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Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

Personnel Services Committee

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Troy Bier, Chair
Kathi Stebbins-Hintz
Elizabeth St.Myers
John Krings, President

March 3, 2025

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

Time: Immediately following the Educational Services Committee meeting, but not before 6:15 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Troy Bier, Elizabeth St.Myers, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz

Others Present: Brian Oswall

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bier called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Appointments

PS – 1 Motion by Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, seconded by Elizabeth St.Myers to approve the following support staff appointments:

Jenna Gutowski	Location:	Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School
	Position:	Supervisory Aide
Mary TerMaat	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Supervisory/Study Hall Aide
Meg Hoffmann	Location:	Lincoln High School & Wisconsin Rapids Middle School
	Position:	Title VI Coordinator/Native American Liaison
Meg Hoffmann	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Noon Aide
Erin Flugaur	Location:	Think Academy
	Position:	Kitchen Helper
Virginia Hafermann	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Kitchen Helper
Tricia Joosten	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Kitchen Helper

Victoria Blanco	Location:	District
	Position:	Administrative Assistant to the Social Workers/Families in Transition Coordinator
Paige Weber	Location:	Think Academy
	Position:	Noon Aide
Becky Zelenka	Location:	Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School
	Position:	Special Education Aide

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Resignations

PS – 2 Motion by Elizabeth St.Myers, seconded by Kathi Stebbins-Hintz to approve the following professional staff resignation:

Mikayla Obsuszt	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Teacher – Business

Motion carried unanimously.

PS – 3 Motion by Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, seconded by Elizabeth St.Myers to approve the following support staff resignations:

Nancy Thao	Location:	Howe Elementary School
	Position:	ELL Aide
Julie Olsen	Location:	Think Academy
	Position:	Library Aide
Kyle Olson	Location:	Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School
	Position:	Instructional Aide

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Retirements:

PS – 4 Motion by Elizabeth St.Myers, seconded by Kathi Stebbins-Hintz to approve the following professional staff retirements:

Kurt Jensen	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Teacher – Language Arts
Randy Duxbury	Location:	Wisconsin Rapids Middle School
	Position:	Teacher – Physical Education

Dale Dahl	Location:	Wisconsin Rapids Middle School
	Position:	Teacher – Music
Jill Joosten-Russell	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Teacher – Language Arts
Kelly Garrigan	Location:	Wisconsin Rapids Middle School
	Position:	Teacher – Science
Patrick McDonald	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Teacher – Physical Education

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Speech and Language Pathologist Services

Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources, explained to the Committee that due to an inability to fill the District's Speech and Language Pathologist maternity leave vacancy, WRPS will contract with Presence to deliver Speech and Language Pathology support during the staff members maternity leave.

PS – 5 Motion by Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, seconded by Elizabeth St.Myers to approve the 2025 contract with Presence to provide speech and language services at a cost of \$31,048.96 for students receiving speech services to WRPS students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to be funded by the District's Special Education budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates and Reports

- A. An update on the activities and utilization of the District's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) will be provided to the Committee.

Information was provided by Mr. Oswald to the Committee on the District's utilization of the Employee Assistance Program. The EAP usage rate was slightly down from last year, but is still near the average usage over the past four years.

V. Consent Agenda

Motions: PS – 1 Support Staff Appointments
PS – 2 Professional Staff Resignation
PS – 3 Support Staff Resignations
PS – 4 Professional Staff Retirements
PS – 5 Speech and Language Pathologist Services

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Bier adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.