



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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MINUTES

John A. Krings, President
John Benbow, Jr.
Larry Davis
Sandra K. Hett
Anne Lee
Katie Medina
Mary E. Rayome

July 13, 2015

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

LOCATION: Thomas A. Lenk Educational Center, 510 Peach Street, Wisc. Rapids, WI 54494
Conf. Rm. A/B

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Krings, Sandra Hett, Mary Rayome, John Benbow, Anne Lee, Larry Davis

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Katie Medina

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Colleen Dickmann, Daniel Weigand, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Ryan Christianson,
Glenn Haupt, Ed Allison

MEDIA PRESENT: Jesse Austin – River Cities Community Access

President John Krings called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Recognition of District Retirees

President Krings presented special recognition to retiring District employees Sue Akey and Vicki Lohr.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of June 8, 2015; special closed session meeting minutes of June 8, 2015; special budget hearing minutes of June 29, 2015; and special open and closed session minutes of June 29, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee Reports

A. Business Services Committee – July 6, 2015. Report given by John Benbow.

Mr. Benbow reviewed the following consent agenda item brought before the Board through the Business Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held.

BS-1 Approval of a 66.03.01 cooperative agreement for students attending the virtual program from the Eau Claire Area School District.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda item BS 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports (continued)

Mr. Benbow provided updates and reports on:

- An MSTC invoice for instructional services and a proposal from Heartland Business Systems for a three year renewal of the Mitel phone system for the District.

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular July 6, 2015 Business Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – July 6, 2015. Report given by Sandra Hett.

Ms. Hett reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Personnel Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held.

- PS-1 Approval of the support staff resignation request of Shelby Minch (Instructional Aide, 4K – Woodside) and Margaret Pyburn (Noon Aide – Howe).
- PS-2 Approval of the professional staff appointments of Jessica Hintz (Speech/Language – Woodside), Amanda Halverson (Cross-Categorical, LD/ED Teacher – Mead), and Megan Utecht (Grade 4 – Grant).
- PS-3 Approval of the support staff appointment of Lena Johnson (Secretary – Grant) and Jacob Linzmeier (Night Custodian, 3rd Shift – Lincoln).
- PS-4 Approval of Policy 411 – Student Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment for first reading with the change to the title as discussed in Committee.
- PS-5 Approval of Policy 411 Exhibit 1 – Complaint form for first reading.
- PS-6 Approval of Policy 411.5 – Bullying for first reading with changes discussed in Committee.
- PS-7 Approval of Policy 511 – Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment Opportunity for first reading with cross references included as discussed in Committee.
- PS-8 Approval of Policy 511.5 – Employee Anti-Harassment for first reading with changes discussed in Committee.
- PS-9 Approval of Policy 511.5 Exhibit 1 – Employee Harassment Complaint Form for first reading.
- PS-10 Approval of Policy 347 Rule (2) – Student Records Files for second reading.
- PS-11 Approval of Policy 347 Exhibit – Request to Disclose Directory Information for second reading.
- PS-12 Approval of Policy 491 – Photographing of Students for second reading.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve consent agenda items PS 1-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Hett explained that Policy 347 Rule (1) – Guidelines for the Control and Maintenance of Student Records was tabled as additional information is gathered for the Committee.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Larry Davis to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of July 6, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – July 6, 2015. Report given by Anne Lee.

Ms. Lee reviewed the following consent agenda items brought before the Board through the Educational Services Committee, and asked if there were any motions to be held:

- ES-1 Approval of the Spotlight for School Grant for Howe Elementary School in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve consent agenda item ES 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports (continued)

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- A presentation was made explaining the 1-to-1 Technology Initiative. This initiative refers to schools providing each student with an electronic device. Phil Bickelhaupt, Director of Technology, reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of this as well as how it differs from “Bring Your Own Device.” Next steps include surveying stakeholders, identifying areas currently using technology, defining current needs and gaps, evaluating IT infrastructure, developing a plan for sustainability, identifying curriculum needs that will drive device selection, and discussing professional development. It will be important that staff know what expectations there will be if the District moves towards this initiative.

Mr. Davis expressed a concern for students who may not have access to Internet services.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the July 6, 2015, Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Ms. Rayome expressed disappointment in the changes affiliated with the approved 2015-17 State biennium budget, which just underwent the veto process by Governor Walker. A few of the items in this budget include the following provisions:

- Expands the private school voucher program
- Provides state subsidies for students to attend private schools, including religious schools
- Erased provisions added to the spending plan which would have required State Supt. Tony Evers to develop English, reading, writing, science, and math tests for students in grades 3-10 that would be used to track their progress in each subject toward college
- Creates Special Needs voucher program
- Requires a 5-star rating system concerning school accountability
- Requires districts to allow home-based private educational program pupils to participate in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities on the same basis and extent as pupils enrolled in the district

With much more in the budget to negatively impact public education, Ms. Rayome shared that the Board’s mission statement which references “working together, with home and community” will be paramount in order to sustain quality programming for all students. More information on the budget will be shared at a future meeting.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to note June, 2015 receipts in the amount of \$13,121,686.14 and approve June, 2015 disbursements in the amount of \$4,437,797.92. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New BusinessEmployee Resignation and Appointments

Mr. Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources, provided the following employee appointment request being recommended by the administration:

Appointments

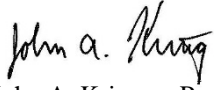
Erik Severson	Location:	Mead Elementary Charter School
	Position:	Grade 2 (1.0 FTE)
	Salary:	\$37,500.00
	Effective:	August 25, 2015

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve of hiring Eric Severson to Grade 2 at Mead Elementary. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk