



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee
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Anne Lee, Chairman
John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

March 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, Trudy DeSimons, Colleen Dickmann, Amy Ryan,
Tammy St. Myers, Jim Scott, Kathi Stebbins Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Constellation Grant – Location and Logo

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, shared a hand-out of the proposed location for the 2-4kW photovoltaic system at Lincoln High School. The hand-out also included the proposed logo for the system. Ms. Hintz then introduced Rick Merdan from Incurage Community Foundation. Mr. Merdan has collaboratively worked on this grant with Lincoln, Nekoosa, Port Edwards, and Assumption High Schools, as well as the Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) Renewable Energy faculty. Mr. Merdan shared that the grant was originally submitted for \$50,000 of which \$45,000 was granted. Each of the schools involved received \$9,000. Mr. Merdan explained that MSTC students can move the panels six different ways to adjust the productivity of the unit. Mr. Davis expressed concern regarding the sturdiness of the unit. Mr. Merdan indicated that the structure is very sturdy as there are forklift divots that allow for easy movement.

ES-1 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Benbow, to approve the installation location and logo for the 2-4kW photovoltaic system.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' Strategic Plan

Colleen Dickmann, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed updates and changes to the District Strategic Plan. She reviewed new steps, completed steps, and revised time-lines. She also reviewed new objectives which include:

- Objective 3 – Create an understanding and implement mapping of all curricular areas.
- Objective 5 – Ensure all WRPS students understand STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and have related curricular experiences and opportunities.
- Objective 6 – Implement the State required Educator Effectiveness model to improve teacher practice and to implement the new teacher and administrator evaluation system.

Dr. Dickmann indicated this Plan is always a work in progress and many of the objectives are ongoing.

ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the updates to the Wisconsin Rapids Public School Strategic Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Course Options

Kathi Stebbins Hintz reviewed the new Course Options program. Students enrolled in a public school can take up to two courses at any time from an educational institution. Ms. Hintz indicated there are still a lot of questions regarding this program and why a student would opt to pursue this avenue rather than Youth Options. This plan will replace part time open enrollment and go into effect with the 2014-15 school year. Ms. Hintz stated that further information will be gathered and a Board policy will be written and brought to the Board for approval.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Constellation Grant – Location and Logo

ES-2 Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' Strategic Plan.

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

- Elementary Science Curriculum (April)
- Educator Effectiveness Update (April)
- Code of Conduct for Co-Curriculars (April)
- Spotlight School Grant (April)
- Academic Excellence Scholarships (April)
- Youth Options Requests – First Semester, 2014-15 (April)

- Agenda Planners (May)
- RtI Update (May)
- Course Options Policy (May)
- Elementary Science Acquisition (May)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (June)
- Renaissance Guidelines (June)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.