



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

August 3, 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., Larry Davis, Sandra Hett, John Krings, Anne Lee
and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Katie Bielski-Medina

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Dickmann, Glenn Haupt, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Fountas & Pinnell leveled Literacy Intervention Kits

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained how Reading Interventionists have found Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) an effective reading intervention for K through 2 students. Because of this, LLI would be a useful intervention for students in grades 3 through 5.

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve four additional LLI kits for elementary reading instruction and intervention at a cost of \$20,900 to be paid for by curriculum referendum funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

B. National Geographic Life Science Materials

The Science CII has found the National Geographic Life Science materials to be an effective resource to support grades 2 through 4 in the area of Life Science. There are still some materials gaps for specific science standards that need to be addressed to complete the science acquisition.

ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the purchase of elementary science materials from National Geographic in the amount of \$35,067.75 to be paid for from the district curriculum acquisition budget.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Renaissance Learning Products

In August of 2015, the District contract with Renaissance Learning expires. WRPS currently utilizes the following Renaissance Learning products: STAR Math, STAR Reading, Accelerated Math, Accelerated Reader, and Accelerated Math Fluency.

ES-3 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Sandra Hett, to approve the renewal of the purchase of Renaissance Learning products for one year, at a cost of \$51,872.96 to be paid for by curriculum referendum funds.

Motion carried on a vote of 5 to 1, John Benbow voting against.

D. Fuel Ed

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the Fuel Ed program and explained how the program was utilized throughout the district.

ES-4 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Benbow, to approve the renewal of the Fuel Ed contract at a cost of \$21,500 to be paid for from the following budgets: Virtual School, Lincoln High School, East Junior High School, Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School, WRPS Curriculum.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Civics Test

Beginning with the class of 2017 (current Juniors), all students must pass a Civics Test before they are able to receive a high school diploma. She indicated that she and Jacob Bertagnoli, Social Studies CII chair, will be meeting with secondary social studies staff on inservice day to discuss recommendations for administration of the test, and then share that discussion with the Social Studies CII Sub-Committee. The Social Studies CII Sub-Committee will make a recommendation to the District

CII and the Educational Services Committee regarding how best to prepare and to administer the Civics test to WRPS students. For the 2015-16 school year only, all sophomores at Lincoln High School will take the Civics Test on October 27, 2015.

B. Academic and Career Plans (ACP)

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the new initiative that requires every school Board to provide Academic and Career Planning (ACP) services to all students in grades 6 through 12 by the 2017-18 school year. Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools was one of 25 districts selected by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to participate in a state-wide pilot to develop exemplary ACP practices and processes. District Guidance Counselors were enthusiastic when the opportunity to pilot was presented to them. The district has established an ACP committee that will be participating in sessions with DPI on next steps in the pilot.

C. Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Update

The 2014-15 WSAS results will be shared with the Board in one presentation after embargos are lifted. Board members requested that they be made aware when embargos are lifted and test results are available.

D. Course Options

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the 2015 Wisconsin Act 55 (the 2015-2017 Biennial Budget) changes to the Course Options statute, Wis. Stat. sec. 118.52. As a result of this change, parents of students taking English 101 and English 102 will pay \$296.00 for each class if their son or daughter is to receive college credit for the class. Students can still opt to take the class without credit/payment.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Kits

ES-2 National Geographic Life Science Materials

ES-3 Renaissance Learning Products

ES-4 Fuel Ed

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.

- 6-9 Scheduling Committee Update (September)
- Course Options/Open Enrollment Changes (September)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (October)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grants Update (October)
- Elementary Health Acquisition (October)
- Elementary Report Card (October)
- Grade Advancement Policies (October)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.