

## RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, April 8, 2010

Regular Meeting

Middle School Library

7:00 p.m.

Present: Pronold, Nelson, Peach, Cates, Crowley, Taylor, Caraway, Cummings (arrived 7:07 p.m.), Brooke Hogan (Student Rep), Richie Pulvermacher (Student Rep)

Absent: Ferguson

Admin: Benson, Kaukl, Hegland, Hayek, Radtke, Palm-Leis, Stotts

Others: Todd Miller, John Bettinger, Herman Kaldenberg, Sue Sadler, Susie Hauri, Becky Miller, Ellis Pifer, 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.

Taylor thanked Pronold and Cummings for their years of service on the School Board.

### Legislative Update

Taylor noted that new legislation may be introduced to reinstate the QEO, but aligning it to revenue limit increases, and the state's commitment to two-thirds funding. She reported that the first round "Race to the Top" winners were Delaware and Tennessee. Wisconsin ranked 26 out of 40 states. In the Spring election, 48 referendums were held in 36 districts—24 passed and 24 failed.

### Board Training Opportunities

Nelson noted that WASB has scheduled a New Board Member Training for April and the Spring Academy will be held on May 8 in Wisconsin Dells.

### Student Council Report

Jenna Hopkins will be the student representative on the School Board for the 2010-11 school year. The student council is holding a "March Madness" contest with prizes. Prom will be held on April 17 and Graduation on May 29.

### WKCE Standardized Test Report and Related Reading Initiative

WKCE test results showed River Valley at or above the state average in 22 out of 23 tests given in the fall of 2009. English teachers Susie Hauri and Lisa Scofield have done some data analysis of language arts test scores and noted that plans are being developed to improve reading proficiency in grades 6-12.

### Resource Planning Team Update

The group has met four times and some of their discussion has included referendum options after review of the district financial outlook, staffing levels, and course offerings.

### Board Members to Hand Out Diplomas at Graduation – Saturday, May 29, 2010 – 1:00 p.m.

Taylor and Peach will be present. Others Board members can contact the district if they decide to also be present.

### Spring Green Area Arts Coalition Grant Award

The final \$225 of a \$900 grant from the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition was awarded to the middle school for the purchase of guitars.

### Public Comments/Open Forum

The Board welcomed Dennis Crowley to his second term on the Board and John Bettinger and Paul Cummings who were newly elected and will start at the end of April.

Kaldenberg expressed his desire for a decision to be made soon regarding the budget deficit.

Former student Zack Geick spoke in favor of the alternative ed. classroom. Alternative ed. teacher Kathy Peetz spoke of the success of the alternative ed. program and noted that even without the doublewide classroom, they will find a way to support the program and continue its success.

### Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – March 2010; Open Session Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2010

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

### Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

Crowley moved to approve the budget committee's recommendation to accept the labor bid for a roofing project on sections 2A and 5 at the high school from Long Life Roofing for \$84,825 and the material bid from Roofer Mart for \$47,884. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Caraway moved to approve the budget committee's recommendation to close the doublewide classroom and move the alternative ed. program to the high school building. Pronold seconded. Motion carried with Crowley and Peach opposed and Ferguson absent.

Pronold moved to approve the budget committee's recommendation to reduce the athletic budget by a minimum of 5%. Cates seconded. Motion carried with Crowley opposed and Ferguson absent.

### Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Teacher Resignation

Crowley moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Teacher Resignation for Rachel Digman, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher. Cates seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on High School Guidance Counselor and AODA Coordinator Hirings

Caraway moved to hire Megan Hebgen as the High School Guidance Counselor, replacing Jeff Sawyer. Peach seconded. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to hire Brittany Meoska as the AODA Coordinator, replacing Megan Hebgen. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Teacher Retirement

Pronold moved to accept the retirement of Dan Kettner, High School Social Studies Teacher. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on CESA #3 Services Contract

Cates moved to approve the 2010-11 CESA #3 Services Contract at \$53,543. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator Evaluations and Contracts and Discussion of 2010-11 Open Enrollment Applications

Pronold moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:37 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator Evaluations and Contracts and Discussion of 2010-11 Open Enrollment Applications. Peach seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:24 p.m.

Consideration & Action on 2010-11 Open Enrollment Applications

Crowley moved to approve 9 of 10 and deny 1 of 10 new applicants coming into the district under open enrollment for 2010-11, due to a lack of current IEP and related costing. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to approve 38 of 39 and deny 1 of 39 new applicants going out of the district under open enrollment for 2010-11, due to a request to attend a 4K program in another district,; however, since it is not offered by River Valley, the student is ineligible to attend in another district. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Peach seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige For:

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