



MINUTES

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

November 2, 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Anne Lee, Katie Bielski-Medina, Larry Davis, Sandra Hett,  
John Krings, and Mary Rayome

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: John Benbow, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Guadalupe Ancel, Eric Brittnacher, Colleen Dickmann, Margie Dorshorst, Bill  
Fehrenbach, Roxanne Filtz, Tracy Ginter, Ruth Holtz, Denise Martell,  
Gretchen Niedbalski, Amy Scheide, Mary Schultz, Larry Redepenning, Kathi  
Stebbins-Hintz, Mari Jo Zieroth

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Elementary Report Cards

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction presented the proposed 4K-5 progress reports to be implemented at the end of the first trimester of the 2015-16 school year. She reviewed the steps taken to create the new format and, if approved at the full Board meeting next week, the steps for implementation. The Council for Instructional Improvement (CII) discussed and voted on this proposal on October 28, 2015, with 26 members voting in favor and no members voting against.

**ES-1 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to approve the 4K-5 report cards set out in Attachment A for implementation to begin at the end of the first trimester of the 2015-16 school year.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Civics Exam Administration

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz reviewed the Civics Examination guidelines proposed by the Social Studies CII sub-committee and grade 6–12 social studies teachers. She explained that the exam will be administered through Skyward. Students will take the exam as freshmen and must pass the exam by 60%. If they do not pass the exam, they may retake it their junior year. A trial exam was given to current sophomores and students did exceptionally well. The CII discussed and voted on the proposed guidelines on October 28, 2015, with 24 voting in favor and no members voting against.

**ES-2 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the guidelines set out in Attachment C for administration of the Civics Exam to students in WRPS.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Updates

A. Performing Arts Center (PAC) General Equipment and Wireless Intercom System

Eric Brittnacher, PAC Director, highlighted the number of events that take place at the PAC. He explained that within a year there are approximately 65-75 public events drawing 35,000 to 40,000 people. In addition, there are approximately 15-35 private events, such as District functions. All events require set-up, keeping him and his trained staff of approximately 10 technicians very busy. They are also required to maintain the specialized equipment. Mr. Brittnacher stated that WRPS should consider it a victory that the facility is so well used and appreciated by the public.

B. Elementary Charter School Reports (Mead and THINK)

Roxanne Filtz, Principal of THINK Academy along with Ruth Holtz, Grade 3 Teacher, Mary Schultz, Counselor, and Mari Jo Zieroth, Kindergarten Teacher, were present to update the Committee on accomplishments during the 2014-15 school year. Ms. Filtz shared a video highlighting several events. Because of the number of new staff at THINK this year, goals for 2015-16 will include sharing the vision and mission of the charter school.

Margie Dorshorst, Principal of Mead Elementary Charter School, along with representatives from the Governing Council (Amy Scheide, Parent Representative, Denise Martell, Teacher Representative, and Guadalupe Ancel, Community Representative), shared a video and reviewed highlights from the Kids in the Kitchen event hosted in April. This event was their primary fund raiser, bringing in almost \$10,000. Goals for this year include a focus on reading and social/emotional skills.

C. Curriculum Proposals: Modifications and New Courses

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz pointed out that there are fewer proposals this year than in previous years. She reviewed the Board policy to add or modify courses. She then explained the four curriculum proposals. These include:

1. Physics-Force and Motion, and Physics-Forms of Energy
2. Principles of Chemistry and Chemistry Applications
3. Grade 7-8 Mathematics
4. Outdoor Education (Winter) & Individual and Dual Winter Lifetime

At the December Educational Services meeting, committee members will be asked to vote on each proposal. The vote will occur after members are presented with a summary of the CII's discussion and advisory vote on these proposals.

D. Grades 6-9 Trimester Schedule

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz, along with members of the 6-9 Scheduling Committee (Tracy Ginter, Principal at WRAMS, Gretchen Niedbalski, Counselor at WRAMS, and Larry Redepenning, Technology Education Teacher at WRAMS), were present to discuss the most recent schedule proposal. Since the September Educational Services Committee meeting, the schedule has been revised several times based on teacher input. A survey will be given to WRAMS and EJH teachers to share their opinion of the proposal. Results and updates will be shared with the Committee.

E. Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Update

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz shared with the Committee that the Department of Public Instruction still has testing data embargoed that was set for release in October. As stated in the release from DPI, there are many reasons for this decision, but basically DPI wants the public data to have continuity. Because of the switch in vendors, developing new dashboards is a massive effort. Further, they want to display the proficiency of all students within a district. The final step in combining data will be a careful review once it is all put together.

V. Consent Agenda Items

**ES-1 4K-5 Report Cards**

**ES-2 Administration of the Civics Exam**

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:

- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (December)
- Grade Advancement Policies (December)
- 6-9 Schedule (December)
- Curriculum Proposals (December)
- Lincoln High School Trimester Schedule Update (December)
- Lincoln High School Site Review (December)

- ALICE Introduction (December)
- Elementary Health Acquisition (December)
- Elementary Language Arts Curriculum (January)
- Boys and Girls Club (January)

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.