



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

July 7, 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: Ryan Christianson, Trudy DeSimons, Colleen Dickmann, Tracy Ginter,
Ronald Rasmussen, Bill Vickroy

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 347-RULE(1) Guidelines For the Control and Maintenance of Student Records and 347 EXHIBIT – Request to Disclose Directory Information for First Reading

Colleen Dickmann, Superintendent, reminded the Board that this policy was brought before them in August 2011. Since then, it has been noted that directory data needed to be defined more clearly. Anne Lee requested that under "Confidentiality" item "b," "with student permission" be added to be consistent with other policies regarding adult students. After discussion, it was requested that this item be tabled until language could be corrected on the policy and brought back to the Educational Services Committee for review and approval.

ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by John Benbow, to table approval of the suggested changes to Board Policy 347-RULE(1) Guidelines For the Control and Maintenance of Student Records and 347 EXHIBIT – Request to Disclose Directory Information for First Reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Carl Perkins Grant, 2014-15

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Director of Curriculum, reviewed the Carl Perkins Grant, indicating the focus for the grant will continue to be Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education, and transition to post-secondary education and career pathways. The grant for the 2014-15 school year is \$47,172.

ES-2 Motion by John Krings, second by John Benbow, to approve the 2014-15 Carl Perkins Grant in the amount of \$47,172.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Co-Curricular Code of Conduct

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal at LHS, and Tracy Ginter, Principal at WRAMS, were present to review changes to the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct. Ms. Ginter stated that changes positively show distinction between middle school and high school students, as well as all co-curriculars, not just sports. Mr. Rasmussen shared two additional revisions for the "Eligibility Rules" section of the Code. A sentence should be added to paragraph E, as follows: "d. A student becomes a ninth grader the day after his/her last day of 8th grade." Additionally, asterisks found in the Grades 8 – 12 table on page 6 can be deleted.

John Benbow expressed appreciation for the work completed on the new code.

Ms. Dickmann then proposed a suggested motion for the code, reflecting additional changes, as noted below.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the adoption of the recommended revisions to the WRPS Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, including two additional revisions noted by Mr. Rasmussen, effective July 14, 2014 with the understanding that:

- **Code violations having occurred through July 13, 2014 will be dealt with according to the Co-Curricular Code regulations in effect on that date;**
- **Code violations occurring on or after July 14, 2014 will be dealt with in accordance with the revised Co-Curricular Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education on July 14, 2014;**
- **In moving from the current Co-Curricular Code to the revised Code effective July 14, 2014, a one-time exception to the second paragraph of the revised Code in Section V – *Guidelines for Minimum Penalties (Categories 1 & 2)*, which states: "Code violations are cumulative throughout a student career (grades 6-8 career and then grades 9-12). NOTES: 1) A student has 3 strikes and out at their grades 6-8 career and then again at their grades 9-12 career." will be made as follows:**

- ❖ **Any student with strikes in their 6-8 or 9-12 career will have one strike automatically removed from their cumulative record, but only after the penalty has been served.**

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Fueleducation Contract

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the Fueleducation contract. By contracting with Fueleducation rather than Edmentum as the district has in the past, the district will realize expanded course opportunities, and provide services for more students, including gifted and talented. This contract will also meet the needs of secondary virtual students, River Cities High School, LEAP, LHS EBD, credit recovery and remediation, as well as expand course opportunities.

ES-4 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the contract with FuelEducation for the 2014-15 school year, at an annual cost of \$22,045, and an additional one time cost for professional development of \$3,250.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

E. Elementary Math Intervention

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained how "Do the Math" will provide an intervention tool in the area of math problem solving. In addition, the training and implementation of "Do the Math" will enable the math interventionists to train classroom teachers in the area of problem solving and the math practice standards.

ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the purchase of "Do the Math" at a cost of \$35,700 to be paid for out of curriculum and curriculum referendum dollars, and for "Do the Math" implementation training at a cost of \$3,698 to be paid for out of Title II dollars.

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

IV. Updates

A. Homeless Grant

Ms. Dickmann indicated that the district wasn't given a homeless grant this year; in fact only 11 out of 17 applications were funded for the 2014-15 school year. In homeless student situations, the district is required to provide transportation and school supplies to students. Discussion on what is considered reasonable regarding transportation was discussed and Ms. Dickmann explained that this is monitored closely. Transportation costs can be paid for through Title funding. There is some concern how the Homeless Liaison salary will be covered without this grant, and Business Services is looking into this. Sandra Hett asked if the district had a list of

unfunded mandates such as this so that when meeting with state representatives, this can be discussed. It was agreed that a list should be started.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-2** Carl Perkins Grant, 2014-15
- ES-3** Co-Curricular Code of Conduct
- ES-4** Fueleducation Contract
- ES-5** Elementary Math Intervention

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:

- Course Options Policy (August)
- September Release Day (August)
- Lincoln High School Testing Schedule (August)
- Lincoln High School Schedule (August or September)
- RtI Document Update (September)
- Project Lead the Way Update (September)
- CII Parent Representative (September)
- Renaissance Learning Guidelines (September)
- District and School Report Cards (October)
- Title Update (October)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (October)
- Charter School Reports – Mead and THINK (October)
- Core Mapping (October)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.