



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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Anne Lee, Chairman
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Larry Davis
Sandra Hett
Mary Rayome
John Krings, President

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.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Akey, Ed Allison, Colleen Dickmann, Glenn Haupt, Ronald Rasmussen,
Kelly Schaeffer, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Stefanie Tryba, Jennifer Wilhorn

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. Space Determinations

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, explained that 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 by their January Board meeting. If a Board decides not to declare the number of spaces, they are unable to deny open enrollment requests.

ES-1 Motion by John Krings, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, that for the 2016-17 school year the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Board of Education will not deny open enrollment applicants due to space.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Project SEARCH

Stefanie Tryba, Project SEARCH Instructor, David Akey, a student representative in the program, and Ronald Rasmussen, Principal at Lincoln High School were present to update the committee on Project SEARCH. Mr. Akey distributed a copy of a newsletter for Project SEARCH, as well as a pamphlet. Ms. Tryba indicated this is the first year for the program with Aspirus Riverview Hospital. There are 10 Lincoln High School students and two Nekoosa students in the program. Three employees from Opportunity Development Center and Ms. Tryba work with the students. She explained that the goal of Project SEARCH is to find jobs for the students that will pay equally to others in the same position, transitioning them from school to productive adult life.

Mr. Akey shared what he has done on his intern rotations to date, how his work impacts the hospital, as well as opportunities for Project SEARCH students. Each student will do three rotations within a school year.

Mr. Rasmussen added that the two hospital contacts through Aspirus are phenomenal to work with and how successful the program has been.

B. Elementary Language Arts Curriculum and Acquisition

Jen Wilhorn, Elementary Literacy Supervisor, presented the committee with a detailed timeline showing progress the Elementary Language Arts CII Sub-Committee has made on their curriculum and acquisition. She shared work done to date, as well as future goals. Work to date includes curriculum mapping, discussion of best practice, review of materials and piloting of materials.

Kelly Schaeffer, a member of the Sub-Committee, shared that teachers involved are dedicated to the process and piloting materials.

V. Consent Agenda Items

ES-1 Space Determinations for Open Enrollment

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)
- Constellation Energy Grant (February)
- New Teacher/Mentor Grant (February)

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.