



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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

August 7, 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: Katie Bielski-Medina, Sandra Hett, John Krings, Anne Lee,
Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Benbow, Jr., Larry Davis

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Craig Broeren, Ryan Christianson, Matthew Green,
Jennifer Wilhorn

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Renaissance Learning Products

Jennifer Wilhorn, Elementary Literacy Supervisor and Principal at Vesper Community Academy, reviewed contracts that Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) has with Renaissance Learning for STAR Math and STAR Reading. These screening tools are used three times per year. The District will no longer purchase Accelerated Math Fluency. Ms. Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction is still negotiating contracts for Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math. Sandra Hett questioned the discount offered as well as whether we are piloting materials for them.

ES-1 Motion by Katie Bielski-Medina, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the contract with Renaissance Learning for purchase of STAR Math and STAR Reading for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$28,178.56, to be paid for from referendum funds.

Motion carried on a vote of 4 to 1. Sandra Hett voted no.

B. City Pond Partnership

Mrs. Wilhorn explained that the City of Wisconsin Rapids issued the contract set out in Attachment B for WRPS students to use the city pond behind Lincoln High School. Dave Bergerson, WRPS Science Coordinator and Lincoln High School Science Teacher had reviewed the partnership project at the July Educational Services Committee meeting. Mrs. Hett questioned who is responsible in the event of property damage. Mr. Broeren indicated he had a conversation with Mayor Vruwink and although not reflected in the contract, he felt the City and District would work together to resolve any concerns. Structures placed by WRPS would be the District's responsibility.

ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the contract set out in Attachment B between WRPS and the City of Wisconsin Rapids, allowing the District to utilize the pond and property surrounding it.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Seclusion and Restraint: Annual Report

Matthew Green, Director of Pupil Services, shared information regarding seclusion and restraint statistics for the 2016-17 school year, noting there has been declines over the last few years in the number of cases.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Renaissance Learning Products
ES-2 City Pond Partnership

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.

- Federal Grants Update (September)
- Homeless Education Services (September)
- Parent CII Representative (September)
- Professional Development Report (September)
- Renaissance Learning Contract: Accelerated Math and Reading (September)
- Mead Elementary Charter School Report (September)
- Youth and Course Options (October)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results: 2016-17 (October)
- New Course Proposals – Explanation and Discussion (October)
- Department Course Offerings – Restructuring Proposals (October)
- School and District Report Cards (November)
- New Course Proposals – Decision (November)
- Department Course Offerings – Restructuring Decisions (November)

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