



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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October 10, 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, Matt Green, Phil Bickelhaupt, Ed Allison, Lizzie Severson

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

Student Representative's Report

Drake Blossfield reported on the following:

- In a recent victory, the Lincoln football team got the River Jug back from SPASH.
- Homecoming activities were a success, including the student dance.
- John McGivern from PBS was filming in Wisconsin Rapids and included segments of the Powder Puff game and male poms due to the uniqueness of the event. The footage will air in April, 2017.
- Students visited MSTC for a Wisconsin Education Fair recently.
- Two students have qualified to compete at State tennis doubles and a golf student will also compete at State.
- The Fall LHS play performance will be held in the PAC on October 14-16, 2016.
- The "Day of Caring" event at which students rake leaves for members of the community is coming up on October 20, 2016.
- A DECA and Student Council leadership conference is occurring in the upcoming weeks.
- A Career Day for juniors at Lincoln is also happening soon.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of September 12, 2016; special open and closed session meeting minutes of September 22, 2016; and special open session meeting minutes of September 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

Citizen Mike Speich spoke in support of the Boys & Girls Club program, and urged Board support where possible in future Club endeavors.

Committee Reports

A. Business Services Committee – October 3, 2016. Report given by John Benbow.

Mr. Benbow explained that there were no consent agenda items being brought forward for Board consideration.

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- A no cost priority emergency response restoration services agreement with Kelmann Restoration.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Katie Medina to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular October 3, 2016 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – October 3, 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 Nikendra Cerveney (Special Ed Aide – Mead), Rachel Teeselink (Noon Aide – Washington), Megan Follett (Noon Aide – Woodside), Kerry Fox (Noon Aide – Woodside), Joanne Smaby (Noon Aide – Lincoln), Judy Fuller (Food Service Helper – WRAMS), Stephanie Hoerth (Cashier – Lincoln), Amanda Grant (Kitchen Helper – Mead), Michelle Zimmerman (Office Aide – Washington), Pam Walker (Breakfast Cashier – Mead), and Linda Pappenfus (Kitchen Helper – Washington).

PS-2 Approval of the support staff retirement request of Keith Wosick (Relief Custodian – District).

PS-3 Approval of a pay increase for food service substitute employees effective October 14, 2016 as follows:

- New Substitute Helper rate - \$10.55 per hour
- New Substitute Cashier rate - \$10.55 per hour
- New Substitute Baker, New Substitute Second Cook rate - \$11.05 per hour
- New Substitute Head Cook rate - \$11.55 per hour

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:

- Board Policy 345.5 – Graduation Requirement for second reading approval was tabled. Committee members requested additional information relative to the Civics Exam requirement when the policy is brought back to the November, 2016 Committee meeting for second reading consideration.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Anne Lee to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of October 3, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – October 3, 2016. Report given by Anne Lee.

Ms. Lee explained that there were no consent agenda items from the Educational Services Committee for October, and provided updates and reports on:

- Mead Elementary Charter School – Margie Dorshorst, Principal of Mead Elementary Charter School, and representatives from Mead were present to update the Committee on accomplishments from the 2015-16 school year and goals for the current school year. A discussion took place on how student attendance is a concern for many reasons, including the multiple needs of students and the transient population.
- Youth Options and Course Options – Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that there are four students taking courses through Course Options during semester one of the 2016-17 school year. There are 10 students enrolled in the CCHI program each taking two courses through Course Options. There are no Youth Options requests for the 2016-17 school year. Colleen Dickmann, Superintendent, mentioned the District is required to pay the full tuition for students utilizing Youth Options, and half the tuition for Course Options students.

- UW System Remedial Courses – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained the remedial UW course report. For the fall of 2015, the report shows 116 students from Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools were enrolled as new freshmen in the UW System. Of those students, none were required to take a remedial college course in English, and 11 were required to take a remedial college math course.
- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the grant requirements. She also shared allocation amounts for Title I, II and III. She further reviewed how dollars will be spent in each of these Title areas.
- Curriculum and Professional Development (PD) Activities – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz provided an overview of professional development and curriculum activities for the 2016-17 school year. With the first PD Day being that day, she also reviewed how the re-formatted day looked and noted that things seemed to have gone smoothly. At the end of the year teachers will be asked to evaluate the new format.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the October 3, 2016, Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared the following information:

- There will be 25 operating referendums on the November 8, 2016 ballot.
- Assembly Republicans want to explore the concept of Education Savings Accounts (ESAs) under which taxpayer-funded grants would be given to parents and placed in these accounts to be used for education-related expenses, including private school tuition.

Supt. Dickmann shared that she recently spoke with a lobbyist who indicated that items not approved in the Legislature will likely be incorporated into the upcoming State budget.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Anne Lee to note September, 2016 receipts in the amount of \$4,681,772.55 and approve September, 2016 disbursements in the amount of \$3,170,929.94. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointment Request

None.

BEST (Behavior Emotional Social Traits) Grant

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz explained that a committee was formed to explore systemic behavior interventions for students. After implementing Response to Intervention (RtI) for academics, a similar system for behaviors is needed. A part of any RtI system is screening, so the committee is exploring various screening options. Security Health Plan recently invested \$100,000 in school-based behavioral health grants to provide schools the opportunity to use the “Behavioral, Emotional, and Social Traits” (b.e.s.t.) universal screening system. Developed by Eric Hartwig, PhD., the b.e.s.t. universal screening system is used to identify the behavioral health status for students. The information from the screening would be used to provide children with additional support to help address identified needs. Should WRPS receive the BEST Grant, teachers and counselors would work together with parents to provide screening to one or two grade levels of elementary students. The grant dollars would cover the cost of screening and consultation to help schools translate screening results and take next steps to support students.

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the School Based Behavioral Health Grant which would provide funds for two grade levels of elementary students to pay for behavioral health screening and follow-up support to address identified student needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Status of Pitsch Lease

Dr. Dickmann explained that she has been in conversation with Kent Anderson, Director of the local Boys & Girls Club, about their intent concerning the Club's possible purchase of the Pitsch facility. The Club is partnering with the YMCA at this time, and has indicated that they do not have an interest in purchasing the Pitsch facility. The current lease agreement is valid through June, 2018. The Club pays \$1.00 per year to lease the facility.

Dr. Dickmann did advise Mr. Anderson that the District would be willing to consider various options in the future, should they change direction with their plans. A different location in the District might also be an option for them in the future. The Board took the opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Dickmann stated that Mr. Anderson will attend the Educational Services Committee meeting in November to review their programming and its impact on local youth.

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