

## RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Regular Meeting

Middle School Library

7:00 p.m.

Board: Cates, Nelson, Taylor, Cummings, Ferguson

Absent: Peach, Crowley, Paula Caraway, Pronold

Administration: Benson, Briehl, Hoffman, Hegland, Hayek, Kaukl, Radtke (arrived 7:50 p.m.)

Others: Tom Wermuth, 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. Cummings moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

### Legislative Update

Taylor reported that the state Assembly is scheduled to vote today, but there has been no action yet on the budget.

### Discuss Impact of Potential Legislative Changes to School Funding

Hayek noted that the revenue cap increase will be smaller and the district can't recoup this money from taxpayers. Next year is year 4 of the 5-year referendum. As stated at the time of the referendum, the district will have a deficit in years 4 and 5 but it will now be higher than projected. The district could have almost covered the year 4 deficit with stimulus money but now there is more of a deficit to cover.

### Board Training Opportunities

Nelson noted that there is a President's Conference July 31 and August 1 in Sheboygan and then conferences cease until the fall.

### Discussion of Board Meeting Packet - Reduction of Paper

Taylor suggested that we might find ways to reduce paper usage/ mailing costs in preparing packets for Board meetings, such as e-mailing documents to Board members. Some concerns might be Board members not having adequate printers at their homes if they wish to print out documents and not having necessary documents easily accessible at the Board meetings. It was suggested that routine items (agendas, cover memos, Board reports, enrollments, minutes) might be sent via e-mail and the rest mailed as a hard copy. This topic will be revisited at the July Board meeting when more Board members are present.

### 2009-10 Event Dates

Homecoming/School Fair will be held on September 25, 2009. Scholarship Awards Night will be May 19, 2010. The Board consensus is to move graduation to a weekend date. Kaukl will survey the students who will be graduating in 2010 and 2011.

### High School Music Department Trip to New Orleans (March 25-April 1, 2010)

The Music Department will be missing two days of school to take a trip to New Orleans during Spring Break.

### Review District Strategic Plan Timeline

Benson outlined a timeline for developing a strategic plan which includes a community survey, draft of plan by August, and request for Board approval by September.

### Public Comments/Open Forum

Cates congratulated Scott Liegel on his state wrestling champion title and state pole vault champion title. He also commended the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Leadership award. He also announced a June 12 bike ride fundraiser, promoting the next generation of farming.

### Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – May 2009; Open Session Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

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

### Consideration & Action on First Reading of New and Revised Board Policies

The Policy Committee will meet again in July to revisit the Extra-Curricular Handbook and the policy regarding Adult Education. The Athletic Handbook revisions will be approved later in the meeting under adoption of handbooks.

### Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

Ferguson moved to approve the Budget Committee recommendation for budget transfers. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Teacher Hirings

Cummings moved to hire Deidre Serafin as a Speech/Language teacher. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to hire Megan Hebgen as the Part Time AODA Coordinator. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Board Committee Assignments

Cummings moved to appoint Crowley as Negotiations Committee alternate, replacing Cates. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Adoption of Handbooks

Cates moved to approve the Athletic Code Handbook, which has now been separated from the Extra-Curricular Code Handbook, with the addition of a “statutes of limitations” clause which states that an incident will only be investigated if reported within one year of the infraction. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Cummings moved to approve the Elementary staff and student handbooks. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the Middle School staff and student handbooks. Crowley seconded. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved to approve the At Risk Handbook. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Cummings moved to approve the High School student handbook. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Cummings moved to approve the High School staff handbook. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of holding an expulsion hearing and 19.85(1)(a) and 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of deliberating and acting thereon; and 19.85(1)(c) for RVEST Level IV Grievance Hearing, 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update, 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update, and Discussion of Administrator Contracts

Ferguson moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:41 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of holding an expulsion hearing and 19.85(1)(a) and 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of deliberating and acting thereon; and 19.85(1)(c) for RVEST Level IV Grievance Hearing, 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update, 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update, and Discussion of Administrator Contracts. Cates seconded. Polled vote was 5-0 in the affirmative with 4 absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige For:

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