

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Thursday, July 9, 2009
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Board: Cates, Nelson, Taylor, Cummings, Ferguson, Peach, Crowley, Paula Caraway, Pronold
Absent: N/A

Administration: Benson, Briehl, Hoffman, Hayek, Kaukl, Radtke

Others: Sue Sadler, 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. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Input Session with Steve Hilgenberg

Representative Steve Hilgenberg was present and spoke about K-12 funding and collective bargaining law changes in 2009-11.

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

The Board revisited the idea of finding ways to reduce paper usage/ mailing costs in preparing packets for Board meetings, such as e-mailing documents to Board members. The Board agreed, on a trial basis, to receive the three monthly financial reports via e-mail.

School Health Services Annual Report

No discussion. This item will be on the August regular Board meeting agenda.

Review District Strategic Plan Timeline

Benson noted that there will be a community survey in August offered on our website and in hard copy.

Receipt of Grant from Spring Green Area Arts Coalition

The Board recognized the receipt of a \$675 grant from the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition to the middle school music department to purchase guitars.

"Focus on Energy" and Solar Panel Option to be Explored

The Board previously committed to join with the Village and Town of Spring Green to participate in a study of energy efficiencies. There will be a site audit at our Spring Green schools on July 22.

Public Comments/Open Forum

Howard Marklein, candidate for state assembly, introduced himself to the Board.

Cates thanked all who sponsored his recent participation in the bike ride fundraiser regarding farming awareness.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – June 2009; Open Session Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2009

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

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

Crowley moved to approve the first reading of the Extra Curricular Activity Code. Pronold seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the first reading of Policy #344 – Adult Education to include new options for adult education. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to approve the first reading of Policy #762 – Automated Lunch/Breakfast Program to delete a reference to parent permission for use of a “debit card” for students to make additional purchases in our lunch program. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Establishment of Annual Meeting Date

Crowley moved to set the annual meeting date for Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Little Theater with the August regular meeting to follow. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Pronold moved to adopt four Resolutions Accepting Gifts of donations to the music department for student instrument rental as follows: \$100 from Jennifer Kraemer; \$40 from Sarah Day; \$20 from Beverly Dietzman; and \$200 from Donald Nichols. Caraway seconded. Roll call vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$200 from Cardinal CG to the Nurse/Health Department. Cates seconded. Roll call vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Federal Stimulus (ARRA) Funds

Ferguson moved to approve the administrative recommendation for use of federal ARRA funds to use the entire \$97,000 Title I funds to offset a portion of our 2009-10 district expenses toward Title I, to use \$156,000 of the \$327,000 special education stimulus money to offset 2009-10 district expenses toward special education services, and to use the remaining \$171,000 to purchase resources such as computers, Smart Boards, software, elementary reading books, elementary spelling program materials, and other purchases that support creative, innovative, and lasting instructional and learning opportunities. Crowley 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 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update; 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update; and Discussion of Administrator Contracts

Crowley moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:35 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 2009–11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update; 2009–11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update; and Discussion of Administrator Contracts. Cates seconded. Roll call vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige For:

_____ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk