



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

April 11, 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, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Ryan Christianson, Glenn Haupt, Phil Bickelhaupt, Roxanne Filtz, 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:

- A recent blood drive was held with strong participation.
- Sophomores have completed Forward testing.
- Lincoln Student Council received special recognition at a recent United Way volunteer breakfast.
- Student Council recently held elections.
- A group of students have returned from a trip to Ecuador, which was a great experience.
- Distracted Driving Week activities are occurring this week, with an impaired driving simulation scheduled to occur for the Lincoln student body the following week.
- The Forensics team is preparing for upcoming State competition.
- The musical "Mary Poppins" is coming up on April 21-24, with multiple show times scheduled.
- Junior Prom is scheduled for April 30, with an opportunity for parents to come to Prom and pay \$5.00 to see the Prom Court and view the "Junior Walk."

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of March 14, 2016; and special open and closed session Board of Education minutes of March 14, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee Reports

A. Business Services Committee – April 4, 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 a proposal for the 2016-17 Trades House be constructed for Dale E. and Kristy E. Ninneman by the Lincoln High School Trades House Construction class.

BS-2 Approval of a proposal for the purchase of (33) Juniper Switches from AE Business Solutions at a cost of \$62,359.62 and (64) Meraki MR42 Wireless Access points at a cost of \$32,282.00 to be funded with the Technology Referendum funds. (Mr. Benbow requested a correction to the Business Services Committee minutes to reflect the \$32,282.00 amount in BS-2 as it was listed incorrectly in the minutes at \$52,022.00.)

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

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee reviewed purchases for police liaison services from the City of Wisconsin Rapids, 120 chromebooks from PDS, a digital license from Flocabulary, and for virtual program curriculum from Fueleducation.
- Copy paper bids were received by the Business Services office, with the low bid received from Contract Paper Group, Inc. at a total cost of \$18,606.00.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and corrected minutes of the regular April 4, 2016 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – April 4, 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 professional staff appointment of Sara Sturomski (Math Teacher – Lincoln), and the support staff appointments of Dennis Fenske (Night Custodian – WRAMS), Stephanie Bailey (Night Custodian – East), Sandra Nieman (Pupil Services Secretary – Central Office), and Amy Hulce (Accounts Payable Secretary – Central Office).

PS-2 Approval of the professional staff early retirement requests of William Vickroy (Athletic Director – Lincoln) and Christine Pace (Science Teacher – East Jr. High), and the support staff early retirement request of Debra Neuman (Security Aide – Lincoln).

PS-3 Approval of the support staff resignation request of Dawn Carlson (Noon Aide – Grove).

PS-4 Approval of Board Policy 830.1 – Facility Use Policy for the Performing Arts Center (PAC) for second reading with edits discussed in Committee.

PS-5 Approval of the proposed language additions to the Office/Clerical and Aide Support Staff Employee Handbook regarding the post-employment insurance benefit, health insurance, and sick leave benefit.

PS-6 Approval of the proposed adjustment to monetary requirements for liquidated damages for breach of contract to take effect with the 2016-17 individual teacher contracts based on the following configuration:

June 16 – June 30	= \$300
June 1 – July 15	= \$500
July 16 – up to the first contracted teacher day	= \$1,000
First contracted teacher day and thereafter	= \$1,500

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

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of April 4, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – April 4, 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 dissolution of the THINK Academy Charter.

(Ms. Lee clarified that the dissolution applies to the THINK Academy Charter and that the school is not being dissolved.)

ES-2 Approval of the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$50,000.

ES-3 Approval of the United Way grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$62,000.

ES-4 Approval of the Financial Literacy Innovation Grant in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by John Benbow to approve consent agenda items ES 1-4. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- Professional Development and 7.5 Hours – Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Instruction, indicated that collaboration is taking place among administration and teacher leaders about how best to provide professional development to maximize teacher growth and student learning. The effectiveness of the professional development hours and the format of professional development days are being considered. Discussions are taking place with the Quality Educator Committee (QEC), Council for Instructional Improvement (CII), department chairs, and the administrative team.
- Academic Year Calendars – Superintendent Colleen Dickmann presented preliminary proposals of calendars for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. She reviewed possible changes and proposals regarding professional development days, holidays, and recordkeeping days.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the regular April 4, 2016 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

John Benbow suggested that the topic of educating the public on the adverse effects that private vouchers have on public schools and taxpayers be considered and discussed.

Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared legislative information on:

- A prevailing wage law repeal (2015 Act 55) which goes into effect January 1, 2017 and may have some effects on referendum timelines for districts who had referendums pass.
- The fact that there were 71 referendum questions on ballots across the state in the spring election, and 55 of the 71 passed. The purpose for the referendums was for issues of debt, non-recurring issues, and for recurring purposes. Thirty-six questions amounted to a request for \$696 million for debt issues, 26 questions requested to exceed revenue caps totaling \$142 million, and 12 questions sought \$17 million to exceed the revenue limit on a recurring basis.
- Teacher shortages will be impacting districts across the state – a “Teacher Loan Forgiveness” program (Assembly Bill 793) which would impact rural teachers may be signed into law by Governor Walker within the coming week. Dr. Dickmann shared that single digit application numbers are coming in for professional staff job postings, where in the past the District would have double and triple digit numbers of applicants.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to note March, 2016 receipts in the amount of \$8,807,999.55; and approve March, 2016 disbursements in the amount of \$3,377,717.69. 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

Kelly Van Asten	Location:	Lincoln
	Position:	Cross-Categorical (LD/ED) Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Effective Date:	August 29, 2016
	Salary:	\$41,250.00

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the employee professional staff appointment of Kelly Van Asten as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Boys & Girls Club Lease Agreement

Supt. Dickmann explained that contact has been made with Boys & Girls Club officials about their intentions concerning the purchase of the Pitsch building as stipulated in the current lease agreement with the District. The lease agreement continues through 2016-17 and 2017-18, and they are required to inform the District by June, 2016 of their future intentions. The Boys & Girls Club is considering requesting an extension of the “decision to purchase” date deadline from June to October or November, 2016. Dr. Dickmann explained that if she hears strong opposition from the Board about holding firm on the deadlines outlined in the lease agreement, she will proceed accordingly. However, if the Board expresses a willingness to allow an extension, she would work on a proposed amendment to bring back to the Board for approval within the timelines of the lease agreement. The Board discussed the possibility of updating the lease agreement to allow the Boys & Girls Club more time to inform the Board of their intent to purchase the Pitsch facility, and expressed a willingness to consider a proposal to extend the timelines stipulated in the agreement.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk