



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee
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Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

June 2, 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, Sandra Hett, John Krings,
Anne Lee, and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Davis

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Phil Bickelhaupt, Colleen Dickmann, Margie Dorshorst, Judy
Esselman, Roxanne Filtz, Christopher Gasch, Cindy Kane, Leslie Lewison,
Tina Miller, Shelley Moon, Molly Murphy, Liz Ottery, Traci Pronga, Ronald
Rasmussen, Nicole Reetz, Matt Renwick, Amy Ryan, Amy Scheide, Karen
Schill, Sue Schill, Steve Smith, Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Jennifer Wilhorn

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. 2014-15 District Professional Development Plan

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) Professional Development Plan for the 2014-2015 school year. She pointed out that this year's plan was different in that teachers will no longer be doing an Individual Professional Development Plan. In accordance with the state mandated Educator Effectiveness System, principals and teachers will develop school and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) using the District Plan as their guide.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve the 2014-15 Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Professional Development Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mead Elementary Charter School Charter Contract

Margie Dorshorst, Principal at Mead Elementary Charter School, as well as members of the school's Governing Council were present to seek approval of the Charter School Contract. Council members present included Christopher Gasch, Shelley Moon, Amy Scheide and Sue Schill. The Charter School Contract for Mead Elementary Charter School expires at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Discussion took place about what the length of the contract should be. The biggest concern for administration was having language in the contract that would not be binding should the facilities study impact Mead. It was agreed that the contract would be modified to include language enabling the Board to terminate the contract in the event of facility changes, closure, or other restructuring.

ES-2 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve a five year contract for Mead Elementary Charter School, providing language is agreed upon by Administration and the Governing Council, as discussed this evening, including flexibility for facility use or closure and restructuring.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. High School Credit for Eighth Grade Students

Ms. Stebbins Hintz reviewed 2013 Wisconsin Act 138 allowing school districts to count a credit that a pupil earns in grades 7 or 8 toward high school credits. Because of the unique nature of the 8-9, 10-12 structure, WRPS currently offers over nineteen courses in which eighth and ninth grade students are enrolled simultaneously. Ninth grade students receive credit toward high school graduation in these courses, and eighth grade students do not. With the passage of Act 138, the Board could grant high school credit to eighth grade students that take any or all of these courses. Board members felt the Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) should meet to discuss the implications of this new law and then bring a recommendation to the Board.

ES-3 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to table approval of eighth grade students receiving high school credit for successful completion of Algebra.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Response to Intervention (RtI)

Ms. Stebbins Hintz and Amy Ryan, Literacy Supervisor, reviewed a PowerPoint highlighting RtI and how it successfully affected WRPS students during the 2013-14 school year. Highlights of the presentation included the implementation process, 2013-14 data, resources utilized, accomplishments, next steps, and future needs. Several of the district's Interventionists were in attendance to share success stories, including Traci Pronga, Nicole Reetz, Roxanne Filtz, Jennifer Wilhorn, Liz Ottery, Cindy Kane, and Molly Murphy. District psychologists Judy Esselman and Steve Smith were also in attendance.

B. Lincoln High School (LHS) Scheduling Update

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School, provided an update of the scheduling proposal at Lincoln High School. Mr. Rasmussen reviewed the process taken by the LHS Scheduling Committee since April of 2013. Since presenting to the Board in January, 2014, there have been meetings with students, parents and teachers. On Wednesday, May 28, a ballot was taken by LHS faculty. Eighty-three point one percent (83.1%) were in favor of a trimester block schedule. Sixteen point nine percent (16.9%) were opposed. Ms. Stebbins Hintz asked the Board if they needed any further information from administration before approaching the Board in July or August for approval of the schedule change.

C. WKCE: Part II

Ms. Stebbins Hintz asked Board members if they had any questions regarding the additional WKCE data set out in the attachment. Leslie Lewison, Assistant Director of Pupil Services, was present to review test data specific to ELL students. She noted that scores had greatly improved and shared handouts reflecting this data. It was noted that WRPS ELL students were consistently doing better than the state average.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1** Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Professional Development Plan
- ES-2** Mead Elementary Charter School Five-Year Contract

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/information requests include, but are not limited to:

- Curriculum Process Changes (July)
- Course Options Policy (July)
- Carl Perkins Grant Approval and Career & Technology Update (July)
- Homeless Grant (July)
- Renaissance Learning Guidelines (August)
- Title Update (September)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (October)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.