



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

July 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, Mary Rayome, John Benbow, Anne Lee, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett

BOARD MEMBER EXCUSED: Katie Medina

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Colleen Dickmann, Daniel Weigand, Ryan Christianson, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Glenn Haupt, Ed Allison

MEDIA PRESENT: Jesse Austin – River Cities Community Access; Jonathan Anderson – *The Daily Tribune*

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Recognition of District Retirees

President Krings presented special recognition to retiring District employees Deb Moore-Gruenloh, Laurie Henke, Deb Bailey, Martha Kronholm, Lorraine Walloch, Larry Redepenning, Cynthia Cooper, and Chris Weinhold.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of June 13, 2016; special Board of Education meeting minutes of June 20, 2016, and special open and closed session Board of Education meeting minutes of July 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee Reports

A. Business Services Committee – July 5, 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 66.03.01 cooperative agreement for students attending the Virtual Program from the Necedah School District.

BS-2 Approval of a proposal to create a combined position providing interschool mail and Food Service deliveries in house with the Building and Grounds receiving secretary position.

Committee Reports (continued)

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

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee reviewed purchases for MSTC transcribed credits, SRI Consultants for work on insurance claims, Tighe Roofing for roof repairs, and Complete Control for technician services.
- The Committee was updated on the Fuel Up to Play 60 grant application, and participation as a host site for the AmeriCorps Farm to School program which includes the addition of two part-time AmeriCorps Farm to School members for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular July 5, 2016 Business Services Committee meeting, and special closed session Business Services Committee meeting minutes of June 27, 2016 and July 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – July 5, 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 appointments of Sara Jennings (Teacher Intern – Howe Elementary), Julie Stoffel (Music/Choir – EJH/LHS/WRAMS), and Chad Karnitz (Language Arts – EJH/LHS); the summer school staff appointments of Melissa Wagner (Instructional Aide – LHS); the summer Buildings & Grounds support staff appointment of Meghan Scharmer (Summer Cleaner – District); and the support staff appointments of Dan Maciejewski (Head Custodian – Grove) and Curt Mitchell (Relief Custodian – District).
- PS-2 Approval of the professional staff resignation requests of Donna Anderson (Physical Therapist – District), Brittnee Stone (Kindergarten – Grove), Jill Przekurat (4K – Mead), and Jordan Rayburn (Business/Keyboarding – LHS/EJH/Elementary); and the non-represented, certified staff resignation request of Cari Pronschinske (School Nurse – WRAMS/Woodside).

The Board questioned whether or not all liquidated damages had been paid by employees who are subject to these payments as a result of resigning. Ms. Hett confirmed that all were paid in full.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve consent agenda items PS 1-2. Motion carried on a 5-1 vote. Sandra Hett voted no.

Ms. Hett provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee discussed a plan to provide a non-recurring supplemental salary payment in the amount of \$2,500 to teaching staff who are assigned, as determined by District administration, a multi-grade classroom assignment in District elementary school buildings during the 2016-17 school year. It was explained to the Committee that multi-grade classroom assignments were projected to occur in three elementary school buildings in the District during the 2016-17 school year. The Committee expressed support for having District administration make the determination of when and to whom the supplemental salary payments would be issued for multi-grade classroom assignments.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of July 5, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – July 5, 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 2016-17 Carl Perkins Grant in the amount of \$44,872.00.

ES-2 Approval of the completed secondary science materials acquisition set out in Attachment A in the amount of \$106,437.97 or less.

Committee Reports (continued)

- ES-3 Approval of pursuing a more detailed proposal for an Outdoor Learning Center at Mead Elementary Charter School.
- ES-4 Approval of the modifications to the “WRPS Activities Code” set out in Attachment B.
- ES-5 Approval of the pupil academic standards set out in Attachment C that will be in effect for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by John Benbow to approve consent agenda items ES 1-5. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and Supt. Colleen Dickmann reviewed a plan developed in collaboration with River Cities High School staff and community members to address the issue of post high school educational opportunities for RCHS graduates. A proposed position is being discussed which would be for a Transition Support person. This person would follow through with graduates to provide support in their educational endeavors. The position would be funded through a donation from a community member.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the regular July 5, 2016 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared legislative information on:

- The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) recently reported on the declining teacher supply becoming a crisis situation as fewer candidates are available in the hiring pool and teacher prep programs have fewer students enrolling. Declines in pay and respect for the vocation are contributing factors to fewer individuals seeking positions in the profession.
- On July 1, state aid estimates will factor in, for the first time ever, voucher students who began attending a private school under either the statewide or Racine voucher programs in the 2015-16 school year. This change which was made in the 2015-17 state budget will impact the aid payments school districts will receive by adding about 2,200 voucher pupils in 142 districts to the 2016-17 aid calculation.
- The House Education and Workforce Committee released the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, a bill to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act. The Carl Perkins Act hasn't been updated since 2006, and the new recommendations continue to offer support in technical field areas.
- WASB has developed a series of articles related to the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The articles have covered topics such as the basics of the law, state accountability plans, state report cards, and a proposed pilot plan by the U. S. Dept. of Education for seven states to be involved in designing and testing innovative assessments in a handful of districts over a period of five years with the idea of taking the system statewide at some point.
- As fall primary and general elections close in, WASB has provided advocacy tips and questions for districts to consider using for the upcoming election cycle. Boards are encouraged to know who is running for the state legislature in Senate and Assembly districts, and to consider hosting a candidate forum with a focus on questions related to public education.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to note June, 2016 receipts in the amount of \$12,717,890.04; and approve June, 2016 disbursements in the amount of \$4,953,653.37. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointments, Resignations, and Retirement Requests

Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources, recommended approval of the following resignation and appointment requests:

Resignations

Debra Bauman	Location:	Grove Elementary School
	Position:	Secretary (7.5 hours/day)
	Effective:	July 5, 2016

Marcia Gile	Location:	District
	Position:	Van Driver
	Effective:	June 26, 2016

Appointment

John Frizzell, II	Location:	Lincoln High School
	Position:	Athletic Director
	Effective:	July 11, 2016
	Salary:	\$82,000.00

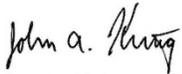
Mr. Christianson explained that the Athletic Director position will be a non-represented, non-administrative professional position with a unique benefit document. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the position.

Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve of the employee resignation and appointment requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk