask questions, and were invited to send any grammatical suggestions to Ms. Stebbins-Hintz for inclusion in the documents.

**ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to recommend approval of the proposed modifications to the Lincoln High School Agenda Planner for the 2017-18 school year as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ES-2 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to recommend approval of the proposed modifications to the East Junior High Agenda Planner for the 2017-18 school year as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**ES-3 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School Agenda Planner for the 2017-18 school year as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Gifted and Talented Education Services (GATES) Plan

Kelly Bluell, Lincoln High School Math Teacher, and Tina Wallner, Principal of Grove Elementary School were present to review recommended changes to the GATES Plan. The GATES Committee was convened to review the plan and suggest changes, and the Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Committee also reviewed the recommended changes and expressed unanimous support of the updated plan.

Ms. Bluell and Ms. Wallner introduced the GATES website to the Committee. This website was developed for interested stakeholders, and contains a host of information and resources uniquely tailored to meet the needs of staff, students, parents, and the public. The Committee was impressed with the work done on the GATES Plan and website, and expressed their appreciation for the hard work of all involved.

**ES-4 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the Gifted and Talented Educational Services Plan as presented.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Art Acquisition

In March of 2017, the Board of Education approved the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Art curriculum, including their mission, vision, best instructional practices,

and curriculum maps. The K-12 Art Department has also devoted time to identifying purchases to support their curriculum. Patricia Larsen, CII Subcommittee Chairperson for Art, was present to explain the department's acquisition proposals as set out in "Attachment D," and answer any questions.

**ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to recommend approval of the art acquisition as set out in "Attachment D" in the amount of \$96,275.19.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Professional Development Plan: 2017-18

The recommended Professional Development Plan for 2017-18 as set out in "Attachment F" was created with input from the CII, Quality Educator Committee (QEC), CII Sub-Committee Chairs, and the administrative team. Before creating this plan, each group reviewed the WRPS 2017-18 Strategic Plan initiatives and discussed progress made on goals set for 2016-17.

The Committee applauded the efforts of the staff involved in developing such a comprehensive plan that supports the work being done in classrooms.

**ES-6 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the 2017-18 Professional Development Plan as set out in "Attachment F."**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

II. Updates

A. Professional Days: 2017-18

Professional Days are a valuable component in maintaining instructional excellence for District students.

The Committee reviewed "Attachment G," which reflects the schedule for planned Professional Days for the 2017-18 school year. With the elimination of the 7.5 hour *individual* professional development requirement for teachers, an additional structured professional development day was scheduled into the teacher calendar.

B. Student Travel Update

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained that twenty-two students from Lincoln High School will be traveling to Switzerland, Italy, Southern France and Barcelona, Spain to experience art and architecture from June 13 through June 23, 2017. Students will be chaperoned by Jeanine Kleman and Dustin Anderson, WRPS Art teachers.

III. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Lincoln High School Agenda Planner**
- ES-2 East Junior High School Agenda Planner**
- ES-3 WRAMS Agenda Planner**
- ES-4 Gifted and Talented Educational Services Plan**
- ES-5 Art Acquisition**
- ES-6 2017-18 Professional Development Plan**

IV. 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:

- Science Updates: Woodlot Project and City Pond Partnership (June)
- Carl Perkins Grant (June)
- Homeless Education Services (June)
- Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Report (June)
- WRPS Mental Health and Behavior Committee Update (July)
- WRPS Academic and Career Planning Update (July)

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