



MINUTES

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Educational Services Committee

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Sandra Hett
John Krings, President

May 6, 2019

LOCATION: Board of Education, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids WI
Conference Room A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Troy Bier, Larry Davis,
Sandra Hett, John Krings, and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Akey, Phil Bickelhaupt, Lynn Borski, Craig Broeren, Andrew Cook, Casey
Drake, Roxanne Filtz, Tracy Ginter, Missy Henneman, Adam Klonowski, Bill
Oswald, Eric Siler, Ronald Rasmussen, Lizzie Severson, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz,
Nic Sydorowicz

I. Call to Order

Mary Rayome called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Mrs. Rayome mentioned that this week is National Teacher Appreciation Week and the Board is grateful for all the hard work Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools teachers do.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness for First Reading

Lizzie Severson, Food Service Director, explained the proposed changes to the policy as a result of the Department of Public Instruction audit. The District has been doing what is required, but language needed to be added to the policy.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness for First Reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Career & Technical Education (CTE) Curricula

Eric Siler, CII Sub-Committee Chairperson for Career and Technical Education (CTE), along with Andrew Cook, Agriculture Teacher, Lynn Borski, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, and Adam Klonowski, Technology Education Teacher, shared proposed curricula for Agriculture, Family and Consumer Science, and Technology and Engineering. Mission and Vision statements were shared as well as highlights from specific courses. Mrs. Borski also shared a short activity with the Committee on how to safely remove gloves without contaminating your hands.

ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve the proposed Agriculture Curriculum, Family and Consumer Science Curriculum, and Technology and Engineering Curriculum, beginning with the 2019-20 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Mathematics Curriculum (K-12)

Kim Akey, Math CII Sub-Committee Chairperson and Coordinator of Mathematics, along with Missy Henneman, Math Teacher at Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS), shared the proposed K-12 Math Curriculum. Mrs. Akey stated it was a big undertaking to finalize the curriculum maps. The department's Mission, Vision and Best Practices, along with a slide show of K-12 students engaging in math activities was also shared. The Committee and audience participated in a short math activity called "Number Talk."

Parents will have the opportunity to view proposed 6-12 materials on May 20. The proposed 6-12 math acquisition will be presented to the Committee at the June 3 meeting. John Krings thanked the Math CII Sub-Committee for their hard work and stated, "The program is only as good as the people who run it."

ES-3 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the proposed Math Curriculum beginning with the 2019-20 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct (2019-20)

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of LHS shared proposed revisions to the Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Rasmussen also mentioned that the Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct will be part of the online verification process for all students starting with the 2019-20 school year.

ES-4 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to approve the revisions to the Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Secondary Agenda Planners (2019-20)

Mr. Rasmussen and William Oswald, Dean of Students at WRAMS, reviewed proposed modifications for the 2019-20 Agenda Planners for their respective buildings. Both

indicated their attendance guidelines were modified to help reduce student truancy. Sandy Hett requested that "in person" be added to the last line of #4 on page 8 of the LHS Agenda Planner. Mr. Rasmussen stated that smart watches would be added to the first line of page 16 of the LHS Agenda Planner. Page six of the WRAMS Agenda Planner had one additional change. Under the attendance section, second paragraph, first line, LHS should be changed to WRAMS.

ES-5 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the proposed modifications to the Lincoln High School Agenda Planner and the Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School Agenda Planner for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Professional Development Plan (2019-20)

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained the proposed plan. A State and District goal, both based on narrowing our student achievement gap, has been added to the plan.

ES-6 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the 2019-20 Professional Development Plan as set out in Attachment J.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Professional Day Schedule (2019-20)

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the proposed schedule of Professional Days for the 2019-20 school year.

ES-7 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the Professional Day Schedule for the 2019-20 school year as set out in Attachment K.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Grant Approval

1. School-Based Mental Health Services Grant

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that the 2018-19 grant dollars have been used to work with the community to bring mental health services into the schools. The WRPS Behavior and Mental Wellness Committee would like to apply for the grant once again to continue to provide better access to mental health services for WRPS students.

ES-8 Motion by John Krings, second by Sandy Hett, to approve the application for the School Based Mental Health Services Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Peer Review and Mentor Grant

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated the District's comprehensive "New Colleague Program" is in consortium with Nekoosa and Port Edwards Public Schools. Once again, the consortium would like to apply for the Peer Review and Mentor Grant in order to defray some of the costs of the program.

ES-9 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the application for the Peer Review and Mentor Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2019-20 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. 21st Century Community Learning Center (CLC) Grant

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated that the District had received word today that the grant was denied.

I. Mead Elementary Charter School

Craig Broeren, Superintendent, indicated that the Mead Elementary Charter School Governing Council has voted to dissolve the Charter. Programs that began as a result of the Charter have been sustained through other means. Paperwork has become very cumbersome to continue as a charter school. As a result, Mead Elementary Charter School will no longer exist, and Mead Elementary School will take its place. Due to costs, an outside sign that was purchased with the charter school name will not be replaced.

ES-10 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to allow the dissolution of the Mead Elementary School Charter.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. 2018-19 Building Restructuring Report

Mr. Rasmussen, Tracy Ginter, Principal of WRAMS, and Roxanne Filtz, Principal of THINK Academy were present to report on the building restructuring that took place during the 2018-19 school year. All agreed and echoed each other that the transition went very well.

Mr. Rasmussen reported that at LHS the transition has improved instructional consistency and knowledge of scope and sequence with staff. Traffic and parent drop offs has been the biggest issue.

Mrs. Ginter stated that at WRAMS the new space for grade 6 students is working out well and is a beautiful area. Response from the community has been very positive and veteran staff from East Junior High has been very helpful and knowledgeable. As with LHS, outside traffic is a concern.

Mrs. Filtz indicated that the THINK and Vesper students are blending well together and are thought of as "Our Kids." There is plenty of space in the building, and parent response has been excellent. There are some concerns with the timing of busing.

B. Student Travel

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz updated the Committee on student travel.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness for First Reading**
- ES-2 Agriculture Curriculum, Family and Consumer Science Curriculum, Technology and Engineering Curriculum**
- ES-3 Math Curriculum**
- ES-4 Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct**
- ES-5 Lincoln High School and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School Agenda Planners**
- ES-6 2019-20 Professional Development Plan**
- ES-7 Professional Development Schedule**
- ES-8 Application for the School Based Mental Health Services**
- ES-9 Application for the Peer Review and Mentor Grant**
- ES-10 Dissolution of the Mead Elementary School Charter**

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.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- CII Cycle Revisions (June)
- Elementary Report Card Revisions (June)
- Career and Technology Acquisition with Carl Perkins and the Fab Lab Grant (June)
- 6-12 Math Acquisition (June)
- Phonics Units of Study Pilot (June)
- Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Update (July)
- Academic Standards (July)
- Seclusion and Restraint (August)
- Parent CII Representatives (August)
- Elementary Social Studies Curriculum (August)
- ESSA Update (September)
- ACP Update (October)

Mary Rayome adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.