



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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October 9, 2017

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: Thomas A. Lenk Educational Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conf. Rm. A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Sandra Hett, Mary Rayome, John Benbow, Anne Lee, Larry Davis, Katie Medina

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Krings

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Daniel Weigand, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Ryan Christianson, Matt Green, Ed Allison, Lizzie Severson

MEDIA PRESENT: Jesse Austin – River Cities Community Access

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Student Representative’s Report

Desiree Alu reported on the following:

- Homecoming activities wrapped up last week, and students and community members alike enjoyed the bonfire which was brought back by Student Council as one of the activities surrounding homecoming; refreshments were sold during the event to support the “Dude Be Nice” campaign adopted by Student Council. The Power Puff and Powder Buff events were well attended and enjoyed by all with seniors winning the Powder Buff game, and juniors winning the Powder Puff game. The week wrapped up with the annual school dance on Saturday evening.
- Lincoln students were involved in a recent torch run to support Special Olympics, and plan to also be involved as volunteers in an upcoming Neighborhood Table event.
- The boys soccer team is still first in their conference, and the football team is also performing well.
- Students were informed last Friday that the restrooms and locker rooms that have been under construction at Lincoln should be open by October 13, 2017.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of September 11, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee ReportsA. Business Services Committee – October 2, 2017. Report given by Larry Davis.

Mr. Davis reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Personnel Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held.

BS-1 Approval of 66.03.01 cooperative agreements for students attending the virtual program from the Necedah, Nekoosa, Pittsville, Port Edwards, Stevens Point, and Tomorrow River School Districts as listed.

Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Medina to approve consent agenda item BS-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Davis provided updates and reports on:

- Purchases of virtual school curriculum, software technology, maintenance equipment, and site agreement payments for 4K off-site programming.

Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Medina to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular October 2, 2017 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – October 2, 2017. Report given by Sandra Hett.

Ms. Hett reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Personnel Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held.

PS-1 Approval of the support staff appointments of Kelli Sawyer (Noon Aide – Vesper), Michelle Diebel (Noon Aide/Instructional Aide – THINK), Dawn LaMarche (Instructional Aide – Grant), Darlene Ashbeck (Second Cook – Howe), Carrie Schultz (Instructional Aide – Grant), Cassidy Hardina (Special Ed Aide – Mead), Deena Reimer (Noon Aide – Woodside), William Fisher (Custodian – Lincoln), Lisa Gamboa (Baker – WRAMS), and Mindy Engelhardt (Noon Aide – Howe).

PS-2 Approval of the support staff resignation requests of Lynn Nelson (Noon Aide – Grove), Roy Woyak (Van Driver – District), and Mary Marzofka (Secretary – THINK).

PS-3 Approval of the support staff retirement request of Terri Huebner (Faculty Clerk/Study Hall Aide – Lincoln).

PS-4 Approval of the support staff early retirement request of Suzanne Onesti (Special Ed Aide – Woodside).

PS-5 Approval of Board Policy 851 – Advertising in the Schools for second reading.

PS-6 Approval of Board Policy 460 – Student Awards and Scholarships for second reading.

PS-7 Approval to delete Board Policy 522.41 – Conflict of Interest for first reading.

PS-8 Approval to delete Board Policy 526 – Staff Complaints and Grievances for first reading.

PS-9 Approval to delete Board Policy 528 – Union Contracts and Agreements for first reading.

PS-10 Approval of language changes as presented in the Custodial and Maintenance Staff Handbook.

Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources provided an overview of the recommended changes for the Custodial and Maintenance Staff Handbook and answered questions of the Board.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve consent agenda items PS 1-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of October 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – October 2, 2017. Report given by Anne Lee.

Ms. Lee explained that there were no consent agenda items from the Educational Services Committee for October, and provided updates and reports on:

- Youth Options and Course Options – Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, indicated there are no Youth Options requests for the 2017-18 school year, and five students are taking courses through Course Options during semester one. Guidelines will be changing for the Fall of 2018, with information still being shared by the State regarding these changes.
- Renaissance Learning Contract: Accelerated Math and Reading – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz indicated the contract was negotiated with Renaissance Learning saving the District \$26,000. In doing so, the District only pays for the number of licenses needed.
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results for 2016-17 – WSAS results were reviewed with the Committee including Forward, DLM, ACT Aspire and ACT for grade 11. A document containing results was shared, including achievement gap information. It was noted that the District’s economically disadvantaged population continues to increase, affecting results. It was also pointed out that the number of students not testing can affect results, specifically virtual students. Craig Broeren, Superintendent, indicated that the District is looking at options to address this. Results from the ACT Graduate and AP tests will be shared when released by the State.
- Department Course Offering Restructuring Proposals – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained the need to review each department’s course offerings in grades 6 through 12 as a result of restructuring beginning in 2018-19. Changes include extending course offerings to additional grade levels, changing titles of courses, and eliminating grade 9 courses. Various proposed changes in course offerings by department were reviewed, with changes noted. The CII Committee will meet in October to review the flowcharts and cast advisory votes which will be shared with the Educational Services Committee in November, and at that time the Committee will vote.
- New Course Proposals – Per Board Policy, new course options or curriculum modification proposals must be submitted to the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for consideration no later than the end of September. The CII Committee will review the proposals at its October meeting and cast an advisory vote to be presented to the Educational Services Committee for approval in November. Proposals received were reviewed by Ms. Stebbins-Hintz.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the October 2, 2017, Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared the following information:

- Senate Bill 236 is moving rapidly through the legislative process and would impose significant new requirements for competitive bidding of public construction contracts by school districts. Most local government units in Wisconsin other than schools are required to follow a state-mandated competitive bidding process for any public construction project exceeding \$25,000 in anticipated costs. Senate Bill 236 would raise the state-imposed bidding threshold for public projects from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Competitive bidding statutes follow the “design-bid-build” project delivery method, so schools would lose the option to utilize “design-build” or other alternative project delivery methods when awarding contracts. Districts that in the past have relied on long-standing relationships with local contractors would lose the option to negotiate directly with those contractors to ensure value and quality.
- As part of the 2017-19 State Budget passage, the Course Options and Youth Options programs will merge into a new “Early College Credit” program. Budget implications for school districts are not yet known.

Bills

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Larry Davis to note September, 2017 receipts in the amount of \$4,876,436.91 and approve September, 2017 disbursements in the amount of \$4,585,119.06. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointment Request

None.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

Vice President Rayome adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk