



MINUTES

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

February 3, 2014

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., Katie Bielski-Medina, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett,
John Krings, Anne Lee, and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Phil Bickelhaupt, Ryan Christianson, Trudy DeSimons, Colleen
Dickmann, Dawn Krommenakker, Amy Ryan, Jim Scott, Kathi Stebbins Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Mr. Jim Scott asked about the actual cost for iPad apps. He also asked when the Board of Education would be considering renewal of the Mead Elementary Charter School contract and whether or not Mead School was meeting the goals set out in the charter. His final question was about the cost per pupil of the WKCE test.

III. Actionable Items

A. Elementary Keyboarding

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained the implementation and evaluation of the elementary keyboarding pilot in the first semester of 2013-14. Ms. Stebbins Hintz shared that the results of the pilot evaluation were positive, with remaining concerns about lost instructional and computer lab time. Based on the positive pilot results, implementation of a future elementary keyboarding program was discussed. The program will start with all third grade students receiving six weeks of keyboarding instruction for 30 minutes a day, and all fourth and fifth grade students receiving three weeks of instruction for 30 minutes a day. Grade six students will no longer need to receive keyboarding. A certified business education teacher will provide the instruction, while the classroom teacher is present. This enables the classroom teacher to provide follow-up and reinforcement. Implementation of the full program for the 2014-15 school year will cost an additional .447 FTEs.

However, after the 2014-15 school year, the cost will be neutral due to the ability to drop keyboarding at the sixth grade level.

ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the implementation of keyboarding in the elementary schools beginning in the 2014-15 school year, with an additional .447 FTEs for the 2014-15 school year only.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Elementary iPad Update

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, provided an update on the implementation of iPads in the elementary buildings. To date there are a total of 744 iPads in the elementary buildings, including classroom, special education, and staff iPads. iPads are being used for staff collaboration, Google Drive, reading and math apps, keyboarding, grades four and five technology projects, Renaissance Learning products, online blogging, Skyping, Facetime, Hangouts, and various apps related to the curricula. There have also been several professional development opportunities available to staff surrounding the iPad, including numerous DEU courses, Summer Tech Splash class, Summer iPad Workshop, and the WRPS technology site.

Mr. Bickelhaupt shared that the purchases are coming in under budget because less is being spent on apps than anticipated.

V. Consent Agenda Items

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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 include, but are not limited to:

- Youth Options (March)
- Strategic Plan Update (March)
- RtI Update (March)
- Elementary Science Curriculum (April)
- Educator Effectiveness Update (April)
- Code of Conduct for Co-Curriculars (April)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (May)
- Renaissance Guidelines (May)
- Elementary Science Acquisition (May)
- Agenda Planners (May)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.