

River Valley School District
Thursday, June 8, 2017
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Bettinger, Strozinsky, Nelson, Jennings, Young, Iausly, Cates, McGuire, Case
Absent: N/A

Admin: Wermuth, Novak, Krey, Hegland, Radtke, Kjos, Blakley

Others: Michelle Orcutt, Rachel Orcutt, Bridget Roberts, Marcia Creasey, Kelly Deterding, Linda Kettner, Cathleen Withington, Don Brander, Bridget Wyman, Eileen Brownlee (General Counsel), Doris Green (Home News), Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

President Jennings opened the meeting. She noted that the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. Strozinsky moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Iausly moved to approve the agenda. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Don Brander commented on the May 18 Board Goal Setting Meeting. He would like to see a series of nine meetings held throughout the district next year with a three minute limit for people to speak on issues and allow rebuttal.

Update on Middle School Building Envelope and HVAC Study

A representative from Affiliated Engineers presented information about the middle school HVAC, noting the normal life of a furnace is 15 to 17 years, but the middle school furnaces are 26 years old, except 5 that have been replaced. The current HVAC is oversized and provides improper heating and cooling. They had hoped to have a final report for this meeting but are still recording temperatures throughout the building.

2016-17 School Health Services Annual Report

School Nurse Janelle Sivam provided highlights from her annual report, stating there were 16,023 office visits last year and 20,409 this year. ADD/ADHD numbers have increased, students needing prescription medications daily stayed the same, and the use of over the counter medications increased. Of the most common reason for health visits, 50% of those are for injuries. The district is looking at the condition of playground equipment at Spring Green Elementary and ways to decrease injuries and discussing middle school age appropriate options.

Health and vision screenings are performed with the help of area providers. CPR classes are offered to staff and coaches. School nurses also work with staff with health conditions and sometimes serve as contacts with providers to expedite a visit. Many families in our area depend on school nurse care. In the event we gain students with more complex medical issues or special needs, we would need to hire more nursing staff. Thanks was extended to Janelle, Kelly Deterding, and Marcia Creasey.

Update on 2017-18 District Configuration Transition

Hegland noted that a picnic was held for all elementary students and staff on June 5 with various activities. An elementary PTO meeting was held with various representatives who have decided to form a new PTO. Families received communication on their elementary teacher assignments for next year.

Summary of 2017-18 Open Enrollment Applications

We have 28 new applications for open enrollment out of the district for next year and 5 new applications for students to come into our district. It was noted that 11 of the applicants who want to attend out of our district have never attended school at River Valley. Not including these new applications, there are 98 River Valley students who attend out of the district and 47 non-residents who attend River Valley under open enrollment.

Update on Outcome of Boundary Appeal Hearing at DPI

Our Board denied a recent request from a family to detach their property from River Valley and attach it to WI Heights. The Boundary Appeals Board at DPI unanimously upheld the denial.

CESA #2 Driver's Education Services Offered by the District

We will continue to offer services through CESA #2, with the cost covered by families that utilize the driver's education program.

Board Reminders and Announcements

The Board Member Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, June 14. It was noted that Board and Committee Meeting documents are now available to the public on the district website.

The Cates family finished the 200 mile bike ride for the RVSD Endowment fundraiser in memory of their son, Peter. The \$10,000 goal has almost been reached and will be matched by a \$5,000 anonymous donation.

Legislative Update

The Assembly is proposing to provide \$90 million less than Governor Walker's proposal. The WASB is in favor of the Governor's budget and not the Assembly's version.

Board Training Opportunities

The DPI will be holding six listening sessions around the state regarding the "Every Student Succeeds Act," with one in Madison on June 27. The Summer Leadership Institute will be held in Green Bay on July 14 and 15.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – May 2017; Open Session Meeting Minutes – May 11 and 18, 2017

Young moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Candidate Interviews and Appointment to Fill Area 3 Board Seat Vacancy Due to Resignation

The three candidates interested in the Area 3 Board seat vacancy were present—Julie Case, Jeff Maier, and Michael Langer. The candidates each answered four questions, in addition to six questions they answered previously via mail.

Cates nominated Jeff Maier. Young nominated Julie Case. Strozinsky moved to close nominations. Iausly seconded. The Board members were asked to cast a ballot for either Maier or Case, noting that there must be a majority vote of the full Board. Maier received 3 votes (Iausly, Cates, and Bettinger). Case received 4 votes (Jennings, Nelson, Young, and Strozinsky). McGuire abstained from the vote. Case was appointed as the Area 3 Board representative to serve until April 23, 2018. The Area 3 seat will be on the April 2018 election ballot for a one year term. Case signed an oath of office and took her seat on the Board.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 Board Committee Assignments

President Jennings made the following changes: Case to Policy and Technology and alternate Convention Delegate; McGuire to School Forest/Buildings and Grounds and alternate to Policy and Employee Relations; Nelson alternate to Technology; Young to Employee Relations; Strozinsky to Wellness; and Jennings alternate to Budget. Each Committee will vote on the chairperson at the first Committee meeting.

There was discussion about the number, structure, and roles of Board Committees. The idea of combining some Committees was discussed but not supported since meetings could become lengthy.

Consensus was that agenda items specific to a Committee but with monetary implications should be discussed first by that Committee but then a recommendation forwarded to the Budget Committee for approval of funds.

Also, reports to the full Board from Committees should be limited to those items that require Board action. This will cease items being discussed more than once with the full Board.

There was discussion about having someone other than the Committee chairperson take notes at Committee meetings. Some ideas were to solicit students, rotate among Committee members, or designate a secretary of each Committee.

Consideration & Action on Appointment of Medical Advisor for 2017-18

School Nurse Janelle Sivam recommended Dr. Furukawa as our medical advisor for 2017-18. Cates moved to appoint Dr. Furukawa as our medical advisor for 2017-18. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Summary Report from May 18 Special Board Meeting and Plan of Action

The Board would like to make a decision by August on how they want to proceed with the creation of a written plan of action for the district. Administration will investigate the cost of hiring an outside vendor to help with a strategic planning process. This plan would involve short term and long term initiatives for the school district pertaining to demographics, instruction, facilities, and technology. The vendor could use information from the May 18 meeting to learn

about our values and begin planning. It was emphasized that the plan needs to include how items in the plan would be funded.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts of: \$500 from Edmund and Sharon Bettinger toward the new baseball scoreboard and safety covering for outfield fencing; \$1,000 from Peoples Community Bank to Arena Community Elementary School Fund 21; \$600 from The Kraemer Company to cover the cost of rolling the soccer field; and \$9,281.69 from Bob and Sue Wickman to cover the cost of baseball equipment from Badger Sporting Goods. Young seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Cates, Case, Iausly, Jennings, McGuire, Nelson, Strozinsky, Young

Against the motion: N/A

Abstain: Bettinger

Absent: N/A

Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Cates moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Middle School Spanish and Alternative Education Teacher Laura Druckrey. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Bettinger moved to approve the hiring of Katlyn Dugenske as a High School English Teacher. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted that two vacancies will likely not be filled during this school year—50-100% FTE Psychologist (due to lack of applicants) and 50% FTE Middle School Secretary, since Julie Kuhse will now be serving as 50% FTE Payroll/District Data Coordinator.

We may utilize part time psychologist assistance during the school year, and the secretarial vacancy will likely need to be filled in 2018-19 when 5th graders will be moved to the middle school.

Consideration & Action on Creation of Class of 2021 Activity Account

Bettinger moved to create an activity account for the Class of 2021. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 Handbooks

Bettinger moved to approve the following handbooks for 2017-18: Elementary Student; Middle School Student; High School Student; Special Education; At Risk; Athletic Code; Activities Code; Coaches Handbook; and All Staff Employee Handbook. Cates seconded. The administrative team asked if handbooks could be approved at an earlier Board meeting in future years since June is so busy with the end of a school year. The Board would like changes in each handbook to be highlighted. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on School Forest/Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations
Cates noted the topic of capital planning for facilities will be presented to the Budget Committee for consideration and approval and that the Committee is trying to put together a long range plan for school forest properties. No recommendations. No action.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

Young moved to approve the second reading of 345.3 Promotion & Retention; 210 Administration Goals; 222 Recruitment & Appointment of Administrators; and to delete 345.6 Repeating a Failed Course (Grades 6-8). Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Young moved to approve the first reading of (NEW) 221 Recruitment and Appointment of District Administrator; 224 Board-Administrator Relations; (NEW) 842 Grants to the District from Private Sources; and 165 Board Member Code of Ethics. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations


Cates moved to approve the Budget Committee's recommendation to hire H&H Industries to replace the chiller at the high school using funds from fund balance. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve the Budget Committee's recommendation to join the Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative. Case seconded. We anticipate better prices on food purchases and will evaluate the program after one year. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Consideration of Termination of a Teacher Contract for 2017-18 and Discussion of District Administrator Evaluation

Iausly moved to adjourn to closed session at 10:13 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Consideration of Termination of a Teacher Contract for 2017-18 and Discussion of District Administrator Evaluation. Young seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:



Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk