



AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

510 Peach Street · Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 · (715) 424-6701

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July 1, 2013

LOCATION: Board of Education, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Conference Room A/B

TIME: Immediately following the Business Services Committee and Personnel
Services Committee meetings, but not before 6:15 p.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Actionable Items
 - A. Board Policy 342.5 – Title I Programs — First Reading
 - B. SPDG Professional Learning Communities Focus on PLCs Grant Application - Grove Elementary
- IV. Updates
 - A. Business-Education-Incourage Committee Update
 - B. Tour of Caring Closet
- V. Consent Agenda Items
- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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BACKGROUND

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Board Policy 342.5 – Title I Programs and the Title I Parental Involvement Policy were brought to the Educational Services Committee meeting for first reading at the June 2013 meeting. Revisions were suggested by Committee members. Those revisions have been incorporated into the Board Policy. Board Policy 342.5 – Title I Programs (Attachment A), along with the Title I Parental Involvement Policy (Attachment A-1), are again being presented for first reading.

The administration recommends approval of Board Policy 342.5 – Title I Programs for first reading.

- B. SPDG Professional Learning Communities Focus on PLCs Grant Application – Grove Elementary

The 2013-2017 Wisconsin State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) has been developed to support schools with the most significant gaps between the Students with Disabilities subgroup and the statewide averages for the Students with Disabilities subgroup on statewide assessments.

Grove and Grant Elementary Schools had large gaps in achievement between their school and the statewide averages for the Students with Disabilities subgroup, so they were offered the opportunity to apply for this grant. Grove Elementary School decided

to apply. If they receive the grant, they will receive the following:

- support from PLC coaches
- professional development and ongoing support from SPDG partners
- access to a website which will be used to create an online community connecting grant recipients
- up to \$16,000 per year for four years for professional development and Professional Learning Community work

Wisconsin's SPDG grant is authorized by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs.

The administration recommends approval of the SPDG Professional Learning Communities Focus on PLC Grant Application for Grove Elementary School in the amount of \$16,000.

IV. Updates

A. Business-Education-Incourage Committee Update

In September 2012, The Business Education Partnership Committee was formed following a presentation to the Nekoosa, Port Edwards, and Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Boards of Education. The Committee was formed to address the need for skilled employees in a variety of businesses, industries, and occupations in the South Wood County region.

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, along with Gus Mancuso, Rick Merdan, and John Bergin of Incourage, will be present to update the Educational Services Committee members about the progress of their work to date. Included in the presentation will be:

- A review of the Committee's purpose
- What the Committee has accomplished to date
- The Committee's goals for the future
- Activities that have occurred in WRPS since the formation of the Committee

B. Tour of Caring Closet

The Caring Closet was originally established in the basement of The Family Center with funds from the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act under the leadership of Carrie Siler. In 2010, under the leadership of Heather Lisitza, the Caring Closet was moved to its current location in East Junior High School, providing greater access for District families.

The Caring Closet is accessible at all times by a counselor or social worker from each District school. If a family or student has a need for items in the closet, they are accompanied there by the school representative. The Caring Closet provides a variety of new or gently used items for our District's families. This resource is coordinated by Ms. Lisitza. Donations may be dropped off in the East Junior High School Guidance Office or given directly to Ms. Lisitza.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by Committee Chair after consultation with appropriate administration depending upon other agenda items, presentation information, and agenda availability.

Future agenda items/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- Student Information System (August)