

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, November 19, 2009

Regular Meeting

Middle School Library

7:00 p.m.

Present: Caraway, Nelson, Cummings, Ferguson, Peach, Cates, Crowley, Taylor

Absent: Pronold

Admin: Benson, Kaukl, Hegland, Hayek, Radtke

Others: Herman Kaldenberg, Ron Troxel, Joannie Harrington, Sue Sadler, Jean Alt, Michelle Weiss, Shelly Anders, Mike Spude, David Giffey (Home News), Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

President Taylor opened the meeting. She noted that the meeting had been properly noticed and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. Crowley moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Peach seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Taylor noted that a new law allows state standardized test results to be used in teacher evaluations. Districts and unions must agree upon this in collective bargaining.

Board Training Opportunities

Nelson reminded the Board of the January WASB Convention.

WASB Convention - January 20-22, 2010

Nelson, Caraway, and Taylor will be attending the WASB Convention.

Student Council Report

The proceeds from a recent penny war will be donated to the Humane Society. The high school will begin playing music over the PA system on Fridays while students are passing between classes. There are changes being discussed for the winter formal dance.

Review RV2022 Committee Process

Benson noted that 20 people attended the first meeting on November 16. Seven categories compiled from the recent community survey will be used as a guide for River Valley graduate learner outcomes.

Recognition of Grants Awarded to District

An \$800 grant from the Madison Jazz Society was awarded to the Music Department for guest clinicians.

Student Team Selected as Finalist for Fox 47 Public Service Announcement

Kaukl stated that a team of four high school students has been selected as a finalist for a Fox 47 public service announcement regarding drunk driving.

Discuss Future Deficit and Related Plan Timeline

As we approach the fifth year of the referendum, we will be dealing with a deficit that was predicted at the time of the referendum. Discussions need to take place and a plan of action needs to be set. The timeline for teacher layoff notices, if necessary, is in April.

Review Elementary Class Sizes and Building Space

Elementary class sizes throughout the district need to be discussed and a plan of action needs to be put in place for balancing the classes.

Public Comments/Open Forum

Herman Kaldenberg wants to see a scenario to control costs so future taxpayers aren't suffering with a heavy tax burden.

Ron Troxel spoke highly about the medical emergency services in the district which were used to help his son recently. He praised the district as being a professional and quality district. Troxel also referred to Kaldenberg's comments noting that while taxes have increased in society, so have salaries. He urged the Board to not cut programs unless priorities are reviewed and to consider quality and then how to pay.

Hayek commended the food service staff for a recent audit and health inspection which passed with glowing remarks.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – October 2009; Open Session Meeting Minutes – October 26 and November 2, 2009

Peach moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Crowley seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

The Budget Committee recommended the purchase of 90 marching band uniforms at \$288 per uniform. Ferguson moved to approve the purchase of 90 marching band uniforms for a total cost of \$25,920, paid in three installments. Caraway seconded. Fundraising efforts will be made to defray these district costs. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on First Reading of New and Revised Policies

No action.

Consideration & Action on School Safety Plan

Ferguson moved to approve minor revisions in the School Safety Plan. Peach seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Cates moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts to the Music Department of \$100 from Carol Yttri for instrument rental and a pan steel drum with stand and travel case valued at \$1,500 from Randy and Rosemarie Hartung. Crowley seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolution to Lay Off Special Needs Assistant

Cates moved to adopt the Resolution to Lay Off Special Needs Assistant Eunice Price for three hours per week. Crowley seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Employee Request for Leave of Absence; 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update; 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update; Discussion of Administrator Contracts; Discussion of Non-Union Support Staff Retirement Benefits

Ferguson moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:16 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Employee Request for Leave of Absence; 2009–11 RVEA

Collective Bargaining Update; 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update; Discussion of Administrator Contracts; and Discussion of Non-Union Support Staff Retirement Benefits. Peach seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:20 p.m.

Consideration & Action on Employee Request for Leave of Absence

Cates moved to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Dede Holverson for the last nine weeks of the school year. Caraway seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Ratification of 2009-11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ferguson moved to ratify the 2009-11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Crowley seconded. This is the second contract with the RVEA below 3.8% and represents a 2.33% salary increase for 2009-10 and a 1.35% salary increase for 2010-11. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Ratification of 2009-11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ferguson moved to ratify the 2009-11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Agreement. Crowley seconded. This represents a 1.43% salary increase for 2009-10 and a 1.46% salary increase for 2010-11. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2009-2010 Administrator Contracts

Crowley moved to approve administrator contracts as follows: \$75,000 prorated annual salary for Radtke as Middle School Principal; \$33,000 prorated annual salary for Heather Terrill Stotts as half time Arena and Plain Principal; a cap of \$33,000 for a new half time High School Dean of Students; \$3,000 annual increase for Hayek; \$2,000 annual increase for Benson, Radtke, Kaukl, and Palm-Leis; and \$1,000 annual increase for Briehl. Peach seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Peach moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige For:

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