



# 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

January 15, 2018

### 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

EXCUSED: Katie Medina

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Craig Broeren, Daniel Weigand, Ryan Christianson, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Matt Green, Ed Allison, Elizabeth Severson, Tim Bruns

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 the following:

- The annual “Sportainment Night” event organized by the Lincoln Sports and Entertainment Marketing class is scheduled to occur on February 22, 2018, with proceeds raised to go toward the traumatic brain injury rehabilitation fund of John Arendt.
- LHS students continue to volunteer and serve in local elementary school classrooms.
- The National Honor Society recently held a penny war.
- DECA District 2 Career Development Conferences occurred in January, and 38 students from LHS are advancing to compete at the State level.

#### Approval of Minutes

**Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of December 11, 2017; special open and closed session meeting minutes of December 11, 2017; special closed session meeting minutes of December 13, 2017; and special Board of Education meeting minutes of December 13, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

#### Committee Reports

- A. Business Services Committee – January 8, 2018. Report given by John Benbow.  
Mr. Benbow reviewed the following consent agenda item brought before the Board through the Business Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held:

Committee Reports (continued)

- BS-1 Approval of the proposed three year audit contract from Hawkins Ash CPAs for June 2018, June 2019, and June 2020 at \$20,125; \$20,675; and \$21,225 with membership audit (if required) at \$3,600; \$3,700; and \$3,800 be recommended for approval to the Board of Education.
- BS-2 Approval of a proposed Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative 66.0301 Agreement for the 2018-19 school year.

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

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular January 8, 2018 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Personnel Services Committee – January 8, 2018. 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 Kylee Krzykowski (Teacher – District).
- PS-2 Approval of the support staff appointment of Kirk Schladweiler (Second Shift Custodian – Lincoln).
- PS-3 Approval of the early retirement requests for Robert Johannes, Mary Johannes and Lori Lecy-Kizewski, including their participation in the early retirement health benefits as currently outlined in the District's Professional Staff Employee Handbook.
- PS-4 Approval of Board Policy 162 - New Board Member Orientation, second reading.
- PS-5 Approval of Board Policy 830.1 - Facility Use Policy for the Performing Arts Center (PAC), second reading.
- PS-6 Approval of a new non-classified position in the Food Services Department titled "food production coordinator" to begin no sooner than March 5, 2018 with a 2017-18 wage of \$18.10/hour for the first 60 days employed on the job and at a wage of \$19.05/hour thereafter for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year.
- PS-7 Approval of a wage increase for substitute clerical and support staff aides from \$10.55/hour to \$11.00/hour with an effective date of January 3, 2018.
- PS-8 Approval of a new wage rate of \$25.00/hour for WRPS summer school teachers to take effect beginning with the 2018 summer school session.

**Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve consent agenda items PS 1-8. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

Ms. Hett provided updates and reports on:

- The Committee reviewed Board Policy 163 – Opportunities for Development and Board Policy 164 – Board Member Compensation and Expenses for second reading. Additional information will be gathered by the administration prior to these policies being brought back for consideration and second reading approval.
- Class size and section information for the 2017-18 school year was reviewed and discussed by the Committee.

**Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of January 8, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Educational Services Committee – January 8, 2018. Report given by Anne Lee.

Ms. Lee 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 the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$145,000.
- ES-2 Approval of the suggested changes to the Supplemental Pay Plan for Professional Development for the 2017-18 school year.
- ES-3 Approval of the recommendation that WRPS does not designate any space limitations for regular education open enrollment students for the 2018-19 school year. It is recommended, for special education, to deny all applicants whose IEP needs place them in programs for Level 3 students with Intellectual Disabilities or Emotional Disabilities due to a projected lack of space. In addition, it is recommended that students whose needs can only be met at the Wood County Alternative School be denied open enrollment due to a projected lack of space.
- ES-4 Approval of renewing the contract with Preferred Driver Education for optional Driver Education instruction to students at Lincoln High School for the 2018-19 school year.
- ES-5 Approval of the Resolution to support the Wisconsin Taxpayer Transparency Bill (Assembly Bill 267 and Senate Bill 183).

*Ms. Lee requested that Item ES-5 be held out.*

**Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda items ES 1, 2, 3, and 4. Motion carried unanimously.**

With regard to Consent Agenda Item ES-5, Ms. Lee requested that the proposed Resolution pertaining to the Wisconsin Voucher Taxpayer Transparency Bill be read aloud to provide an understanding to the public of how the bill supports transparency for taxpayers. President Krings read the Resolution aloud in its entirety.

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

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- Community Learning Center Grant: Boys & Girls Club – the Committee learned from Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, that the Boys & Girls Club will again be applying for a Community Learning Center Grant which would support all of the schools on the east side, with the primary school being Howe Elementary.
- Remedial Course Report – Ms. Stebbins-Hintz noted that for the 2016-17 school year, 130 WRPS graduates enrolled in the UW System, and fewer than six of them were required to take remedial college English or math courses. WRPS is one of the four largest districts able to accomplish this. This is very positive for Lincoln High School and WRPS.

**Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by John Benbow to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the January 8, 2018 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

#### Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared the following information:

- The next meeting of the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 2, 2018 in Milwaukee. The Commission will be taking testimony from school leaders at the meeting. Chaired by state Sen. Luther Olsen and Rep. Joel Kitchens, the Commission is directed to look at all aspects of Wisconsin school funding and recommend changes in how schools are funded in time to be considered in the next (2019-21) state budget cycle.

- A special election is being held on January 16, 2018 for three seats recently vacated as follows: State Senate District 10 covering parts of Burnett, Dunn, Pierce, Polk and St. Croix counties; Assembly District 58 in Washington County; and Assembly District 66 in Racine County.
- Assembly Bill 693, which is the “Teacher Protection Act” Bill, underwent a public hearing on January 11, 2018. WASB registered opposition to the bill, which would upset the administrative chain of command in school districts by allowing teachers to unilaterally suspend and remove students from class without having to adhere to school board discipline policies, school district behavioral intervention plans, a student’s individual educational plan or a student’s service plan. Concerns with additional reporting mandates in the bill and pupil record privacy issues were also raised.
- The annual State Education Convention is scheduled to occur January 16-19, 2018.

#### Bills

**Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by Larry Davis to note December, 2017 receipts in the amount of \$8,338,760.58 and approve December, 2017 disbursements in the amount of \$4,357,575.69. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.**

#### New Business

##### Employee Appointment Request

Dr. Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources, presented one retirement request as follows:

Elizabeth Ottery	Location:	Howe Elementary School
	Position:	Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Effective Date:	June 7, 2018
	Date of Hire:	August 26, 2003

**Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of the early retirement request of Elizabeth Ottery as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

##### 2018 Friend of Education Award

Superintendent Broeren provided a recommendation to present the 2018 Friend of Education Award to *Women United*, a local group affiliated with the United Way of Inner Wisconsin. Over the years, this group has been very supportive of early grade level literacy efforts in our schools. They have provided both monetary support through grants awarded, and have spent countless hours volunteering in district classrooms to assist area children. Through the process of determining worthy recipients, Mr. Broeren collected names of other local individuals and/or entities to be considered for future Friend of Education awards.

**Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of presenting the “2018 Friend of Education” award to Women United. Motion carried unanimously.**

##### 2018 Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Resolutions

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed WASB Resolutions which will be voted upon at the delegation meeting coming up at the January, 2018 State Education Convention.

**Motion by John Krings, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve of having John Benbow use his own discretion and vote his conscience on behalf of the Board when attending the WASB delegate assembly at the upcoming State Education Convention. Motion carried unanimously.**

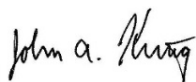
##### South Wood County Recreation Center/Youth Hockey Association Agreements

Supt. Broeren explained that at the Board’s request, information was recently provided to the Board concerning agreements in place with the South Wood County Recreation Center and South Wood County Youth Hockey Association. Mr. Broeren is interested in knowing whether or not the Board would like more information or follow-up concerning the request. No additional information was requested by the Board.

#### 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