

School District of Rhinelander
Board of Education

Instruction and Accountability Committee

Monday, September 10, 2018

MEETING NOTES

Judy Conlin, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also present were Superintendent Kelli Jacobi, School Board President Ron Counter, 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 June 11, 2018 Committee meeting were accepted.

Report/Discussion/Action Topic(s)

Rhineland High School Global Education Achievement Certificate Program

Rhineland High School Principal Shane Dornfeld and High School Teacher Linda Goldsworthy provided the Committee with information on the new 'Global Education Achievement Certificate Program' for high school students. With completion of the program and upon graduation, students will be awarded with a special certificate showing they have demonstrated a strong interest in global citizenship by successfully completing a rather intense global education curriculum and engagement in co-curricular activities and experiences, including global travel opportunities. Students may be awarded the distinction if they have completed the following requirements:

- Four (4) credits in one world language
- Four (4) credits in courses with global content
- Written reflections on eight books (fiction or non-fiction) with global content, with an alternative reflection on art, music, or film.
- Participation in school-wide global activities.
- A minimum of twenty (20) hours of global service learning.

Completion of the program will be noted on a student's transcripts and a special seal will be added to the student's graduation diploma.

Summer 2018 Staff Training - "Overcoming the Achievement Gap Trap"

Teri Maney, Director of Instruction, Maggie Peterson, Director of Special Education-Pupil Services, Shane Dornfeld, Rhineland High School Principal, and Richard Gretzinger, James Williams Middle School Principal, shared information on the outcome of the staff training sessions held during the summer months. Continuing with Dr. Anthony Mohammad's belief that *"In a healthy school culture, data is information, not condemnation"*, through the sessions, the team carefully and honestly shared their thoughts on what the current culture is throughout our own school district and determined that for our schools to be positive environments for staff, students, parents and the community, the school culture needed to change.

With consideration of the current culture and academic data, and discussions as to how to make improvements, each school set goals for the 2018-19 school year. Following are the overall goals for the school year:

- ✓ *Re-focus attention on students of poverty*
- ✓ *Provide equal accessibility for learning to all students (academic success)*
- ✓ *Raise expectations and increase rigor*
- ✓ *Break down barriers that may hinder student success and change current practices in an effort to improve student achievement (i.e. scheduling, planning time, interventions and enrichments, family engagement, attendance, behavior, gender differences, etc.)*
- ✓ *Improve communication and collaboration amongst staff and with students, parents, and the community*
- ✓ *Create even more welcoming, trusting, and safe school environments*
- ✓ *Create a better sense of pride in our schools and our community*

Implementation of each school's action plan was shared with the staff and the plan began with the start of the school year. Data will continue to be collected, reviewed and analyzed as the year progresses to determine the effect that the changes have on student success.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.