



**Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education**

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**MINUTES**

John A. Krings, President  
John Benbow, Jr.  
Larry Davis  
Sandra K. Hett  
Anne Lee  
Katie Medina  
Mary E. Rayome

March 11, 2019

**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, John Krings, Mary Rayome, Anne Lee, Larry Davis, Katie Medina,  
John Benbow

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Daniel Weigand, Brian Oswald, Ed Allison

MEDIA PRESENT: Jesse Austin – River Cities Community Access

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Student Representative’s Report

Desiree Alu reported on a planned upcoming Student Council “Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive” to collect items that will be donated to a local charity in need; two student groups competed in and are awaiting the results of a recent “MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge” where students work as a team to tackle a real-world problem under time and resource constraints; and DECA students have performed extremely well in recent state competition, with 19 slated to attend the upcoming April ICDC event in Orlando, Florida with 14 students competing. Two Lincoln students, Chandler Vruwink and Taylor Mancl, also became state officers for DECA.

Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of February 11, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.**

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee Reports

- A. Business Services Committee – March 4, 2019. Report given by John Benbow.  
Mr. Benbow reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Business Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held:
  - BS-1 Approval of the proposed Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative 66.0301 agreement for the 2019-20 School Year.
  - BS-2 Approval of the proposed 2019-20 CESA 5 contract for services for the total amount of \$346,958.49.

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items BS 1-2. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular March 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Personnel Services Committee – March 4, 2019. 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 professional staff early retirement requests of Gwen Van Asten (Teacher – River Cities), Mary Sabo (Teacher – Washington), Amy Hamin (Teacher, Speech/Language – District), Jill Thom (Teacher – Woodside), and Carolyn Saylor (Teacher, Speech/Language – District).

PS-2 Approval of the professional staff retirement request of Winifred Jeffers (Teacher – Washington).

PS-3 Approval of the support staff appointment of Rhonda Bentz (Noon Duty Aide - Grant).

**Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve consent agenda items PS 1-3. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Hett provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee was provided information on the District's utilization of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

**Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve the balance of the Personnel Services Committee report and minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Educational Services Committee – March 4, 2019. Report given by Anne Lee.

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

ES-1 Approval of the Wood County Farm Forward Grant to replace the current LHS Greenhouse in the amount of \$50,000.00.

ES-2 Approval of Policy 447.11 – Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint with Students; Policy 447.11 Exhibit – Notification and Reporting of Physical Restraint and/or Seclusion; and Policy 447.1 – Physical Force and Corporal Punishment, all for first reading.

**Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve of consent agenda items ES 1-2. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- Ms. Stebbins-Hintz updated the Committee regarding surveys given to teachers concerning classroom spending from personal funds.
- The Committee learned about upcoming travel plans for students at Lincoln High School, including band students traveling to New York City over spring break, students traveling to Orlando, Florida April 25 to May 1 for the International Career Development Conference, and 13 students traveling to France from June 1 to 28.
- Superintendent Broeren provided an update to the Committee regarding options for making up lost instructional time due to the seven days of school closure up to this point in the 2018-19 school year. Three days are built into the calendar and do not have to be made up by students. The fourth missed day will be made up by adding additional minutes to the high school and middle school schedules as well as making the original last day of school (June 7) a full day for students and staff.

One additional day could come from the scheduled April 22 Professional Development Day, making it a student contact day. Options for the other two days to be made up include adding a day at the end of the current school year calendar, or adding minutes to remaining school days starting on March 11. There

are several considerations on how to add minutes, including bus schedules, private/parochial school schedules, cancelling early start days at LHS and early release at Mead Elementary Charter. Mr. Broeren added that he would like to get word out to families this week to help them with planning for the additional days. He also mentioned there is concern that we could still have additional inclement weather days. Administration is leaning towards using the April 22 Professional Development day and adding minutes to days starting March 11 to make-up the remaining days.

- Mr. Broeren provided information to the Committee regarding anti-bullying initiatives currently in place, Board policy as it relates to the topic of bullying, and potential future modification recommendations. He referenced a hand-out shared with Committee members regarding initiatives related to bullying taking place at buildings. He explained the District has a formal request to the Township of Grand Rapids and City of Wisconsin Rapids, in conjunction with law enforcement officials, asking both to consider the implementation of an anti-bullying ordinance. He will keep the Committee updated as he works with our municipalities to develop these ordinances.
- Ms. Stebbins- Hintz provided an overview on the ESSA – IDEA accountability systems. This system is in addition to the School Report Cards. Mead Elementary Charter School has been designated as a school identified for targeted support. Several Board members raised concerns about the new accountability system.

**Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the March 4, 2019, Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

Sandra Hett requested to receive a report on the number of days that individual professional staff members have attended seminars, trainings, and conferences for the purpose of professional development during school year contact days as well as during summer months, broken down by the elementary and secondary level.

#### Legislative Agenda

John Benbow shared the following information:

- Governor Evers' proposed budget is a main topic of interest that continues to be followed.
- A local legislative breakfast is coming up on Friday, March 15, 2019 which Mr. Benbow will be attending.
- The "Teacher Stress and Why It Matters" breakout session presented at the 2019 State Education Convention was mentioned as a topic of interest by Mr. Benbow. This topic was brought up at the regular February, 2019 Board of Education meeting by Mary Rayome as well. Mr. Broeren's intent is to develop ways to have meaningful conversations around the subject and identify items that the District truly has control over choosing not to do.

#### Bills

**Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to note February, 2019 receipts in the amount of \$8,122,128.01 and approve February, 2019 disbursements in the amount of \$3,659,597.13. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

#### New Business

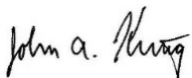
##### Employee Appointment, Resignation, and Retirement Requests

None.

##### Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk