



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

January 8, 2018

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Margie Dorshorst, David Gorski, Matt Green, Cynthia Kane,
Jane Natzke, Ron Natzke, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Brandon Winter, Rebecca
Winter

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Cynthia Kane, representing WREA, read a statement encouraging the adoption of the
Resolution to support the Wisconsin Taxpayer Transparency Bill (Assembly Bill 267 and
Senate Bill 183). The WREA hopes this will serve as a talking point with the public. She
also relayed that Rhinelander School District has recently passed this resolution.

David Gorski also spoke relating to this Bill. He too is in favor of the Bill and feels the
public has a right to know how their tax money is supporting private schools.

III. Actionable Items

A. Community Learning Center Grant: Mead Elementary Charter School

Margie Dorshorst, Principal of Mead Elementary Charter School, and Rebecca (Becky)
Winter, Coordinator of the Community Learning Center, explained that Mead
Elementary Charter School is again applying for renewal of the DPI 21st Century
Community Learning Center grant, a five-year grant. A handout was shared that
reviewed how the money will be used, highlighting new expenses for 2018-19. It was

noted that STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) will be a focal point.

ES-1 Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by John Krings, to recommend approval of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter school in the amount of \$145,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Supplemental Pay Plan for Professional Development

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz Director of Curriculum & Instruction, reviewed Attachment A of the background, explaining the requested changes for the 2017-18 school year.

ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Mary Rayome, to recommend approval of the suggested changes to the Supplemental Pay Plan for Professional Development for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Open Enrollment Space Determination Limits

Matt Green, Director of Pupil Services, explained the process used to determine the number of spaces available to nonresident students both in regular education and special education classrooms. Craig Broeren, Superintendent, mentioned that students already open enrolled into WRPS and resident students are not affected when determining spaces.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Mary Rayome, to recommend that WRPS does not designate any space limitations for regular education open enrollment students for the 2018-19 school year. It is recommended, for special education, to deny all applicants whose IEP needs place them in programs for Level 3 students with Intellectual Disabilities or Emotional Disabilities due to a projected lack of space. In addition, it is recommended that students whose needs can only be met at the Wood County Alternative School be denied open enrollment due to a projected lack of space.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Driver Education Contract

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated that in conversation with Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School, the first year with Preferred Driver Education for instruction contracting is going well. There are no reservations in renewing the contract.

ES-4 Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis, to recommend renewing the contract with Preferred Driver Education for optional Driver Education instruction to students at Lincoln High School for the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Possible Action to Approve of a Resolution in Support of the Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill

Mr. Broeren explained that this was a topic of conversation in the state when he was hired in July. It is now being brought to the Board, and he would advocate for taxpayers being aware of how tax funds are supporting voucher schools and impacting public school funding.

ES-5 Motion by John Krings, seconded by Sandra Hett, to recommend approval of the Resolution to support the Wisconsin Taxpayer Transparency Bill (Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183).

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

- A. Community Learning Center Grant: Boys & Girls Club

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated the Boys & Girls Club will again be applying for a Community Learning Center Grant. The grant supports all of the schools on the East side, with the primary school being Howe.

- B. Remedial Course Report

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz noted that for the 2016-17 school year, 130 WRPS graduates enrolled in the UW System, and fewer than six of them were required to take remedial college English or math courses. WRPS is one of the four largest districts able to accomplish this. This is a very positive thing for Lincoln High School and WRPS.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Community Learning Center Grant: Mead Elementary Charter School**
- ES-2 Supplemental Pay Plan for Professional Development**
- ES-3 Open Enrollment Space Determination Limits**
- ES-4 Drivers Education Contract**
- ES-5 Resolution in Support of the Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill**

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.

- Strategic Plan (February)
- AGR Update (February)
- Student Travel Update (February)
- Calendars (February)
- SPARK Program (February)
- Youth Options (March)
- Social Studies Curriculum Update (March)
- Course Proposal: Lincoln Launch (March)
- Music Curriculum Update (March)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.