



AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education  
**Educational Services Committee**

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

April 6, 2015

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.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Actionable Items
  - A. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant
  - B. United Way of Inner Wisconsin Grant for Before and After School Club Mead
  - C. Parent Opt-Out Requests from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS)
- IV. Updates
  - A. WSAS Results
  - B. Educator Effectiveness
- V. Consent Agenda Items
- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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BACKGROUND

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  - A. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant

Mead Elementary Charter School is applying for renewal of the DPI 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant for the 2015-16 school year. This grant funds the Before- and After-School Club Mead program that serves over 130 students each school day until 6:30 p.m. The program includes partnerships with the Boys and Girls Club, Mead School, and the YMCA. The grant funds will be used for staffing the program through a contract with the Boys and Girls Club, Learning Zone tutors, AmeriCorps contracts and enrichment teachers. The grant also funds a part-time Parent Partnership Coordinator who provides free preschool programs, monthly Family Activity Nights, volunteer coordination and data organization.

The administration recommends approval of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$50,000.

- B. United Way of Inner Wisconsin Grant for Before and After School Club Mead

Mead Elementary Charter School is requesting a \$62,000 grant from the United Way to fund the Before- and After-School Club Mead program. Club Mead is a partnership program with the Boys and Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area, providing mentoring, recreational activities and academic support at Mead School. The grant funds will be used to provide Boys and Girls Club staff for the morning program, staffing for enrichment classes, staffing for YMCA Kids Clubhouse, and

release for Tina Miller to serve as the .5 FTE Academic Coordinator. The request is to close the gap in funding due to the reduction of both Community Learning Center (CLC) and district funds. Over 130 students in grades 4K-5 participate in the Club Mead programs which take place every school day from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The administration recommends approval of the United Way Before- and After-School Club Mead grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$62,000.

C. Parent Opt-Out Request from the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS)

When a parent or guardian requests that their student be excused from participating in the Wisconsin State Assessment System (WSAS), this request must be honored at grades 4, 8, and 9-11, per Wis. Stats. 118.30(2)(b)3. The request may come at any time during the testing window. A parent must submit a written request for student opt-out to the principal or the school board. If a student is not in the above mentioned grade levels, the decision to grant the request is at the discretion of the school board.

It has been the practice of Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS) to grant parent or guardian requests for their students to opt-out of the WSAS regardless of grade level. Parents are asked to put their request in writing and submit it to their building principal. Building principals then forward the request to the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC).

The administration recommends that WRPS continue the past practice of granting parent opt-out requests from the WSAS regardless of grade level, and have parents put their requests in writing to the building principal which are then forwarded to the DAC.

IV. Updates

A. WSAS Results

Last week the Wisconsin Senate passed SB 67, the so-called "holiday" or "pause" bill, which would place a one-year hold on School Report Cards and delay for one year the use of assessment results in Educator Effectiveness. A similar bill (AB 78) has not yet been voted on by the Assembly.

Per an e-mail from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) dated March 24, 2015, School Report Cards will be issued for the 2014-15 school year. This may change in the coming weeks as the Wisconsin Legislature continues to debate issues relating to school accountability.

B. Educator Effectiveness

During the 2014-15 school year the Educator Effectiveness program was implemented in Wisconsin and Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. This state initiative impacted teacher and principal evaluation, as well as teacher growth and classroom instruction. WRPS Educator Effectiveness coaches will be present to describe the program implementation in our district, as well as their role in the process. WRPS

Educator Effectiveness Coaches include Cara Christy, Melanie Kozlowski, Tina Miller, and Nic Sydorowicz.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

Agenda items are determined by the 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:

- Concurrent Enrollment (May)
- Elementary Health Curriculum (May)
- Secondary Language Arts Curriculum (May)
- RtI Document (May)
- Student Handbooks (May)
- 2015-16 Professional Development Plan (May)
- One to One Initiative (June)
- WSAS Assessment Results (June)
- WRPS Professional Development Document (June)
- Secondary Language Arts Acquisition (June)
- Elementary Health Acquisition (June)