



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee
510 Peach Street · Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 · (715) 424-6701

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

August 4, 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: Colleen Dickmann, Rick Merdan, Kathi Stebbins Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:38 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, explained that Board Policy 347-RULE (1) and 347 EXHIBIT were brought to the Educational Services Committee for first reading at the July Educational Services Committee meeting. At that time, Anne Lee questioned whether or not the phrase “with student permission” be added under “Confidentiality” item “b.” Ms. Dickmann pointed out that that the terminology is actually covered under items “l” and “s.”

The administration recommends approval of the 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.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the 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. Lincoln High School Testing Schedule

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, noted that during the 2014-15 school year, the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) will be taken by all sophomores, but only in the disciplines of science and social studies. As a result, juniors and seniors will only need to be dismissed for a portion of the day when the sophomores are testing. Lincoln High School has selected October 30, 2014 as the date to administer the WKCE to all sophomores. Juniors and seniors would be released at 12:30 p.m. on that date. Busses would run at the normal time. The gym and the commons would be open for any juniors and seniors that need to stay on campus.

The administration recommends releasing all juniors and seniors at 12:30 p.m. on October 30, 2014 for the administration of the WKCE to sophomores.

ES-2 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Mary Rayome, to approve releasing all juniors and seniors at 12:30 p.m. on October 30, 2014 for the administration of the WKCE to sophomores.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Business and Education: A Partnership

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz introduced Rick Merdan, co-instructor of *the Business and Education: A Partnership* class. Mr. Merdan shared a hand-out that included a course evaluation summary that was taken by the 23 teachers that participated in the class the week of June 23-27, 2014. Teachers were represented from Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS), Port Edwards Public Schools, Immanuel Lutheran, Assumption Catholic Schools, and Nekoosa Public Schools. The hand-out also showed the five year career employment estimates for the Wisconsin Rapids area, as shared by local businesses in the area of manufacturing, food processing, health care, IT, and agriculture. These employers project an estimated 1500 new jobs over the next five years.

B. Rick Wormeli: September 26, 2014 Professional Day

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz shared that Rick Wormeli, noted speaker, author, and educational consultant will be speaking to teachers the morning of the September 26 Professional Development Day. In the afternoon he is available to work with smaller groups of

teachers in breakout sessions. Mr. Wormeli's presence in the district is very timely as the need for common assessments across grade levels and disciplines becomes more and more paramount for teachers.

C. Seclusion and Restraint: Annual Report

Ms. Dickmann indicated that Trudy DeSimons, Director of Pupil Services, was unable to attend the Committee meeting, and asked if Board members had any questions related to the report. Sandra Hett asked about staff injuries.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 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

ES-2 Releasing all juniors and seniors at 12:30 p.m. on October 30, 2014 for the administration of the WKCE to sophomores.

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:

- Course Options Policy (September)
- CII Parent Representative (September)
- Lincoln High School Schedule, 2015-16 (September)
- Business-Education Partnership/STEM Update (September)
- 2013-14 Eighth Grade Technology Assessment (September)
- 2013-14 ACT (September)
- RtI Document Update (October)
- Renaissance Learning Guidelines (October)
- District and School Report Cards (October)
- Charter School Reports - Mead and THINK (October)
- Youth Options (October)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title Update (November)
- Language Arts Curriculum Update (November)
- New Course Proposals - Explanation and Discussion (November)
- Health Curriculum Update (December)
- New Course Proposals (December)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.