



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

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.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Cara Christy, Colleen Dickmann, Melanie Kozlowski, Tina Miller,
Karen Scarseth, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Nic Sydorowicz, Dan Weigand

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that Mead Elementary Charter School is again applying for renewal of the DPI 21st Century Community Learning Center grant for the 2015-16 school year. This grant funds the Before- and After-School Club Mead program, and will be used for staffing purposes.

ES-1 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

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. Grant funds will be used for staffing purposes. The request is to close the gap in funding due to the reduction of both Community Learning Center (CLC) and district funds.

ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the United Way Before- and After-School Club Mead grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$62,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained that when a parent or guardian requests 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. Current district practice is to honor parent opt-out requests at any grade level when submitted in writing to the building principal and forwarded to the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC).

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve 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

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

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz introduced the Educator Effectiveness Coaches: Tina Miller, Nic Sydorowicz, Melanie Kozlowski, and Cara Christy. The coaches then presented a

PowerPoint to the Board reviewing what the coaches and staff have been doing since the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. It was noted that Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools is recognized in Wisconsin for the favorable work being done with this evaluation process. Board members thanked the coaches for their work.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to approve the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$50,000.

ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the United Way Before- and After-School Club Mead grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$62,000.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve 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.

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.

- 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)
- Wellness Committee Update (June)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.