



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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MINUTES

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Katie Medina
Mary E. Rayome

March 14, 2016

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: John Krings, Sandra Hett, Mary Rayome, John Benbow, Anne Lee, Larry Davis, Katie Medina

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Colleen Dickmann, Daniel Weigand, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Ryan Christianson, Glenn Haupt, Phil Bickelhaupt, Rod Henke, Jennifer Wilhorn, 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

Drake Blossfield reported on the following:

- Recent successes of the LHS swim team.
- Juniors took the ACT[®] and WorkKeys[®] assessments.
- Students are adjusting to the beginning of the third trimester.
- Spring sports are underway.
- DECA students had a strong showing at State competition, with 11 moving on to the International Career Development conference in Nashville, Tennessee in April.
- Students involved in the “Name it, Claim it, Stop it” anti-harassment and anti-bullying program will be presenting to sophomores and elementary students in the coming weeks.
- Lincoln students will perform the musical, “Mary Poppins,” on April 21-24 in the Performing Arts Center.
- The FCCLA students are working hard as they prepare for upcoming State competition.
- Visual arts students will be competing against other schools in an upcoming competition.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of February 8, 2016; and special Board of Education minutes of February 25, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee ReportsA. Business Services Committee – March 7, 2016. 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 proposed changes to Board Policy 830.1 – Facility Use Policy for the Performing Arts Center (PAC) and PAC User Application for first reading.

BS-2 Approval of the purchase of a projection system for the Performing Arts Center from Soundworks for a total cost of \$26,209.25 with funding from the Community Services Fund 80 as permitted by the Department of Public Instruction.

BS-3 Approval of a proposal from Bytespeed to purchase 26 computers for East Jr. High room 107 at a total cost of \$15,680.00, and 41 computers for Howe Elementary School at a total cost of \$25,420.00, both to be funded from the 2015-16 District Technology budget.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items BS-1-3. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- The purchase of 132 Chromebooks from PDS and four computer carts from SHI.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular March 7, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – March 7, 2016. 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 Charles Ruiz (Head Custodian – THINK), Carole Pfahning (Secretary – East), William Fischer (Head Custodian – Vesper), Karrie Moore (Office Aide II – Mead), Diane Eron (Head Custodian – WR Middle), Amanda Bohn (Library Aide – Lincoln), and Ashley Macon (Noon Aide – Mead).

PS-2 Approval of the professional staff early retirement requests of Tom Forster (Speech/Language – Grant/Vesper), Barbara Scott (Grade 1 – THINK), Laurie Henke (Social Studies – WR Middle), Gail Grzadzielewski (Grade 2 – Woodside), Debra Moore-Gruenloh (Early Childhood – District), Christopher Weinhold (Kindergarten – Grove), Martha Kronholm (Grade 5 – Grove), William Fehrenbach (Math - Lincoln/District Math Coordinator), and Jacquelyn Heinz (Reading Interventionist/Reading Recovery – Vesper/District).

PS-3 Approval of the support staff resignation requests of Geralyn Shudarek (Noon Aide – Mead) and Stephanie Minch (Pupil Services Secretary – District).

PS-4 Approval of Board Policy 443.2 Rule – Bus Conduct for second reading.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve consent agenda items PS 1-4. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of March 7, 2016 and special closed session Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of February 17, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – March 7, 2016. Report given by Anne Lee.

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

ES-1 Approval of the updated Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' Strategic Plan.

ES-2 Approval of the elementary health acquisition set out in Attachment B for a total of \$17,561.85 with similar elementary health acquisition requests to follow for grades 3 and 5.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items ES 1-2. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- Youth Options/Course Options – Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Instruction, noted that there are no Youth Options requests for the fall of the 2016-17 school year. There are five students taking seven courses during semester two of the 2015-16 school year through the Course Options program. Twenty-six students are enrolled in the CCHI program and taking the Nursing Assistant class at Mid-State Technical College through the Course Options program.
- Student Travel – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz shared that there are 12 students traveling to Ecuador through the Intercultural Student Experience (ISE) program from March 19-29, 2016. Also, 20 students will travel to New York City to see three Broadway musicals from June 8-11, 2016.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the regular March 7, 2016 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared that the following bills affecting K-12 education are on the Senate calendar to be considered during their last 2015-16 floor session:

- Senate Bill 615, to which an amendment was added in the Assembly to change how public school districts recoup the state aid they lose when students who reside in the district begin participating in the statewide voucher program. Under the amendment, school districts in which resident pupils attend private voucher schools through the statewide or Racine voucher programs would retain revenue limit authority equal to the amount of state aid they lose to private school vouchers. This change reduces the revenue limit authority of affected districts statewide by about \$5.3 million.
- Assembly Bill 722, which requires each school that maintains a website and for which the DPI has published an accountability report (school report card) to prominently display a link to the school's most recent report card on the school's Internet site within 30 days after DPI publishes the report card.
- Assembly Bill 793, which modifies the state's existing teacher loan program to provide for loan forgiveness to certain teachers employed in school districts in rural counties.
- Assembly Bill 824, which adjusts sparsity aid eligibility. This bill authorizes DPI to pay unexpended sparsity aid to a school district that qualified for sparsity aid in the previous school year but, because of an increase in the school district's membership above the existing 725-member cap on sparsity eligibility, does not qualify in the current school year.
- Bills receiving no traction at the legislative level include conceal and carry onto school grounds, changing rooms, referendum timelines, and the WIAA being subject to open meetings/public records.
- Mr. Benbow shared information from an article published in the March 13, 2016 *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* which stated a number of Catholic schools will boost wages over the next two years with dollars from internal savings and increases in taxpayer funded voucher payments.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Katie Medina to note February, 2016 receipts in the amount of \$8,049,121.50; and approve February, 2016 disbursements in the amount of \$3,094,906.65. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointments, Resignations, and Retirement Requests

Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources, presented the following employee appointment recommendation for approval:

Professional Staff Appointment

Jordan Rayburn	Location:	Lincoln/East Jr. High/district
	Position:	Business Education/Keyboarding (1.0 FTE)
	Effective Date:	August 29, 2016
	Salary:	\$37,500.00

Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Medina to approve of the employee professional staff appointment of Jordan Rayburn as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

District Health Insurance Plan Renewal

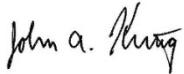
Supt. Dickmann explained that the District health insurance renewal rate for the coming year is higher than expected. WEA Trust presented a proposal to provide a six month plan renewal from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a 14.4% renewal increase, with no changes to the plan. Approving the six month renewal will allow time for the administration to review other insurance plan options in an attempt to lower costs. The Board discussed the request.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of a 14.4% health insurance plan renewal for six months with WEA Trust effective July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk