

River Valley School District
Thursday, July 8, 2010
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Crowley

Admin: Benson, Hayek, Palm-Leis, Terrill-Stotts, Radtke

Others: Beverly Smigielski, Tim Harrington, Herman Kaldenberg, Alan MacKenzie, Tara Johnson, Cristy Cornelius, Mike McDermott, Crystal Feral, David Giffey (Home News), Julie Kuhse (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. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Taylor provided a legislative update to include that Shawn Duren is investigating to see if broadband tech grant monies are available for Lone Rock, Plain, and Spring Green. She noted that there are 3 candidates for governor. There is a “Penny for Kids” campaign to increase Wisconsin sales tax by 1 cent to increase state funding for schools.

Board Training Opportunities

There are fall regional meetings held in late September and early October.

“Eco for Kids” After School Program Report

Crystal Feral provided a recap and slide show on the “Eco for Kids” after school program which was funded by special education stimulus money. Forty students in grades 3-12 participated in the sessions aimed at students identified through the schools’ Building Intervention Teams. Feral reports the program finished \$6,500 under budget, and requests approval to run the program again next school year.

Resource Planning Team Update

Tim Harrington provided an update on the Resource Planning Team and the subcommittee “Team of Ten.” Survey results were compiled and copies distributed to area businesses for community review. Comments from the survey will be reviewed and made available on the district website and paper copies placed in the communities.

Harrington reported that the “Team of Ten” would be drafting a document for the Board with the team’s recommendations for review at the August Board meeting.

Board Resolution Requesting Legislature to Remove Collective Bargaining Requirement for Health Insurance

Discussion was held on the sample resolution and no action was taken at this time. Suggestion to perhaps review at a later date with more details.

Public Comments/Open Forum

No comments.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – June 2010; Open Session Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2010

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

Consideration & Action on Teacher Hirings

Caraway moved to hire Lucas Thatcher as a High School Math Teacher. Cummings seconded. Motion carried. Foreign language interviews begin Monday.

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

The Committee tabled the new policy on bullying and cyberbullying.

Consideration & Action on Establishment of Annual Meeting Date

Cates moved to set the annual meeting date for Thursday, August 26, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Little Theater. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Review of Administrative Realignment Options

Ferguson moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:20 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for Review of Administrative Realignment Options. Bettinger seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:49 p.m. without Cates.

Consideration & Action on Plain Elementary Principal Resignation

Ferguson moved to accept the resignation of Heather Terrill Stotts as part time Plain Elementary Principal. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Administrative Realignment

Cummings moved to approve the administrative realignment with James Radtke serving as Plain Elementary Principal as well as Middle School Principal and Heather Terrill Stotts remaining as 20% Principal at Arena Elementary. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Peach moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Julie Kuhse For:

_____ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk