



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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May 13, 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: Larry Davis, John Krings, Mary Rayome, John Benbow, Troy Bier, Katie Medina

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: Sandra Hett

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Daniel Weigand, Brian Oswald, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Elizabeth Severson, Phillip Bickelhaupt

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:

- DECA had three National finalist students at the recent ICDC competition for their Student Based Enterprise (SBE) project
- Student Council placed first place overall in their State conference
- Lincoln scholar athletes were recently recognized at the annual "Evening of Roses" event
- Scholarship Night for graduating seniors is coming up next week with the Encourage scholarship luncheon slated to occur on May 23, 2019

Desiree introduced incoming Student Representative Jacqueline Sii, who will serve as the new Student Representative during the 2019-20 school year. The Board welcomed Jacqueline, and President Krings provided special recognition to Desiree, thanking her for serving as the Board's Student Representative during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to approve special closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of April 2, 2019; regular Board of Education meeting minutes of April 8, 2019; special open and closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of April 8, 2019; special Board reorganization meeting minutes of April 22, 2019; and special open and closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of April 22, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee ReportsA. Educational Services Committee – May 6, 2019. Report given by Mary Rayome.

Ms. Rayome 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 Board Policy 458 – Student Wellness for first reading.
- ES-2 Approval of the proposed Agriculture curriculum, Family and Consumer Science curriculum, and Technology and Engineering curriculum, beginning with the 2019-20 school year.
- ES-3 Approval of the proposed Math curriculum beginning with the 2019-20 school year.
- ES-4 Approval of revisions to the Co-Curricular Activities Code of Conduct for the 2019-20 school year.
- ES-5 Approval of the proposed modifications to the Lincoln High School Agenda Planner and Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School Agenda Planner for the 2019-20 school year.
- ES-6 Approval of the 2019-20 Professional Development Plan as set out in Attachment J.
- ES-7 Approval of the Professional Day Schedule for the 2019-20 school year as set out in Attachment K.
- ES-8 Approval of the application for the School Based Mental Health Services Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for the 2019-20 school year.
- ES-9 Approval of the application for the Peer Review and Mentor Grant in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2019-20 school year.
- ES-10 Approval to allow the dissolution of the Mead Elementary School Charter. *(The Mead Elementary Charter School Governing Council took action on March 18, 2019 to not pursue renewal of their Charter Contract with WRPS and allow it to expire at the end of the current Charter term effective June 30, 2019.)*

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items ES 1-10. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rayome provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee was updated on building restructuring that occurred in 2018-19 for Lincoln High School (LHS), Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School, and THINK Academy with the closure of East Jr. High School and Vesper Community Academy. Mr. Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School, reported that the transition has improved instructional consistency and staff knowledge of scope and sequence. Tracy Ginter, Principal of Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS), stated that the new space for grade 6 students is working out well, response from the community has been very positive, and veteran staff from East Junior High School have been very helpful and knowledgeable. Both principals mentioned outside traffic flow as a concern at LHS and WRAMS. Roxanne Filtz, Principal of THINK Academy, indicated that students from THINK and Vesper Community Academy are blending well together and thought of as “Our Kids.” There is plenty of space in the building for programming, and parent response has been excellent. Concerns regarding the timing of busing were mentioned.
- Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Instruction, updated the Committee on upcoming student travel plans which include a trip to Anaheim, California by two LHS FCCLA members to compete; and three LHS HOSA members will travel to Orlando, Florida to compete in the International HOSA competition.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the May 6, 2019 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Business Services Committee – May 6, 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 modifications to Board Policy 760 – Food and Nutrition Services Program and Board Policy 760 Rule - Food Services Management Guidelines, for first reading, be recommended for approval to the Board of Education.
- BS-2 Approval of the proposed purchase of 44 Meraki wireless access points from PDS at a total cost of \$32,340.00, with \$25,872.00 to be funded from eRate pending approval of eRate funding, and the remaining balance funded from the District Technology budget. *Mr. Benbow mentioned one caveat in the purchase is connected to available eRate funding – if the funding is unavailable, it is possible that not all of the wireless access points will be purchased.*
- BS-3 Approval of the proposal to rewire Mead Elementary School, to be completed by Current Technologies, at a total cost of \$109,710, with \$37,738 to be funded from eRate, and the remaining balance funded from the District Technology budget.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve consent agenda items BS 1-3. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee was updated on purchases of asbestos management and abatement services, and District technology related purchases.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the May 6, 2019 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Personnel Services Committee – May 6, 2019. Report given by Mary Rayome.

Ms. Rayome 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 appointments for the 2019-20 school year of Marissa Kunsman (Teacher, Speech/Language – District), Callie Kramer (Teacher, Speech/Language – District), Brean Renner (Teacher – Washington), Abigail Bubnik (Teacher – Woodside), and Shelley Moon (Teacher – Mead).
- PS-2 Approval of the support staff appointments for the 2019-2020 school year of Brandon Frank (Cleaner – Woodside), and Matthew Neve (Secretary – River Cities).
- PS-3 Approval of the professional staff resignations of Elizabeth Jeanquart (Teacher – Howe), Kelsey Heuer (Teacher – WRAMS), Stefanie Drake (Teacher – Lincoln), Summer Spence (Teacher – WRAMS), Kristine Nieman (Teacher – Grant), Stanley Walker (Teacher – Mead), and Kariann Haluska (Teacher – WRAMS).
- PS-4 Approval of the support staff resignations of Ann Sculley (Supervisory Aide – WRAMS), Cheryl Hayes (Special Ed Aide – Woodside), and Melissa Call (Noon Duty Aide – Howe).
- PS-5 Approval of the support staff early retirements of D’Ann Breit (Food Service – Lincoln), Pam Berg (Special Ed Aide – Woodside), and Anne Corcoran (Library Aide – WRAMS).
- PS-6 Approval of 2019-20 Open Enrollment applications under Open Enrollment law, pending a review of discipline and special services needs.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items PS 1-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Troy Bier to approve the balance of the Personnel Services Committee report and minutes of the May 6, 2019 Personnel Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

John Benbow shared the following information:

- A sample position statement from the Appleton School District was shared with the Board to provide background on what other districts are doing in terms of public education advocacy efforts.
- Major initiatives contained in Governor Tony Evers’ K-12 budget will not be considered by the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) including items related to General School Aids and Revenue Limits; Categorical Aids; Choice, Charter, SNSP, and Open Enrollment proposals; and administrative and other funding proposals. The JFC voted on May 9, 2019 to remove key provisions in Governor Evers’ budget.
- The JFC will be voting on a number of items in Governor Evers’ budget related to educational technology and the TEACH program including the elimination of TEACH Educational Technology Training Grants; transferring \$24 million in federal e-rate funding meant for schools and libraries to the state’s Broadband Expansion Grant Program; and continuing TEACH Infrastructure Grants until 2021, but reduce funding for the grants from \$7.5 million to \$3 million per year.
- Information about the proposed biennium budget can be found on the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) website with numerous links to keep Board members updated and help them stay current on legislative matters occurring at the State level.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to note April, 2019 receipts in the amount of \$2,198,040.33 and approve April, 2019 disbursements in the amount of \$3,632,387.06. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointment, Resignation, and Retirement Requests

Superintendent Broeren explained that he received a written resignation request from recently appointed Lincoln High School Associate Principal (AP) Jamie Defelice, who was to assume his position on July 1, 2019. The LHS AP position has been reposted, and Mr. Broeren anticipates that a hiring recommendation will be forthcoming to the Board in June, 2019. Mr. Broeren recommends approval of the resignation request of Jamie Defelice effective May 13, 2019.

Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources presented the following professional staff resignation request for approval:

Lisa Banks	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Teacher - Counselor (1.0 FTE)
	Effective:	June 11, 2019
	Date of Hire:	August 20, 2001

Mr. Oswald presented the following professional staff appointment recommendations for approval for the 2019-20 school year:

Rose Schiferl	Location:	WRAMS
	Position:	Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Education:	BS – UW Stevens Point – May, 2019
	Major/Minor:	Special Education/Learning Disabilities
	Salary:	\$40,000.00

Emily Ninneman	Location:	WRAMS
	Position:	Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Education:	BA – UW Stevens Point – May, 2019
	Major/Minor:	English
	Salary:	\$40,000.00

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the administration resignation request of Jamie Defelice effective May 13, 2019; the professional staff resignation request of Lisa Banks effective June 11,

2019; and the professional staff appointments of Rose Schiferl and Emily Ninneman effective with the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Addition of a Student Technology Helper Position

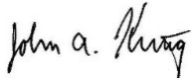
Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, and Brian Oswald, Director of Human Resources, presented a recommendation to hire an additional Youth Apprenticeship student for the summer of 2019 and during the 2019-20 school year based upon the upcoming 1:1 technology rollout at Lincoln High School. In addition to the summer work tied to preparing for the rollout, it is expected that during the first year, there might be an increase in damage to Chromebooks while students adjust to this new way of accessing their classroom content and learning. Someone will need to be available to fix all of these devices. In completing research with other 1:1 districts in the area, it is estimated that in the first year of rollout it can be expected that 20 percent of Chromebooks will need to be repaired or serviced, which would put WRPS at about 300 Chromebooks needing said repair or service. The position being proposed would be on a 1-year trial basis and would be re-evaluated the following year to determine if the need to continue exists. The additional cost to the District for the summer of 2019 and the school year of 2019-20 would be around \$9,000 at the most. The position would be based out of Lincoln to support the Chromebook 1:1 program and report to Tim Kremer, District IT Support Specialist and Phillip Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the recommendation.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the addition of a student in the Youth Apprenticeship program on a 1-year trial basis for the summer of 2019 and during the 2019-20 school year to support the Chromebook 1:1 program. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk