



MINUTES

Anne Lee, Chairman
John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

August 5, 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.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Jr., Larry Davis, Sandra Hett, John Krings,
Anne Lee, and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katie Bielski-Medina

OTHERS PRESENT: Steve Abrahamson, Ed Allison, Phil Bickelhaupt, Tina Bush, Jason Butz,
Toni Butz, Ryan Christianson, Colleen Dickmann, Misty Ferk, Kristopher Gasch,
Nicole Graf, Joe Hepp, Kelly Macijewski, Meghan McCabe, Sam Mlodik,
Ronald Rasmussen, Jim Scott, Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Becky Sturdy,
Suzanne Szelagowski, Teri Thomas, Daniel Weigand, Brian Wilhorn,
Jennifer Wilhorn, Bill Winch, and Judi Winch

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Anne Lee stated that public comments regarding charter school contracts would be heard during discussion of that topic. There was no other public comment.

III. Actionable Items

- A. Policy 365.1 RULE – Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy (AUP) Revisions for First Reading

ES-1 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Benbow, to approve changes to Board Policy 365.1 RULE – Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy for first reading; and the deletion of Policy 365.1 – Exhibit 1 – Independent Use Student Consent and Waiver.

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, explained the District's current Policy 365.1 RULE – Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety allows students to use personal electronic devices at school. To ensure the policy is aligned with this

change, it is suggested language and definitions be revised. Mr. Bickelhaupt also explained that removing Policy 365.1 – Exhibit 1 (WRPS Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) Consent Form) will allow more flexibility to change the form as needed.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Professional Educator Compensation for Credits and District Education Units (DEUs)

ES-2 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to approve the proposed changes in the professional educator compensation procedures for credits and DEUs.

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, told Committee members that since the professional educator compensation for credits and DEUs was approved in 2012, the District expanded the professional development opportunities for instructional staff.

Ms. Stebbins Hintz shared the proposed changes to the Professional Educator Compensation procedures. These procedures will be subject to an annual review at the discretion of the Board of Education.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Charter School Contracts: Mead Elementary School and Vesper Community Academy

ES-3 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the Mead Elementary Charter School Contract renewal for the 2013-2014 school year only.

ES-4 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to not renew the Vesper Community Academy Charter School Contract.

Both Mead Elementary Charter School and Vesper Community Academy's charters expired in May 2013. Colleen Dickmann, Superintendent, applauded both schools for their creativity while under their charters. However, the administration has concerns about potential legislative changes regarding charter schools and the impact this could have on the District.

Superintendent Dickmann explained that Mead Elementary Charter School will receive a dissemination grant in the amount of \$125,000.00 for the 2013-2014 school year. In order to use these funds, the school must remain a charter school for one more year.

At this time, Vesper Community Academy no longer qualifies for charter grant monies. If Committee members choose not to renew the charter contract, instruction will remain the same at the school.

Various members of the public shared concerns and questions regarding the nonrenewal of the charter contract. Dr. Dickmann explained that River Cities High School and Central Cities Health Institute also began as charter schools. These charter schools no longer have a charter contract; however, instruction has continued as before.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried on a vote of 5 ayes and 1 nay. Sandra Hett voted nay.

D. Math Expressions Purchase

ES-4 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Benbow, to approve the following purchases:

Student Activity Books: Grades K-4	\$56,006.40	<i>Curriculum – Fund 10</i>
Teacher Materials for SwD Teachers	\$12,778.88	<i>Special Ed – Fund 27</i>
Hard Cover Books: Grade 5	\$30,660.30	<i>Referendum</i>

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained the District has been purchasing Math Expressions soft cover student activity books for students in Kindergarten through fifth grade. To lessen this annual cost, it is suggested students in fifth grade receive hard cover textbooks. The textbooks would be a one-time purchase. Ms. Hintz shared that along with the purchase of textbooks for the fifth grade level, a request for teacher materials for Special Education teachers and the annual soft cover student activity books for grades K-4 are included.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates and Reports

A. Wisconsin Student Information System (SSIS)

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, shared there is growing concern about the implementation of Statewide Student Information Systems (SSIS) and the type of information being collected about students and their families.

Ms. Hintz explained that confirmation from a Department of Public Instruction (DPI) consultant has been received that items such as blood type, voting status, and religious affiliation will not be included on Wisconsin's SSIS. However, family income would be included if families complete free and reduced lunch applications.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Policy 365.1 RULE – Network and Internet Acceptable Use and Internet Safety Policy (AUP) Revisions for First Reading
- ES-2 Professional Educator Compensation for Credits and District Education Units (DEUs)
- ES-3 Charter School Contracts: Mead Elementary Charter School
- ES-4 Charter School Contracts: Vesper Community Academy
- ES-5 Math Expressions Purchase

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.*

Ms. Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.