



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 31, 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, David Bergerson, Trudy DeSimons, Colleen Dickmann, Sherry
Marzofka, Liz Ottery, Matt Renwick, Jim Scott, Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Val Tonn

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Elementary Science Curriculum

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, introduced David Bergerson, Science Coordinator, to review the status of the science curriculum. In doing so, she announced that Mr. Bergerson was recently presented with the Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers "Excellence in Science Education" award.

Mr. Bergerson explained steps the Science CII Sub-Committee and several sub-committees of grade level teachers have been taking to align the Next Generation Science Standards with the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools' (WRPS) Science Curriculum. He shared how the committees are mapping standards and selecting the best materials to support the instruction. Several teachers are piloting materials and providing feedback to the committee to help with the selection of materials. National Geographic materials are a very popular choice because of the unitized texts. It was further noted by Mr. Bergerson that some texts currently being used will continue to be used.

Mr. Bergerson also explained the addition of one engineering unit at each grade level. Teachers are currently piloting the Engineering is Elementary (EiE) program to support these units.

Mrs. Hett asked several questions about the NGSS. Mr. Bergerson explained that the NGSS were not dictated by the federal government. Material choices to support the NGSS were being made at the local level.

ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the proposed changes to the WRPS elementary (K-5) science curriculum.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Youth Options Requests – First Semester, 2014-15

Trudy DeSimon was present to summarize the student applications for Youth Options Requests. There are a total of four students that applied for the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. Ms. DeSimons mentioned there were two other students that applied for Youth Options, but new guidelines require applicants for technical college courses to have a 3.0 GPA. These students did not meet the new requirement and were denied.

ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve four students to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, UW Colleges Online, and Mid-State Technical College at a cost of approximately \$3,689.40 under requirements of the Youth Options program.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Grant Approval Requests

Ms. Stebbins Hintz reviewed the nine grant requests submitted by WRPS staff. John Benbow commended staff for the time and effort taken to write and apply for these grants.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the following grant applications:

- 1. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Spotlight School Continuation Grant for 2014-15 for Howe Elementary School, \$25,000**
- 2. STEM DPI Grant, \$25,000**
- 3. Mead Elementary Charter School and United Way of Inner Wisconsin Women's Leadership Council - "Learning for Life" Reading Mentor Ad Campaign, \$5,000**
- 4. Read to Lead Development Fund Grants**
 - a. Mead Elementary Charter School 4K Royal Readers, \$2,000**
 - b. Mead Elementary Charter School "Mead Reads" Summer Programming, \$9,000**
 - c. WRPS Doors to Discovery Literacy Program: Further Developing Literacy in 4K, \$36,640**

5. **21st Century Community Learning Center Grant for Mead Elementary School, \$50,000**
6. **United Way of Inner Wisconsin Grant for Before and After School Club Mead, \$83,000**
7. **McCarthy Dressman Education Academic Enrichment Grant for Howe School, \$30,000 (\$10,000 per year for three years)**

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Board Policy 345.11 Procedures for Academic Excellence Scholarships – First Reading

Ms. Stebbins Hintz reviewed changes to Policy 345.11. The policy is used to determine recipients of the Academic Excellence Scholarships, particularly in cases where more students qualify by GPA than there are available scholarships.

ES-4 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve Board Policy 345.11 Procedures for Academic Excellence Scholarships for first reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Board Policy 443.3 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products by Students; Board Policy 522.2 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products by Employees; Board Policy 831 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products on School Premises – First Reading

Ms. Stebbins Hintz reviewed requested changes to the three policies. Policies have been changed to include nicotine products. This change is necessary because of the growing popularity of e-cigarettes. Sandra Hett requested clarification on Policy 831, and whether “debarment” was being used correctly. Ms. Dickmann, Superintendent, stated it would be reviewed prior to the full Board of Education meeting.

ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve Board Policy 443.3 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products by Students; Board Policy 522.2 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products by Employees; Board Policy 831 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products on School Premises – First Reading, with language check on Policy 831.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

- A. Educator Effectiveness System

Ms. Stebbins Hintz presented a PowerPoint to explain the Educator Effectiveness System that will be implemented with the 2014-15 school year. She explained the purpose and components of the program, as well as what the district has already done to begin implementation.

Several questions were raised by Board members, including concerns for staff time.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Elementary Science Curriculum

ES-2 Youth Options Requests – First Semester, 2014-15

ES-3 Grant Approval Requests

ES-4 Board Policy 345.11 Procedures for Academic Excellence Scholarships for first reading

ES-5 Board Policy 443.3 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products by Students, Board Policy 522.2 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products by Employees, and Board Policy 831 Smoking and/or Use of Tobacco/Nicotine Products on School Premises for first reading.

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:

- Agenda Planners (May)
- Elementary Science Acquisition (May)
- Homeless Grant (May)
- State Assessments (May)
- Curriculum Format (May)
- RtI Update (June)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (June)
- Course Options Policy (June)
- Renaissance Learning Guidelines (August)
- Title Update (September)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.