

River Valley School District
Thursday, August 10, 2023
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Gauger, Minich, Young, Jennings, Bettinger, Maier, Iausly

Absent: Carstensen, Cates

Admin: Glasbrenner, Peterson, Blakley, Radtke

Others: Tom Martin (CESA #3), Shawn Duren, Linda Schwanke (Home News), Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

President Jennings opened the meeting. In the absence of Clerk Carstensen, Young nominated Young as Acting Clerk. Jennings seconded. Motion carried.

Jennings noted that the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. Maier moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Iausly moved to approve the agenda items as submitted. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Regional Fab Lab

Tom Martin, CESA #3, presented information about an exciting opportunity for River Valley to become a regional source of providing STEM classes. Robby Jacobson will be the teacher and four separate courses will provide the opportunity to earn certifications.

Update on Facilities Study and CORE Planning Committee

The results of our community survey related to facilities show the majority support a referendum. The Board would need to take action on a referendum question by January 2024 for it to appear on the April 2024 ballot. The role of the district is to put together and share factual information. The agenda for the August 14 Budget/ERC meeting will focus on Tax Levy Management Conversation. Representatives from PMA Financial Network (Erik Kass), FEH Design (Kevin Eipperle), and Kraemer Brothers (Kyle Kraemer) will be present at that meeting.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Blakley noted that student Blackhawk leaders have been prepping for freshman orientation and will work with freshmen throughout the school year. We lost our newly hired phy ed teacher, so there is a current vacancy. Football has started and we are seeing more kids in the building as activities and school resume earlier this year. Per Radtke, we are fully staffed at the middle school and staff is busy getting ready with schedules and prepping for kids to start. Peterson noted we are almost fully staffed at the elementary level and teachers have been getting back in classrooms. We held 4K screenings on August 1 and 2. The elementary school open house will be August 17 and "Ready Set Go" conferences are happening at the ELC later in August.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Young, Carstensen, and Gauger will be present at the August 18 All Staff Inservice for Board Welcome and Introductions.

The Board was reminded of the Monday, August 14, Budget/ERC Committee meeting and the Tuesday, August 15, Special Meeting for Pupil Services Director interviews.

Legislative Update

None.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2023; Open Session Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023, Regular Meeting and July 24, 2023, Special Meeting

Maier moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Business Manager Hiring

Bettinger moved to hire Scott Moore as Business Manager. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Pupil Services Director Resignation

Bettinger moved to accept the resignation of Lisa Kjos as Pupil Services Director. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Special Meeting Date – Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Maier moved to set a special meeting for August 15, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Library for Pupil Services Director interviews. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 Staffing Changes, if any

Blakley noted that we will use overload schedules with current high school staff to fill a phy ed vacancy, unless we can find a long term sub.

Consideration & Action on Retirements, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Resignations, if any

Bettinger moved to accept the resignation of Noah Olson, High School Phy Ed Teacher, pending receipt of the \$3,000 liquidated damages payment. Minich seconded. Olson took a different job so will not be starting at River Valley in the fall. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Buildings and Grounds Projects

The Buildings and Grounds Committee did not meet in July. Project updates include a sidewalk for the visitors side of the stadium and concession stand fixes for drainage issues. A new VideoBoard funded by donations has been installed in the high school gym. The calming room at the elementary school has been completed and a new family bathroom is being installed in the middle school.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 Annual District Goals

Glasbrenner noted we do not yet have DPI data from last year to analyze in order to formulate our academic goal. Our strategic plan calls for assessment to be purposeful. Our climate goal is that 100% of students can share the name of a trusted adult, and we will assess that from student viewpoint. Building goals will be formulated in the near future. This item will be revisited at the September Board meeting.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Agreement

Bettinger moved to approve the 2023-24 PSLO Agreement. Gauger seconded. There are no changes in services or costs from last year. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 Crisis Plan

It was noted that the only changes at this time are staffing changes and updating administrative team members and contacts. Further edits are forthcoming in a few months after new safety training from Sauk County. This item was tabled until the September Board meeting since the Board would like to see the entire plan. Blakley thanked Officer Kurek for his work as our PSLO.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 431 Student Attendance; 431 Rule Student Attendance **and Truancy** Guidelines; 443.2 Student Conduct on School Buses; 422.1 Foreign Exchange Students; 763 Healthy Kids Initiative Policy (Wellness Policy); 851 Advertising, ~~in the Schools Sponsorships, and Commercial Activities (Including RVTV)~~; 851 Exhibit RVTV Advertising Contract; 872 Administrative Procedures for the Investigation of Complaints Against School Personnel; 872 Exhibit Complaint Concerning School Personnel or School; 330 Curriculum Development; 332 Parent Rights and the Curriculum; 333 Curriculum Evaluation; 361 Selection of Instructional Materials; 361 Rule Selection Guidelines; 362 Library Media Centers; 871 Handling Complaints About Instructional Materials; 871 Rule Procedures for the Reconsideration of Instruction Materials; and 871 Exhibit Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, and to delete 656 Sponsorships and 656 Rule Sponsorships. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Minich moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 836 Exhibit Animals in the School Request; 722.3 School Closings; 454.2 ~~Snowmobile~~ **Recreational** Vehicle Use by Students; 454.1 Student Automobile Use; and 833 Use of Recreational Vehicles on School Property; and the following policies related to removing specific contact names in Nondiscrimination and Title IX statement: 363 Guidance and Counseling Program; 411 Nondiscrimination/Equal Education Opportunities; 411 Rule Student Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures; 411.1 Bullying/Harassment; 411.2 Student Harassment; 411.3 Title IX: Sexual Harassment Policy for Students and Other Applicable Individuals; 420 School Admissions; 443 Student Discipline; 443.1 Student Dress Code; 460 Student Scholarships; 511 Equal Opportunity Employment; 511 Rule Employee Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures; 511.2 Title IX: Sexual Harassment Policy for Employees; 524.3 Harassment; 524.3 Rule Procedure for Handling Harassment Complaints; 743 Acceptable Use of Networked Computers, Electronic Mail, and Internet Safety Policy; and 760 Food Service Management. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Minich moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$1,000 from Jennifer Kramer for school supplies. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 7-0 in the affirmative with 2 absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve \$5,000 from Prem Meats for a new VideoBoard at the High School. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 7-0 in the affirmative with 2 absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve \$5,000 from Jewell Associates Engineers for a new VideoBoard at the High School. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 7-0 in the affirmative with 2 absent. Motion carried.

Maier moved to approve \$5,000 from Tri County Building Supply for a new VideoBoard at the High School. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 7-0 in the affirmative with 2 absent. Motion carried.

The business names will be displayed for 5 years on the bottom, top, and sides of the Videoboard.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:



Sara Young, Acting School District Clerk