



## Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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### MINUTES

John A. Krings, President  
John Benbow, Jr.  
Troy Bier  
Sandra Hett  
Larry Davis  
Katie Medina  
Mary Rayome

April 27, 2020

### SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

#### *Reorganization Meeting*

**LOCATION:** Thomas A. Lenk Educational Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Troy Bier, Mary Rayome, Sandra Hett, John Krings, Katie Medina, John Benbow

**EXCUSED:** Larry Davis

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:** Craig Broeren

President John Krings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Prior to the reorganization meeting, the Oath of Office was administered by the Board Secretary to recently elected Board members Sandra Hett and John Krings.

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that Craig Broeren, Superintendent, be appointed temporary chairman of the Board of Education meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mary Rayome nominated John Krings for the office of President of the Board of Education.**

**There were no other nominations.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to close nominations for the office of President and a unanimous vote be cast for John Krings to be Board President. Motion carried unanimously.**

John Krings resumed control of the meeting as Board President.

**John Benbow nominated Mary Rayome for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education.**

**There were no other nominations.**

**Motion by Katie Medina, seconded by Troy Bier that nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Mary Rayome as Vice President. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Katie Medina nominated Larry Davis for the office of Clerk of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that nominations for Clerk of the Board of Education be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Larry Davis as Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Sandra Hett nominated Katie Medina for the office of Treasurer of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that nominations for Treasurer of the Board of Education be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Katie Medina as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Mary Rayome nominated Maurine Hodgson to be elected as Secretary of the Board of Education. There were no other nominations.**

**Motion by Katie Medina, seconded by Troy Bier that nominations for Secretary be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Maurine Hodgson as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Sandra Hett that the Board of Education continue to operate under the current operational policies, regulations, and by-laws as set forth by the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Mary Rayome that the Board of Education approve the use of the Facsimile Signatures for use in signing School District checks or orders. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Troy Bier that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Designating Public Depositories and Authorizing Withdrawal of School District monies. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier that the Board of Education authorize the administration to use the present Facsimile signature plate for School District checks appropriately drawn. Motion carried unanimously.**

President John Krings recommended the following Board Committee appointments:

1. John Benbow, Jr. as Chair of the Business Services Committee, with Katie Medina and Troy Bier serving as members.
2. Sandra Hett as Chair of the Personnel Services Committee, with Mary Rayome and Larry Davis serving as members.
3. Mary Rayome as Chair of the Educational Services Committee, with all seven Board members serving on this committee.

President John Krings recommended other appointments as follows:

1. Sandra Hett as the delegate for the CESA 5 annual meeting.
2. Troy Bier as the WASB Legislative Representative.
3. John Benbow as the WASB Delegate for the WASB Convention in Milwaukee in January 2021, with Troy Bier appointed as the Alternate Delegate.
4. Sandra Hett as the Council for Instructional Improvement representative.
5. John Benbow as the Trade/Construction Class Project Committee representative.
6. Sandra Hett, John Krings, and Mary Rayome as the WRPS/WREA Wage Negotiation Committee representatives.
7. Katie Medina as the Student/District Wellness Committee representative.
8. John Krings as the Insurance Committee representative.
9. Katie Medina and John Benbow as the Lincoln High School Alumni Wall of Fame Selection Committee representatives.

**Motion by Katie Medina, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the recommended appointments. Motion carried unanimously.**

President Krings announced that Committee meeting times would remain the same in the coming year as follows:

Committee Meeting Times:

1. Educational Services Committee at 6:00 p.m.
2. Personnel Services Committee immediately following, but not before 6:30 p.m.
3. Business Services Committee immediately following, but not before 6:30 p.m.

President Krings stated that the seating arrangement will be as follows: Vice President Mary Rayome seated on the President's right, followed by Troy Bier, Sandra Hett, and the Student Representative. The Superintendent will sit on the President's left, followed by John Benbow, Larry Davis, and Katie Medina.

Superintendent Broeren explained that each Board member is entitled to a District e-mail account, and reminded Board members to be aware of e-mail use in relation to the public records law, walking quorums, and Board policy.

The Board reviewed Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses to determine if any changes to the policy would occur. After some discussion on the current version of the policy, the consensus of the Board was that there is no need for changes at the present time.

#### New Business – Transportation Contracts

At this point during the meeting, Tracy Wardour, President of Safe-Way Bus, and Theresa Hanneman, Terminal Manager of Lamers Bus in Wisconsin Rapids, joined the meeting via teleconference. Superintendent Broeren explained that he has been working with legal counsel and officials at Safe-Way Bus Transit and Lamers Bus in an attempt to develop an Amendment to the contracts currently in place. The proposed draft Amendments serve as a follow-up to the Board's discussion on April 13, 2020 relative to a request from the bus companies to receive compensation from the District on days during the 2019-20 school year when bus service is halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Broeren reviewed the language in each Amendment in conjunction with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. There is still some question about a reference in the Act to paying contractors "as practicable," which is open to interpretation and not completely solidified. A heavy component of the CARES Act relates to also paying employees "as practicable." After undergoing numerous iterations, Mr. Broeren is satisfied that the Amendments being proposed ensure that both parties are not jeopardizing funding eligibility tied to the CARES Act, and provides for required accountability, should an audit occur. One clause in the Amendment stipulates the District's "Prorata Share" of attributable payroll and general expenses for services. Safe-Way's share in the Amendment is listed at 69.45%, while the Lamers number has yet to be finalized. The Board requested clarification on how the individual daily compensation rate of \$11,462 for Safe-Way and \$2,153 for Lamers was determined. Mr. Broeren explained how the rate was calculated in relationship to each bus company's expenses; the rate equates to approximately 83% of the payment typically made by the District. A comparison of what other regional school districts are paying to Safe-Way and Lamers reveals a range from 65% to 100%, although Mr. Broeren is not certain if the amounts agreed to were developed through a verbal commitment or more formalized legal agreement.

Safe-Way is agreeable with the Amendment proposed to the Board for their consideration; however, Mr. Broeren continues to work with Lamers to finalize details on their Amendment. He recommends that the Board approve both Amendments, and if a final agreement with Lamers ends up being different than what has been proposed, he will bring an updated recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

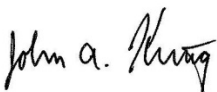
The Board had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the proposed Amendments.

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve of the recommended Amendment dated April 27, 2020 to the Safe-Way Bus transportation contract. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Troy Bier to approve of the recommended Amendment dated April 27, 2020 to the Lamers Bus transportation contract. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Ms. Wardour and Ms. Hanneman thanked the Board for their time and consideration of the compensation request.

John Krings adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



John Krings – President

Larry Davis – Clerk

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary