



MINUTES

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

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October 2, 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: Larry Davis, Katie Bielski-Medina, Sandra Hett, John Krings,  
Anne Lee, Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Benbow

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Broeren, 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. Youth and Course Options

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, indicated there are no Youth Options requests for the 2017-18 school year, and only five students that are taking courses through Course Options during semester one. She also mentioned that guidelines will be changing for the Fall of 2018, with information still being shared by the State regarding these changes.

B. Renaissance Learning Contract: Accelerated Math and Reading

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated the contract was negotiated with Renaissance Learning saving the District \$26,000. In doing so, the District only pays for the number of licenses needed.

C. Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results: 2016-17

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the 2016-17 WSAS results for the Committee including Forward, DLM, ACT Aspire and ACT for grade 11. A handout of results was shared and reviewed, including achievement gap information. It was noted that the Districts economically disadvantaged population continues to increase, affecting results. It was also pointed out that the number of students not testing can affect results, specifically virtual students. Craig Broeren, Superintendent, indicated that the District is looking at options to address this. Results from the ACT Graduate and AP tests will be shared when released by the State.

D. Department Course Offerings – Restructuring Proposals

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained the need to review each department's course offerings in grades 6 through 12 as a result of restructuring beginning in 2018-19. Changes include extending course offerings to additional grade levels, changing titles of courses, and eliminating grade 9 courses. The following department's proposed changes in course offerings were reviewed, with changes noted, including:

- Agriculture
- Art
- Business and Marketing
- Computer Science
- English/Language Arts
- Family and Consumer Science
- Health
- Math
- Music
- Physical Education
- Science
- Social Studies
- Technology & Engineering
- World Language

A revised Social Studies flowchart was shared with the Committee.

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated the CII Committee will meet in October to review the flowcharts and cast advisory votes. The results of the vote will be shared with the Educational Services Committee in November, and at that time the Committee will vote.

E. New Course Proposals

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained that per Board Policy, new course options or curriculum modification proposals need to be submitted to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for consideration no later than the end of September. The CII Committee will review the proposals at its October meeting and cast an advisory vote to be presented to the Educational Services Committee for approval in November. Ms. Stebbins-Hintz then reviewed each proposal.

V. Consent Agenda Items

There are 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.

- School and District Report Cards (November)
- New Course Proposals – Decision (November)
- Department Course Offerings – Restructuring Decisions (November)
- Homeless Education Services (December)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.