



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee
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John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

May 4, 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, Sandra Hett, John Krings,
Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Larry Davis

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Dickmann, Roxanne Filtz, Tracy Ginter, Quinn Hobbs, Isaac Holberg,
Melanie Kozlowski, Kim Marshall, Sherry Marzofka, Brian Oswald, Thomas
Oswall, Nina Pelo, Melanie Pierzchalski, Ronald Rasmussen, Nikki Reetz, Matt
Renwick, Patti Ritchay, Kelly Sneen, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Jennifer Wilhorn

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. Agenda Planners: 2015-16

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School (LHS), Brian Oswald, Assistant Principal at Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS), and Patti Ritchay, Assistant Principal at East Junior High (EJH), reviewed changes to the agenda planner for their buildings for the 2015-16 school year. It was noted that administration attended a conference with police liaisons regarding AODA issues, and AODA language in the agenda planners for EJH and LHS was updated.

ES-1 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the WRAMS agenda planner changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the EJH agenda planner changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to approve the LHS agenda planner changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Elementary Health Curriculum

Isaac Holberg, Health Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) Sub-Committee Chairperson, along with Sherry Marzofka, Melanie Pierzchalski and Kim Marshall, members of the Health CII Sub-Committee, presented their proposal for elementary health in Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools (WRPS). Mr. Holberg shared the K-5 scope and sequence, and curriculum. Ms. Marzofka and Ms. Pierzchalski shared a video related to the kindergarten health curriculum. Ms. Marshall explained how health is integrated into all subject areas, using examples from the grade 4 curriculum. The Health CII Sub-Committee will return to the Educational Services Committee in July for approval of materials to support the proposed curriculum.

ES-4 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the proposed K-5 health curriculum for implementation beginning in 2015-16.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Secondary Language Arts Curriculum

Roxanne Filtz, Secondary Literacy Supervisor and English/Language Arts CII Sub-Committee Co-Chairperson, along with Tracy Ginter, Melanie Kozlowski, Nine Pelo, Nikki Reetz, Kelly Sneen, and Jennifer Wilhorn, members of the English/Language Arts CII Sub-Committee, were present to share their proposal for secondary English/Language Arts in WRPS. Ms. Filtz shared the 6-12 English/Language Arts Curriculum, including the Vision and Mission Statements, Best Practice, and examples of scope and sequence. The Sub-Committee will return to the Educational Services Committee in June for approval of materials to support the proposed curriculum.

ES-5 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the proposed secondary English/Language Arts curriculum for implementation beginning in 2015-16.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Concurrent Enrollment Classes

Mr. Rasmussen explained that the UW system will no longer pay for concurrent enrollment courses, specifically English 101, 102 and 250. School districts must now pick up the cost of these courses. The cost per credit is \$95.00.

ES-6 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Benbow, that for the 2015-16 school year, LHS offer English 101 without a credit option, and offer English 102 as a concurrent enrollment course through UW-Marshfield at a cost not to exceed \$14,250 to be paid for by the LHS budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. State Farm Youth Advisory Board Service Learning Grant

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that Mead Elementary Charter School is applying for a State Farm Youth Advisory Board Service Learning grant for the 2015-16 school year. The grant will be lead by a Service Learning Coordinator and a Volunteer Wisconsin AmeriCorps Member. The grant will provide for classroom libraries and materials to be used for furthering social skills and emotional self-regulation. Grant requirements include the use of the State Farm logo in print material and will not include the WRPS logo if the State Farm logo is included.

ES-7 Motion by John Benbow, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the State Farm Youth Advisory Board Service Learning grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$85,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. 2015-16 District Professional Development Plan

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained changes to the WRPS District Professional Development Plan for the 2015-2016 school year. The District plan reflects initiatives from the state and federal government, the WRPS Strategic Plan, and teacher and administrator priorities.

ES-8 Motion by John Krings, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to recommend approval of the 2015-2016 Wisconsin Rapids Professional Development Plan.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Elementary Trimester Grade Reporting

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that in January of 2015, the District Assessment Committee began meeting to study and discuss objective #4 set out in the WRPS District Strategic Plan. The group began its work by focusing on revising the 4K-5 report card to reflect standards and assessments set out in the elementary curriculum. Teachers from grades

4K-5 will embark on this work over the summer and report back to the Educational Services Committee in the fall. The Assessment Committee, CII, and elementary administrators support moving to a trimester schedule for distribution of elementary report cards. Parent Teacher Conferences and Portfolio Night will continue as usual.

ES-9 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to recommend the use of trimester report cards for students in grade 4K-5 for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

H. Core Mapping and the Curriculum Development and Acquisition Cycle

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained that throughout the 2014-15 school year, the CII Sub-Committee chairs conducted a focused study of curriculum mapping to write and house District curriculum. Much discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of curriculum mapping as compared to Build Your Own Curriculum (BYOC) have taken place among the CII chairs, CII sub-committees and the CII. With the transition from BYOC to the curriculum mapping process, revisions in the eight year curriculum cycle would be necessary. Discussion took place about the transition, cost, and value of BYOC.

ES-10 Motion by John Benbow, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to recommend approval of transitioning from Build Your Own Curriculum (BYOC) to a curriculum mapping process for writing District curriculum, with curriculum maps published on the web-site for parents, and District maps published on Google for teacher access.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-11 Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Krings, to approve the proposed changes to the eight year curriculum writing process.

Motion carried unanimously.

ES-12 Motion by John Krings, second by Sandra Hett, to recommend the purchase of Build Your Own Curriculum software for one additional year only, at a cost of \$11,584.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

I. Title I School-Wide for River Cities High School

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz explained the advantages of having River Cities High School become a School-Wide Title I School rather than a Targeted Assistance School.

ES-13 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to recommend that River Cities High School applies to become a Title I School-Wide program.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

There were no updates.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Proposed WRAMS agenda planner changes for the 2015-16 school year.**
- ES-2 Proposed EJH agenda planner changes for the 2015-16 school year.**
- ES-3 Proposed LHS agenda planner changes for the 2015-16 school year.**
- ES-4 Proposed K-5 health curriculum for implementation beginning in 2015-16.**
- ES-5 Proposed secondary English/Language Arts curriculum for implementation beginning in 2015-16.**
- ES-6 For the 2015-16 school year, LHS offer English 101 without a credit option, and offer English 102 as a concurrent enrollment course through UW-Marshfield at a cost not to exceed \$14,250 to be paid for by the LHS budget.**
- ES-7 State Farm Youth Advisory Board Service Learning grant request for Mead Elementary Charter School in the amount of \$85,000.**
- ES-8 Approval of the 2015-2016 Wisconsin Rapids Professional Development Plan.**
- ES-9 The use of trimester report cards for students in grade 4K-5.**
- ES-10 Approval of transitioning from Build Your Own Curriculum (BYOC) to a curriculum mapping process for writing District curriculum, with curriculum maps published on the website for parents, and District maps published on Google for teacher access.**
- ES-11 Approve the proposed changes to the eight year curriculum writing process.**
- ES-12 Recommend the purchase of Build Your Own Curriculum software for one additional year only, at a cost of \$11,584.00 as set out in Attachment I.**
- ES-13 Recommend that River Cities High School applies to become a Title I School-Wide program.**

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.

- Secondary Language Arts Acquisition (June)
- Wellness Committee Update (June)
- RtI Document (June)
- Co-Curricular Code of Conduct (June)
- CATE Update and Carl Perkins Approval (June)
- One to One Initiative (July)
- Elementary Health Acquisition (July)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (August)
- 6-9 Scheduling Committee Update (September)
- WRPS School and District Report Cards (September)
- WRPS Professional Development Document (October)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.