



Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education

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MINUTES

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Sandra K. Hett
Anne Lee
Katie Medina
Mary E. Rayome

February 8, 2016

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, Katie Medina

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Colleen Dickmann, Daniel Weigand, Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Ryan Christianson, Lizzie Severson, 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

Student Representative’s Report

Drake Blossfield reported on the following:

- Spirit Week is being celebrated at Lincoln with fun activities planned, including the Fire on Ice Dance taking place on Saturday, February 13.
- The Lincoln Choir will perform on February 16 at 7:00 p.m., and the Lincoln Band will perform on February 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- Juniors will be taking the ACT/Work Keys tests during the first week of March.
- Lincoln’s second trimester will be ending soon, in the first week of March.
- The boys swim team did well by taking second place in the Wisconsin Valley Conference and taking first place finishes in the 200 medley relay and individual competition.
- Many from Lincoln participated in the Polar Plunge held on February 6 to raise money for Special Olympics.
- A basketball doubleheader against Marshfield has been rescheduled for Monday, February 15.
- Girls basketball games are underway today against Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to approve regular Board of Education meeting minutes of January 11, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Comments from Citizens and Delegations

None.

Committee Reports

A. Business Services Committee – February 1, 2016. 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 proposal to participate in offering the Community Eligibility Provision program for both the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) at Mead Elementary and River Cities High School for four (4) years beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

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

Motion by John Benbow, seconded by Larry Davis to approve the balance of the Business Services Committee report and minutes of the regular February 1, 2016 Business Services Committee meeting; and to approve of closed session minutes of the February 1, 2016 special Business Services committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Personnel Services Committee – February 1, 2016. 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 appointment of Christine Wefel (Secretary – Lincoln), and Joni Raulin (Payroll – Central Office).
- PS-2 Approval of the professional staff early retirement request of Larry Redepenning (Technology Education – WRAMS), and Maria Klabon (Cross-Categorical – Lincoln); and the support staff early retirement request of Mark Hansen (Custodian – THINK Academy).
- PS-3 Approval of the support staff resignation request of Lynnette Kopetsky (Library Aide – Lincoln).
- PS-4 Approval of Board Policy 443.2 – Student Conduct on School Buses for second reading.
- PS-5 Approval to table Board Policy 443.2 Rule – Bus Conduct for second reading.
- PS-6 Approval of Board Policy 751 Rule – Transportation Guidelines for second reading.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve consent agenda items PS 1-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Sandra Hett, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve regular Personnel Services Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Educational Services Committee – February 1, 2016. Report given by Anne Lee.

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

- ES-1 Approval of the Peer Review Mentor Grant in the amount of \$25,000 applied for in collaboration with Port Edwards Public Schools.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Larry Davis to approve consent agenda item ES-1. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Lee provided updates and reports on:

- 2014-15 Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS) Results – Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Instruction, reviewed results for WRPS students on various assessments included in the WSAS during the 2014-15 school year. Overall, the District scored equal to or above the State on these assessments. These are indicators of growth for the District. Questions regarding the achievement gap for economically disadvantaged students were discussed.

- Constellation Energy Grant – Rick Merdan from Incurage and facilitator of the Business-Education Community Partnership Committee, updated the Educational Services Committee on the Constellation Energy Grant. A third \$45,000 grant was awarded to expand solar photovoltaic installations to WRAMS and other area middle schools.

Motion by Anne Lee, seconded by Mary Rayome to approve the balance of the Educational Services Committee report and minutes of the regular February 1, 2016 Educational Services Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Referrals/Information Requests

None.

Legislative Agenda

Mr. Benbow shared the following information:

- The Assembly Education Committee has scheduled a hearing and an executive session on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. The committee will likely take up Assembly Amendment 2 to AB 751 which, if passed, will cause districts to lose revenue limit authority for resident students participating in the statewide voucher program, and could ultimately result in a reduction in educational opportunities for students attending public schools.
- The Assembly Education Committee will also likely be taking up AB 481 related to restricting when school district referendums may be held, as well as AB 469 related to changing rooms.
- Governor Walker has also suggested a \$20 million cap will be placed on the cost of legislation set to cross his desk this spring.
- The state Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has announced that 135 private and religious schools have registered to accept students in 2016-17 through the statewide parental choice program, up from 98 in the previous year. There were also 31 new private schools applying to participate in the statewide voucher program that have not previously participated in the program.

Mr. Benbow expressed frustration at the last minute “surprise” amendments slipped into bills by legislators which get no public hearing and are detrimental to public education. Ms. Hett would like to see more information shared with the public about the private school voucher program expansion’s impact locally on public education, when it becomes available.

Bills

Motion by Mary Rayome, seconded by John Benbow to note January, 2016 receipts in the amount of \$8,638,758.33; and approve January, 2016 disbursements in the amount of \$3,714,745.46. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

New Business

Employee Appointments, Resignations, and Retirement Requests

Ryan Christianson, Director of Human Resources, presented the following employee appointment recommendation for approval:

Professional Staff Appointment

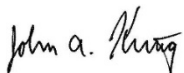
Jacob Hintz	Location:	Mead Elementary Charter School
	Position:	Cross-Categorical (LD/ED) Teacher (1.0 FTE)
	Effective Date:	February 12, 2016
	Salary:	\$37,500 (\$37,500 base rate / 2015-16 total salary \$15,197)

Motion by Larry Davis, seconded by Katie Medina to approve of the employee professional staff appointment of Jacob Hintz as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Calendar items were reviewed.

President Krings adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



John A. Krings – President

Maurine Hodgson – Secretary

Larry Davis – Clerk