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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

May 5, 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, Colleen Dickmann, Judy Grover, Sherry  
Marzofka, Brian Oswald, Ronald Rasmussen, Patti Ritchay, Kathi Stebbins  
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I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Elementary Science Acquisition: Phase I

David Bergerson, WRPS Science Coordinator, reviewed Attachment A which sets out materials acquisition decisions to support the revised elementary science curriculum. He pointed out that the majority of the grade levels will use items purchased from National Geographic, Delta Education and Engineering is Elementary.

Katie Bielski-Medina questioned why some grade levels were purchasing more items than others. Mr. Bergerson noted that at some grade levels, current materials were still appropriate.

Sandra Hett asked about the number of parents or community members that attended the materials display. Mr. Bergerson noted that no one attended.

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum, thanked Mr. Bergerson for offering several professional development opportunities this summer that will familiarize elementary teachers with the revised science curriculum and the new science materials.

**ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve phase I of the elementary science acquisition, not to exceed the amount of \$174,900, to be paid for with curriculum acquisition and referendum dollars.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Agenda Planners: 2014-15

Ms. Stebbins Hintz introduced administrators from the secondary schools to review proposed changes to Student Agenda Planners. She asked Board members to address any grammatical and/or formatting changes with administrators after the meeting. Patti Ritchay, Assistant Principal presented for East Junior High, Ronald Rasmussen, Principal presented for Lincoln High School, and Brian Oswald, Assistant Principal presented for WRAMS. Administrators went through the proposed changes and explained reasoning for the changes.

**ES-2 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve the proposed secondary school agenda planner changes, including any changes discussed, for the 2014-15 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

- A. Ms. Stebbins Hintz presented the 2013-2014 WKCE results. Overall results were very good. WRPS is ahead of the state average in all areas except seventh and eighth grade math.

The Board requested more data on the following:

- Longitudinal data for same student groups
- Longitudinal data for ELL students
- Achievement gap between males and females
- Impact of students not tested and virtual students

B. Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS): 2014-2015

Ms. Stebbins Hintz reviewed the significant changes in student testing for 2014-15. Several assessments will be added or modified for the upcoming school year. Information was shared on the Smarter Balanced Assessment, ACT Aspire, ACT, ACT WorkKeys, Dynamic Learning Maps, ACCESS 2.0, PALs, and WKCE. Administration is

concerned about the impact the additional testing will have on technology availability and instructional time.

V. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 Elementary Science Acquisition: Phase I**  
**ES-2 Agenda Planners: 2014-15**

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:

- RtI Report (June)
- Mead Elementary Charter School Charter Contract (June)
- 2014-2015 District Professional Development Plan (June)
- Eighth Grade Graduation Credits (June)
- Lincoln High School Scheduling Update (June)
- WKCE: Part II (June)
- Curriculum Process Changes (July)
- Course Options Policy (July)
- Homeless Grant (July)
- Renaissance Learning Guidelines (August)
- Title Update (September)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (October)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.