

## RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Special Meeting

Middle School Library

7:00 p.m.

Board: Cates, Peach, Paula Caraway, Nelson, Taylor, Pronold, Ferguson, Cummings (arrived 7:12 p.m.)

Absent: Crowley

Administration: Benson, Hayek, Radtke, Palm-Leis, Briehl

Others: Tara Johnson, Phil Manske, Mike McDermott, Karen Wilkinson, Andrea Kinney, Mary Zavada, Mary Gutknect, Michele Radlinger, Kathy Straka, Diane Been, Wes Larsen, Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant), David Giffey (Home News)

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. Pronold moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Peach seconded. Motion carried.

### Report and Discussion of WASB Annual Convention

Benson noted that he and others from River Valley made a presentation at the convention regarding the Creative Learning Facilitator position in the district. Cates also presented at the convention regarding agricultural education in the world marketplace. Taylor, Caraway, and Hayek all attended the convention and shared information and ideas from sessions they attended.

### Review of District Financial Outlook

Hayek presented an updated financial outlook for the district. At the time of our five-year referendum, it was explained to the public that the \$1.2 million would not cover the entire deficit. It was originally projected that the deficit for 2009-10 would be -\$264,000—now the current projection is at -\$245,000. The current projection for the last year of the referendum (2010-11) is -\$478,000.

### SAGE, Class Size Reduction Options, and Staffing Level Discussions for 2009-10

To add to the current multiage classrooms in the district to strive toward smaller class sizes, the option of moving the First Grade Teacher from Plain Elementary to Spring Green Elementary and having a K-1 multiage classroom at Plain was discussed. Many teachers from Plain Elementary were present to advocate for keeping the First Grade Teacher at Plain. Of main concern was that the K-1 multiage classroom at Plain would have 24 students. It was noted that Plain is not eligible for SAGE funding so doesn't need to meet the 15:1 classroom ratio requirement.

### Review Calendar for End of 2008-09 School Year

Benson proposed that the Board may want to make a future decision regarding the option of waiving the June 8 attendance date for students and still meeting the 180 day attendance requirement. The state allows 5 days of the 180 student contact days to be parent/teacher conferences or cancelled days due to inclement weather. Students would still make up one day on Friday, June 5. Staff would still make up three inclement weather days to meet contractual requirements.

Consideration & Action on Approval or Denial of Three Petitions to Alter School District Boundaries

A hearing regarding three petitions to alter school district boundaries through land transfers was held on February 12, 2009. Board action on the first of the three related petitions resulted in a polled vote of 4-4 with 1 absent. Legal counsel advised the Board that the vote operated as a denial. Legal counsel also advised the Board that they could vote again at a future meeting as long as they met the March 1 deadline to act on petitions to alter school district boundaries. The agenda item was then tabled until this February 26 meeting.

Ferguson moved to deny the petition filed by Wesley and Billie Jo Larson to transfer property from the River Valley School District into the Sauk Prairie School District. Caraway seconded. Roll call:

For the motion: Caraway, Cates, Cummings, Ferguson, Nelson, Peach, Taylor

Against the motion: Pronold

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Crowley

Polled vote was 7-1 to deny with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Peach moved to deny the petition filed by William and Diane Been to transfer property from the River Valley School District into Sauk Prairie School District. Ferguson seconded. Roll call:

For the motion: Cates, Cummings, Ferguson, Nelson, Peach, Taylor, Caraway

Against the motion: Pronold

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Crowley

Polled vote was 7-1 to deny with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved to deny the petition filed by William and Diane Been to transfer property from the Sauk Prairie School District into River Valley School District. Caraway seconded. Roll call:

For the motion: Cummings, Ferguson, Nelson, Peach, Taylor, Caraway, Cates

Against the motion: Pronold

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Crowley

Polled vote was 7-1 to deny with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolution Authorizing Teacher Contract Renewals and Issuance of Letters of Intent

Caraway moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Teacher Contract Renewals and Issuance of Letters of Intent. Pronold seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Second Reading of New and Revised Board Policies

Peach moved to approve the second reading of Policy #743 - Acceptable Use of Networked Computers, Internet, and Electronic Mail and Policy #743-Rule - Student Agreement/Consent Form - Acceptable Use of Networked Computers, Internet, and Electronic Mail to update these policies to comply with governmental requirements for Internet and electronic mail safety and security measures to be in compliance with the district's required three year Tech Plan. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 5 Hour Special Education Instructional Assistant Position

Ferguson moved to approve the addition of a 5 hour per day special education instructional assistant position. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator Retirement Benefits, 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update, 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update, Discussion of Administrator Realignment Planning for 2009-10, and Annual Superintendent Evaluation

Peach moved to adjourn to closed session at 9:05 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator Retirement Benefits, 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update, 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update, Discussion of Administrator Realignment Planning for 2009-10, and Annual Superintendent Evaluation. Pronold seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:23 p.m.

Consideration & Action on Administrator Retirement Benefits

No discussion. No action taken.

Consideration & Action on Administrator Realignment Planning for 2009-10

Ferguson moved to approve the administrator realignment plan for 2009-10 to include Briehl serving only as Athletic Director, Hegland serving as Principal of both Spring Green and Lone Rock Elementaries, Radtke serving as Principal of both Arena and Plain Elementaries and as High School Dean of Students, and hiring a replacement for Hegland as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Spring Green Elementary. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige For:

\_\_\_\_\_ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk