



MINUTES

Wisconsin Rapids Board of Education
Educational Services Committee

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

November 6, 2017

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.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Allison, Craig Broeren, Matt Green, Maurine Hodgson, Eric Siler, Kathi
Stebbins-Hintz, Jennifer Wilhorn

I. Call to Order

Anne Lee called the meeting to order at 6:23 p.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Actionable Items

A. Board Policy 854 – Display and Distribution of Materials on School Property – First
Reading

The substance of Board Policy 854 was incorporated into Board Policy 851 which was
revised and approved by the Board in October of 2017, and therefore can be deleted.

**ES-1 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the
deletion of Board Policy 854 – Display and Distribution of Materials on School
Property for first reading.**

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Board Policy 440 – Student Rights and Responsibilities – Freedom of Expression – First
Reading

Cross references in Board Policy 440 need to be revised to reflect the deletion of Board Policy 854, the name change of Board Policy 411, and the addition of a cross-reference to Board Policy 851.

- ES-2 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the revisions to Board Policy 440 – Student Rights and Responsibilities – Freedom of Expression for first reading.**

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Board Policy 851 – Media Distribution in Schools/Advertising/Sponsorship or Commemorative Naming Rights for District Facilities or Educational Spaces – First Reading

Cross references in Board Policy 851 need to be revised to reflect a cross reference to Board Policy 440 for first reading.

- ES-3 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve the revision to Board Policy 851 – Media Distribution in Schools/Advertising/Sponsorship or Commemorative Naming Rights for District Facilities or Educational Spaces for first reading.**

Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Department Course Flowcharts – Restructuring Proposals

Kathi Stebbins-Hintz, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, explained that as a result of restructuring beginning in 2018-19, course offerings in grades six through twelve were reviewed by CII subcommittees and changes were recommended based on the new grade configuration. A summary of these changes was provided in the background. Each content area was reviewed, and the CII vote was shared.

1. Agriculture

- ES-4 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the proposed changes to the Agriculture course flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Art

- ES-5 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Art course flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Business and Marketing

- ES-6 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Business and Marketing course flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Computer Sciences

- ES-7 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Computer Science flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

5. English/Language Arts

Concerns about dropping the ninth grade Drama course were shared. It was pointed out that there are three other drama courses available to students.

- ES-8 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Mary Rayome, to approve the proposed changes to the English/Language Arts flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Family and Consumer Sciences

- ES-9 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to approve the recommended changes to the Family and Consumer Sciences flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Health

The substance of the flowchart is supported, but CII felt the layout needed to be more visually appealing.

- ES-10 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the proposed changes to the Health flowchart, with further aesthetic changes to be made to make the chart more understandable, beginning with the 2018-19 school year.**

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Math

There are no recommended changes to the Math Flowchart.

9. Music

There are no recommended changes to the Music Flowchart.

10. Physical Education

There are no recommended changes to the Physical Education Flowchart.

11. Science

There are no recommended changes to the Science Flowchart.

12. Social Studies

Attachment E of the background set out the updated Social Studies Flowchart, modified from the October background.

ES-11 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to recommend approval of the Social Studies flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Technology and Engineering

ES-12 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the recommended changes to the Technology and Engineering Flowchart beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. World Language

There are no recommended changes to the World Language Flowchart. The flowchart will include information about how students are able to access five years of language instruction if they do not start a first level language until grade nine.

E. Curriculum Proposals: New Courses and Curriculum Modifications

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz stated that at the October 2017 Educational Services Committee meeting fourteen new course or curriculum modification proposals were presented to the Committee to be considered and voted on in November. The Council for Instructional Improvement voted on each proposal.

1. Introduction to Fisheries, Forestry, & Wildlife Resources

ES-13 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to approve Introduction to Fisheries, Forestry, and Wildlife be added as an elective course in the Agriculture Department, available for students in grades eleven and twelve at Lincoln High School for one credit beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Advanced Art Courses: Drawing, Painting, Clay & Sculpture, Jewelry & Glass

ES-14 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to approve a Level IV option be added to the Drawing, Painting, Clay & Sculpture, and Jewelry & Glass sequences of art courses as elective courses in the Art Department, available for students in grades ten, eleven and twelve at Lincoln High school for one-half credit beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. AP Art History

ES-15 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that AP Art History be expanded to a one credit course, allowing students to receive ½ elective credit in art, and ½ credit in social studies, to be team-taught by an art and social studies teacher, available for students in grades eleven and twelve at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year, and will run only if sufficient enrollment is available to support two teachers.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Photo I/Digital Art

ES-16 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend the curricular change from film to digital in Photography I beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. English IV: Composition

ES-17 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by John Krings, to recommend that English IV: Composition be added as a course in the English/Language Arts Department, available for students in grade twelve for one-half credit at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Theatre Arts Production

There were several concerns raised about this course, and CII did not support it. The instructor was encouraged to revise the proposal and resubmit it in the fall of 2018.

ES-18 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to not recommend adding Theatre Arts Production as a one-half elective credit English/Language Arts course at Lincoln High school.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Child Development

ES-19 Motion by Mary Rayome, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that Child Development be added as a course in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department, available to students in grades ten, eleven and twelve for one-half elective credit at Lincoln High school beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Nutrition for Healthy Living

ES-20 Motion by John Krings, second by Mary Rayome, to recommend that Nutrition for Healthy Living be added as a course in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department, available to students in grades ten, eleven and twelve for one-half elective credit at Lincoln High school beginning with the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Lincoln Launch

The CII Committee liked the idea of this course, but felt more information was needed before approval. Details of the course will be worked out, and a proposal will be brought forward first to the CII Committee, and then to the Educational Services Committee for approval.

10. Accelerated Financial Algebra

ES-21 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that Accelerated Financial Algebra be added as a one-half credit course in the math department, available to students in grade twelve for one-half credit at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Strength & Fitness: Blended Learning Option

ES-22 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to recommend that Strength & Fitness be offered in both a traditional and blended learning format as a course in the physical education department, available to students in grades eleven and twelve for one-half credit at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

12. WIAA Referee Certification

ES-23 Motion by John Benbow, second by John Krings, to recommend that WIAA Referee Certification be added as an elective course in the physical education department, available to students in grades eleven and twelve for one-half credit at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

13. Human Geography

ES-24 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that Human Geography be added as a required course in the Social Studies Department, available to students in grade nine for one credit at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography

ES-25 Motion by John Krings, second by Larry Davis, to recommend that Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography be offered as an alternative to the required Human Geography course for students in the Social Studies Department, available to students in grade nine for one credit at Lincoln High school beginning in the 2018-19 school year.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Calendar Modification: 2018-19

A modification to the 2018-19 calendar is necessary to avoid having a Professional Day on the Friday of Homecoming Week.

ES-26 Motion by Larry Davis, second by John Krings, to recommend approval of the revised 2018-19 school calendar, which changes the September 28, 2018 Professional Day to October 1, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Elementary English/Language Arts Acquisition

Because of enthusiasm for the Reading Units of Study and its effectiveness, forty elementary classroom teachers have already begun implementing the third phase of the acquisition. As a result, there is a need to purchase libraries for these classrooms now, instead of waiting until the 2018-19 school year.

Ms. Stebbins-Hintz and Jennifer Wilhorn, Elementary Literacy Supervisor also explained that they may be requesting additional dollars for classroom libraries beyond the originally approved acquisition amount. The original request included classrooms sharing books. They will continue to research whether or not each classroom requires its own library to optimally implement the Reading Workshop.

ES-27 Motion by Larry Davis, second by Katie Bielski-Medina, to recommend the approval of the purchase of classroom libraries for the forty classrooms that are implementing the Reading Units of Study during 2017-18 (instead of waiting until 2018-19 as originally approved) at a cost of \$159,400, to be paid for from referendum and curriculum funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Brain Pop

The District has been purchasing Brain Pop on an annual basis for over five years. However, this year, due to cost increases, the price of the program exceeds \$10,000, hence requiring Board approval.

ES-28 Motion by John Benbow, second by Larry Davis, to recommend approval of the purchase of Brain Pop for the 2017-18 school year, at a cost of \$10,975.27, to be paid for from Curriculum, Science and Virtual School funds.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Updates

A. Board Compensation

Craig Broeren, Superintendent, explained that Wisconsin Act 9, effective June 3, 2017, permits school board members to decline compensation payments they may be receiving. Because of this, Board Policy 164 - Board Member Compensation and Expenses may need to be updated. He explained options available for compensation, and asked that Board members connect with him within the next two weeks to discuss their preference on compensation. He will then take the information discussed and develop a revised policy for approval by the Board at a later date.

V. Consent Agenda Items

- ES-1 Deletion of Board Policy 854**
- ES-2 Revisions to Board Policy 440**
- ES-3 Revision to Board Policy 851**
- ES-4 Agriculture Course Flowchart**
- ES-5 Art Course Flowchart**
- ES-6 Business and Marketing Course Flowchart**
- ES-7 Computer Science Course Flowchart**
- ES-8 English/Language Arts Course Flowchart**
- ES-9 Family and Consumer Sciences Course Flowchart**
- ES-10 Health Course Flowchart**
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- ES-18 Do not add Theatre Arts Production as a one-half elective credit English/Language Arts course**
- ES-19 Child Development be added as a course in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department**
- ES-20 Nutrition for Healthy Living be added as a course in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department**
- ES-21 Accelerated Financial Algebra be added as a one-half credit course in the Math Department**
- ES-22 Strength & Fitness be offered in both a traditional and blended learning format as a course in the Physical Education Department**
- ES-23 WIAA Referee Certification be added as an elective course in the Physical Education Department**
- ES-24 Human Geography be added as a required course in the Social Studies Department**
- ES-25 Advanced Placement (AP) Human Geography be offered as an alternative to the required Human Geography course for students in the Social Studies Department**
- ES-26 Approve the Revised 2018-19 School Calendar**
- ES-27 Approve the purchase of classroom libraries for the forty classrooms that are implementing the Reading Units of Study during 2017-18**
- ES-28 Approve of the purchase of Brain Pop for the 2017-18 school year**

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.

- School and District Report Cards (December)
- Homeless Education Services (December)
- Board Compensation (December)
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment (December)
- Class Size Limits (January)
- Strategic Plan (February)

Anne Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.