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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

March 2, 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.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Benbow, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett,  
John Krings, Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Margie Dorshorst, Dawn Krommenakker, Andrew Miller, Melissa  
Miller, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Dan Weigand

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policies on Graduation Requirements: Policy 345.5, Policy 345.51, and 345.51  
Exhibit

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction explained that modifica-  
tions in policies related to high school graduation are necessary to reflect changes in  
Wisconsin State Statute and recent Board of Education decisions. The changes to poli-  
cies on graduation include combining Board Policy 345.5 – Graduation Requirements,  
and Board Policy 345.51 – Graduation Requirements as of 2005; the elimination of  
Board Policy 345.51 Exhibit; as well as other changes as noted in the background.

**ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the suggested revi-  
sions to Board Policy 345.5 – Graduation Requirements, for first reading, including the  
elimination of Policy 345.51 and 345.51 Exhibit.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Board Policy 345.52 – Early Graduation

As a result of moving to a trimester schedule at Lincoln High School, it is necessary to modify language in Board Policy 345.52 – Early Graduation.

**ES-2 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the suggested revisions to Board Policy 345.52 – Early Graduation for first reading.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Board Policy 420 Rule – Admission of Transfer Students and Board Policy 420 – School Admissions

Due to recommended changes in Board policies related to graduation and Course Options, several other policies are impacted and require minor revisions.

**ES-3 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the suggested revisions to Board Policy 420 – Admission of Transfer Students and Board Policy 420 – School Admissions for first reading.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

D. Board Policy 343.4 – Course Options Program

Due to the recommended changes in Board policies on graduation and Course Options, Board Policy 343.4 – Course Options Program requires a minor revision that will allow administration some discretion when working with transfer credits.

**ES-4 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the suggested revisions to Board Policy 343.4 – Course Options Program for first reading.**

**Motion carried on a vote of 6 to 1, Sandra Hett voting nay.**

E. Board Policy 412 – Full-Time Students

Changes are being recommended to Board Policy 412 – Full-Time Students, to better define requirements necessary to be considered a full-time student at each level (elementary, junior high/middle, high school).

**ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the suggested revisions to Board Policy 412 – Full Time Students for first reading.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

A. Therapy Dogs

Andrew Miller, EBD Teacher at Mead Elementary Charter School and his certified therapy dog, Driver, were present to share with the Educational Services Committee how Driver is used in the building. Driver is at school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to help build student's self-confidence and behavioral control. Because Driver is in an EBD/special education classroom, he also helps students maintain a consistent level of emotional wellbeing. Mr. Miller has seen improvement in student behavior when Driver is in the classroom.

B. Student Travel

Travel opportunities to France and Japan for East Junior High and Lincoln High School World Language students will occur during the summer of 2015.

C. Youth Options Requests

There were no Youth Options requests submitted for the fall of 2015.

IV. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 Policy 345.5 – Graduation Requirements, for first reading, including the elimination of Policy 345.51 and 345.51 Exhibit.**

**ES-2 Suggested revisions to Board Policy 345.52 – Early Graduation for first reading.**

**ES-3 Suggested revisions to Board Policy 420 – Admission of Transfer Students and Board Policy 420 – School Admissions for first reading.**

**ES-4 Suggested revisions to Board Policy 343.4 – Course Options Program for first reading.**

**ES-5 Suggested revisions to Board Policy 412 – Full Time Students for first reading.**

V. 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.

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

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.