



MINUTES

Anne Lee, Chairman
John Benbow, Jr.
Katie Bielski-Medina
Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

September 8, 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: Katie Bielski-Medina, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett, John Krings,
Anne Lee and Mary Rayome

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: John Benbow, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Ryan Christianson, Colleen Dickmann, Tracy Ginter, Glenn Haupt,
Melanie Kozlowski, Ronald Rasmussen, Patti Ritchay, Kelly Schaeffer, Kathi
Stebbins-Hintz, and Kevin Yeske

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Associate Membership

Kathi Stebbins Hintz, Principal of River Cities High School (RCHS) explained they had a student interested in participating in Lincoln High School (LHS) athletics. As an alternative school, RCHS students may only participate in LHS athletics if RCHS becomes an associate member of WIAA. RCHS's enrollment of about 90 students will be added to LHS's, and RCHS will not be entitled to any voting privileges in WIAA. There is no cost to RCHS for becoming an associate member of WIAA.

ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve RCHS applying to become an associate member school in WIAA.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Seclusion and Restraint: Annual Report

Glenn Haupt, Director of Pupil Services, stated that the number of incidences and students involved last year versus the year before has been reduced by about half. Sandra Hett asked under what circumstances law enforcement is called and how often.

B. Elementary Report Card Update

The District Assessment Committee and elementary grade level teachers began revising the 4K-5 report card to reflect standards and assessments set out in the elementary curriculum in May and June. Larry Davis wanted to make sure appropriate language was being used so as not to degrade students. A template of the progress report was shared with the Committee. Katie Bielski-Medina mentioned parents have expressed concern to her that by going to a trimester progress report, there will be too much time between reports if there are concerns with progress in certain areas. Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that not only will parents receive the three progress reports, but teachers will continue to host parent teacher conferences and a portfolio night.

Work on the progress report will continue and the hope is it will be brought to the CII, Educational Services Committee, and full Board of Education for approval in November.

C. Grades 6-9 Scheduling Committee Update

Since January of 2015, a group of teachers and administrators from Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS) and East Junior High School (EJH) have been meeting to discuss moving to a trimester schedule to align with the high school and elementary schools. Kevin Yeske, principal at EJH had Town Hall meetings and Tracy Ginter, principal at WRAMS attended department meetings to share and discuss with staff the proposed schedule. Staff will continue to provide input through the CII Sub-Committee process and their buildings. A proposal may be presented to the CII and Educational Services Committee in November or December.

D. Gifted and Talented (GATES) Staffing

The Gifted and Talented Educational Services (GATES) coordinator will be split from a 1.0 FTE into two positions for the 2015-16 school year. Tina Wallner will assume elementary GATES responsibilities and Kelly Bluell will be a .5 FTE secondary GATES coordinator. Ms. Wallner previously worked with the GATES program. Ms. Bluell will also teach .5 FTE.

E. WRPS Web-Site Updates

Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology shared the new website and highlighted some of the features. He also presented the on-line verification process. Anne Lee complimented the clean, professional, new look of the web site. The Technology Department hopes to roll out the new site by October 1, 2015.

F. Educator Effectiveness and Professional Development

During the 2014-15 school year, teachers were evaluated using the Educator Effectiveness process, including the Danielson Framework for teaching. Data on how WRPS teachers scored was shared. Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School and Melanie Kozlowski, Educator Effectiveness Coach shared how this data will be used at LHS to determine professional development initiatives and begin a comprehensive peer coaching program.

G. Student Achievement Guarantee in Education (SAGE) and Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR)

Wisconsin Act 53 prohibits the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) from renewing five-year SAGE contracts that expired on June 30, 2015 or any year thereafter. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year AGR will replace SAGE for all school districts. WRPS opted to enter AGR beginning with the 2015-16 school year. WRPS already provides tutoring and professional coaching which are the two strategies that determine AGR eligibility. WRPS will continue to work to maintain class sizes originally required by SAGE. However, under AGR, if a class size increases to 19 or 20, AGR does not require the hiring of an additional teacher. The District will evaluate AGR at the end of the year when reporting to DPI is required.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Associate Membership

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.

- Youth Options Requests (October)
- Course Options/Open Enrollment/Youth Options Update (October)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (October)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Act Grants Update (October)
- Charter School Reports (October)
- Elementary Health Acquisition (November)
- Grade Advancement Policies (November)
- Elementary Report Card Approval (November)
- 6-9 Schedule Report (November)
- New Course Update (November)
- LHS Trimester Schedule Update (November)

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.