

School District of Rhinelander  
Board of Education

**Instruction and Accountability Committee**

Monday, January 8, 2018

**MEETING NOTES**

Judy Conlin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2018 in the Professional Development Center of the Administration Center, 665 Coolidge Avenue-Suite B, Rhinelander, WI.

Ms. Conlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members Present: Mary Peterson, Ann Munninghoff Eshelman, and Judy Conlin  
Committee Members Absent: None

Also present were School Board President Ron Counter, Eileen Persike of the North Star Journal, and Jamie Taylor of the Northwoods River News.

Chair/Superintendent Comments/Reports

Chair Conlin had no new reports or updates to share at this time.

Citizens/Delegations

No citizens/delegations wished to address the Committee.

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the October 9, 2017 Committee meeting were accepted.

Report/Discussion/Action Topic(s)

Local Assessment Data - Mathematics

Teri Maney, Director of Instruction, and Rachel Hoffman, District Mathematics Specialist, presented a summary of the District's 2016-17 fall and spring math assessment data. The longitudinal data tracks a specific group of students as they move from grade level to grade level.

Pursuant to the Dept. of Public Instruction requirements, the District has had to change the types of state assessments given over the past several years. Currently, STAR is used as a local assessment for testing mathematics skills for all students in Grades 2-10. Due to the state assessment changes, tracking student progress based solely on those results has been very difficult. Performance on the state assessments show fluctuations which can be due to the changes in the types of assessments students have had to take (inconsistency), a student transitioning from one grade level to the other, and changes in a school's teaching staff. While state performance shows fluctuations, local assessment data shows mostly consistency and growth from year to year for each specific group of students. The District continues to take steps toward achievement for all students through common grade level curriculums, common grade level assessments, and using sample items to help students better prepare for the state tests given to them.

For information pertaining to the math assessments and student progress data, Ms. Maney or Ms. Hoffman can be contacted through the Administration Center Curriculum and Instruction Office at (715) 365-9700.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.