



MINUTES

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

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Katie Bielski-Medina  
Troy Bier  
Larry Davis  
Sandra Hett  
John Krings, President

August 5, 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: Jacob Bertagnoli, Craig Broeren, Steven Hepp, Brian Oswald, Kathi Stebbins-  
Hintz

I. Call to Order

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

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 343-46 – Early College Credit Program and Board Policy 343.46 Rule Early  
College Credit Program Procedures for First Reading

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, reviewed proposed changes to the policies that incorporate clarification needed as a result of changes to the rule governing the Early College Credit Program in Chapter PI 40 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

**ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Troy Bier, to approve Board Policy 343.46 – Early College Credit Program and Policy 343.46 Rule – Early College Credit Program Procedures for first reading.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Elementary Social Studies Curriculum

Jacob Bertagnoli, CII Sub-Committee Chairperson and Coordinator of Social Studies, shared the proposed K-5 Social Studies Curriculum. He reviewed steps taken to develop the new K-5 social studies curriculum. Social studies staff met several times and collaborated with DPI staff that came to Wisconsin Rapids to develop the new curriculum. A key feature of the new curriculum is five social studies skills incorporated at each grade level. The skills of inquiry will be emphasized and integrated into professional development for teachers during the 2019-20 school year.

**ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the proposed K-5 Social Studies Curriculum beginning with the 2019-20 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Renaissance Learning Contract for 2019-20

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained the products from Renaissance Learning that are used by Wisconsin Rapids Public School (WRPS) students.

**ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the contract with Renaissance Learning for the 2019-20 school year in the amount of \$33,061.20, to be paid for from curriculum acquisition funds.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Contract for 2019-20

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that the one time cost increase is due to a software upgrade, updated books and teacher resource materials, and staff training. It was pointed out that the Scholastic Reading Inventory and Read 180 are very useful at the secondary level.

**ES-4 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Troy Bier, to approve the contract with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for the 2019-20 school year for software support, upgraded materials, and professional development for the Scholastic Reading Inventory and READ 180 in the amount of \$35,565.95, to be paid for from curriculum acquisition funds, Fund 27 flow through dollars, and reading funds.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

A. Elementary Math Workbooks

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reminded the Committee that with the 2011-12 approval of the elementary math acquisition there is an annual purchase of consumable workbooks for elementary students.

B. Seclusion and Restraint Annual Report

Steve Hepp, Assistant Director of Pupil Services presented data on seclusions and restraints for the 2018-19 school year as well as historical data. It was noted that the total number of incidents had decreased. He felt this was in part because staff are learning what is causing student behaviors and how to deal with the cause before restraint is needed.

C. Supplemental Pay Plan Update

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed changes to the plan from the previous year, including elimination of the \$14.00 pay rate and increasing DEU options. Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources, presented data comparing the impact of these changes over the past four years. Although there was about a \$50,000 increase in pay out, this indicated to administration that staff are actively participating in professional development with a 73% participation rate. Administration feels this is very positive. Mr. Oswald indicated that the supplemental pay plan is a strong incentive when hiring new teachers.

V. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 Board Policy 343.46 – Early College Credit Program and Policy 343.46 Rule – Early College Credit Program Procedures for first reading.**

**ES-2 Elementary Social Studies Curriculum**

**ES-3 Renaissance Learning Contract for 2019-20**

**ES-4 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Contract for 2019-20**

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.

- Parent CII Representatives (September)
- ESSA Update (September)
- 2018-19 Wisconsin School Assessment System (WSAS) Results (September)
- ACP Update (October)
- New Course/Curriculum Proposals – Discussion (October)
- School & District Report Cards (October)
- ECCP/SCN (November)
- New Course/Curriculum Proposals – Decision (November)

- Library Update (December)
- Rise to Remember (January)
- Class Size Limits (January)
- Mid-Year AGR Report (February)
- Strategic Plan Updates (February)
- Student Travel Updates (February)

Mary Rayome adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.