



AGENDA

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

510 Peach Street · Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494 · (715) 424-6701

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January 4, 2016

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.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Actionable Items
 - A. Space Determinations
- IV. Updates
 - A. Project SEARCH
 - B. Elementary Language Arts Curriculum and Acquisition
- V. Consent Agenda Items
- VI. Future Agenda Items/Information Requests

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BACKGROUND

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 - A. Space Determinations

Under 2015 Act 55 (2015-17 Budget), school boards are required to designate the number of regular education and special education spaces available for the next school year. Space determinations must be made and approved by the school board at its January meeting. If the Board does not intend to deny open enrollment applicants due to space, it may make that determination and document it in the January minutes.

The administration recommends that for the 2016-17 school year, the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Board of Education will not deny open enrollment applicants due to space.

- IV. Updates
 - A. Project SEARCH

In 2014, Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools began collaborating with area businesses and non-profit agencies. Through that collaboration, a decision was made to become a part of Project SEARCH. The District began implementing the program this fall.

Project SEARCH is a program designed to help youth with significant disabilities make successful transitions from school to productive adult life. The goal for each student participant is competitive employment. The program provides real-life work

experience combined with training in employability and independent living skills. The Project SEARCH model involves an extensive period of training and career exploration, innovative adaptations, long-term job coaching, and continuous feedback from teachers, job coaches, and employers. As a result, at the completion of the training program, students with significant intellectual disabilities are employed in nontraditional, complex and rewarding jobs.

Steph Tryba, teacher leader for Project SEARCH, will be present to update the Committee on how the program is going.

B. Elementary Language Arts Curriculum and Acquisition

The elementary Language Arts CII Sub-Committee has been working very hard to write curriculum and prepare for acquisition. They have researched and discussed best practice, written curriculum maps, and are now piloting possible acquisition materials.

Jen Wilhorn, along with members of the Elementary Language Arts CII Sub-Committee will be present to update the Committee on their work and progress.

V. Consent Agenda Items

Committee members will be asked to decide which items should be placed on the consent agenda for the regular Board of Education meeting.

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:

- Elementary Health Acquisition (February)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (February)
- Strategic Plan Review (February)