



MINUTES

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

December 7, 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, John Benbow, Jr., Katie Bielski-Medina, Larry
Davis, Sandra Hett, John Krings, and Mary Rayome

OTHERS PRESENT: Edwin Allison, David Bergerson, Phil Bickelhaupt, Colleen Dickmann, Casey
Drake, Tracy Ginter, Glenn Haupt, Rod Henke, Kate Maloney, Gretchen
Niedbalski, Ronald Rasmussen, Larry Redepenning, Matt Renwick, Patti
Ritchay, Tammy St. Myers, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Kevin Yeske

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 423 – Public School Open Enrollment for First Reading

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum, indicated that this policy was revised and approved by the Board in December, 2014. Wisconsin Act 55 made changes that impact students with disabilities. Districts may not deny a student because of undue financial burden.

Colleen Dickmann, Superintendent, also pointed out that language under number two and four on the first two pages of the policy will be changed to reflect consistency in language by beginning the sentences with, "The District will consider."

ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve Policy 423 for first reading with the suggested change by Dr. Dickmann.

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Board Policy 345.4 – Promotion/Retention, Board Policy 345.41 – Promotion of Kindergarten, Fourth and Eighth Grade Students, Board Policy 345.41 Exhibit 1 – Flow Chart for Grade 4 Advancement, and Board Policy 345.41 Exhibit 2 – Flow Chart for Grade 8 Advancement, for First Reading

Mr. Matt Renwick, Principal of Howe Elementary School indicated that he and the Promotion/Retention Policy Revision Committee updated the policies to reflect current assessments and practices.

- ES-2 Motion by John Benbow second by Larry Davis, to approve the proposed changes to Board Policy 345.4 – Promotion/Retention and Board Policy 345.41 – Promotion of Kindergarten, Fourth and Eighth Grade Students, Board Policy 345.41 Exhibit 1 - Flow Chart for Grade 4 Advancement, and Board Policy 345.41 Exhibit 2 - Flow Chart for Grade 8 Advancement, for first reading.**

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Trimester Schedule Proposal – Grades 6-9

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz, along with teachers and administrators from Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School (WRAMS) and East Junior High School (EJH) were present to review the proposed trimester schedule for both buildings. The proposal was reviewed for each grade level. There were challenges in developing the grade eight schedule. It was noted that with two versus three trimesters of ELA and math, if a student is not performing successfully, they will be required to take a third trimester of these courses.

A summary of staff reaction to the trimester schedule was discussed, as well as building and CII poll results. Pros and cons of the schedule change were considered.

Registration at EJH for the 2016-17 school year begins in a month. Waiting another year to implement the trimester at EJH will allow time for teachers and staff to prepare for the transition. Teachers will have staff development opportunities to help them prepare for the 70 minute instruction periods.

- ES-3 Motion by John Krings, second by John Benbow, to recommend the adoption of the 6-9 trimester schedule to be implemented at Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School in 2016-17 and at East Junior High School in 2017-18.**

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Curriculum Proposals: Modifications and New Courses

A short discussion of each course proposal took place.

1. Physics – Force and Motion

- ES-4 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that Physics - Force and Motion be added as a science elective course option for students at LHS for one-half credit beginning in 2016-17.**

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Physics – Forms of Energy

- ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to recommend that Physics - Forms of Energy be added as a science elective for students at LHS for one-half credit beginning in 2016-17.**

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Principles of Chemistry

- ES-6 Motion by John Benbow, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to recommend approval of the curriculum revisions proposed for Principles of Chemistry beginning in 2016-17.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Chemistry Applications

- ES-7 Motion by John Benbow, second by Mary Rayome, to recommend that Chemistry Applications be added as a science elective for students at LHS for one-half credit beginning in 2016-17.**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Math 7-8

- ES-8 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to recommend that Math 7-8 be added as a year long math option for seventh grade students at Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School beginning in 2016-17.**

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Winter Outdoor Education

- ES-9 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to recommend that Winter Outdoor Education be added as a physical education elective for students at LHS for one-half credit beginning in 2016-17. To avoid potential FTE increases, the Educational Services Committee recommends that students be able to select only one of the Outdoor Education courses as an option for an elective while they are a student at Lincoln High School.**

Motion carried on a vote of 6 to 1. Katie Bielski-Medina voted no.

7. Individual & Dual Winter Lifetime

ES-10 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that Individual and Dual Winter Lifetime be added as a physical education course for students at LHS for one-half credit beginning in 2016-17. To avoid potential FTE increases, the Educational Services Committee also recommends that students be able to select either PE III or Individual and Dual Winter Lifetime as their last required Physical Education course. Individual and Dual Winter Lifetime may not be taken for elective credit.

Motion carried on a vote of 6 to 1. Katie Bielski-Medina voted no.

IV. Updates

A. Lincoln High School Trimester Schedule

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal of Lincoln High School (LHS), along with Casey Drake and Rod Henke, Associate Principals, updated the Committee on how the trimester schedule is working at LHS after the completion of the first trimester. Mr. Rasmussen met with staff members and the Principal Student Advisory Council (PSAC) frequently during the trimester to discuss how things were going. Comments shared included: increase in morale, challenges for traveling teachers, no recordkeeping day, students are more relaxed and engaged, fewer classes so students don't feel as overwhelmed, greater discussion depth, four out of five classes better than six out of seven for teachers and students, students and staff get to know each other better. Overall the change seems positive both for staff and students.

B. ALICE Introduction

Dr. Dickmann introduced ALICE (ALERT, LOCK-DOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE). She pointed out that ALICE does not replace the District's current emergency management plan; rather it provides staff and students with options in the event of a violent intruder. She reviewed statistics from Columbine and Virginia Tech shootings, and shared a video which provided an overview of ALICE. Staff and parents of District students have received communication in the form of a letter regarding ALICE. Furthermore, all staff have been introduced to ALICE through short professional development sessions and scenario based training. In January the administration will be meeting with an adult and child psychiatrist to appropriately plan the best method of presenting the ALICE model to students in accordance with their particular age level. Dr. Dickmann indicated she would schedule training with the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department, if the Educational Services Committee would like to participate.

V. Consent Agenda Items

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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 (January)
- Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results (February)
- Elementary Language Arts Curriculum Update (January)

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.