

RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Thursday, August 27, 2009

Regular Meeting

High School Library

9:00 p.m.

Board: Cates, Nelson, Taylor, Cummings, Ferguson, Crowley, Paula Caraway, Pronold

Absent: Peach

Administration: Benson, Briehl, Hoffman, Palm-Leis, Kaukl, Radtke, Hegland, Hayek

Others: Michelle Johnson Ford, 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. Ferguson moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Pronold seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Update

Taylor provided a legislative update noting that there are federal competitive I3 grants available through the Department of Public Instruction.

Board Training Opportunities

Nelson stated that there is an Employment Law seminar in Madison on September 11 and the fall regional meeting in Baraboo is on September 22. There is also a School Law seminar in Madison on October 16.

CESA #3 Annual Meeting Report

Taylor attended the annual meeting on July 23. Interested persons can contact the Central Office for the annual report.

School Health Services Annual Report

School Nurse Michelle Johnson Ford reviewed the annual report of school nursing services provided in the district.

Review District Strategic Plan Process

A community survey has been launched on our district website with a September 11 deadline. A committee comprised of Board members, administrators, business leaders, PTO reps, and community members will review the survey results which will be used as a resource to develop graduate learner outcomes.

Receipt of Grants from River Valley Community Learning Foundation

The district received two grants from the River Valley Community Learning Foundation--\$2,000 to the Creative Learning Facilitator for a historical project and \$500 to Lisa Bowen at Lone Rock for an author visit.

WIAA District Football Proposal

Kaukl noted that a proposal to the WIAA was endorsed by the six conference schools in the Southwestern Wisconsin Conference. The proposal includes dividing the state into football only conferences based on enrollment and geography. Each conference would have 8 teams. If implemented for the fall of 2010, River Valley would be in a league with Belleville/Albany, Dodgeville, New Glarus/Monticello, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, Viroqua, and Westby.

Public Comments/Open Forum

Ferguson shared the availability of free "eco-fonts" that can be downloaded to create less waste in toner and ink when printing.

Cates thanked Benson for hosting the “Coffee With the Superintendent” listening sessions in the spring.

Caraway visited the Arena Elementary after the custodial crew had finished with the summer clean up and thanked the custodial staff. Benson added that the custodians do a summer clean up at all district schools and thanked all the custodians for their hard work.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2009; Open Session Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2009

The Board encouraged the continuation of sending the monthly financial reports via e-mail. Pronold moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Appointment of Medical Advisor

Crowley moved to appoint Kay Balink as the district’s medical advisor. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Pandemic Flu Plan

School Nurse Michelle Johnson Ford presented a new Pandemic Influenza Response Plan. She noted that the intent is to do an optional mass vaccination at all schools. The target age is 6 months to 24 years. Ferguson moved to adopt the Pandemic Influenza Response Plan. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

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

Crowley moved to approve the second reading of the Extra Curricular Activity Code. Pronold seconded. Crowley moved to amend the motion to approve the second reading of the Extra Curricular Activity Code with the exclusion of the GSA and SADD groups from the category listing in Section 2. Pronold seconded. Motion carried.

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

Cates moved to approve the second 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. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Teacher Resignations

Pronold moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Teacher Resignation of Megan Bormann, Middle School Speech and Language Therapist. Ferguson seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Teacher Resignation of Laura Waldsmith, Lone Rock 3rd Grade Teacher. Cates seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Teacher Hiring

Pronold moved to hire Lynn Umhoefer as a Speech and Language Therapist. Caraway seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Teacher Transfer

Cates moved to approve the transfer of Lisa Bowen from Lone Rock Multiage Teacher to Lone Rock 3rd Grade Teacher. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Caraway moved to adopt six Resolutions Accepting Gifts to the Music Department for instrument rental as follows: \$200 from RV Alumni Marching Band; \$20 from Judith Swenson; \$200 from Robert and Lucinda Yanke; \$60 from Tom and Tina Gorman; \$20 from an anonymous donor; and \$20 from Maryann Antonia-Loy. Ferguson seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of 7 large bales of hay valued at \$280 total from Harold Gies for the Lone Rock Elementary lasagna garden. Ferguson seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Pronold moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of a TV valued at \$100 from Lonn Atkisson to Lone Rock Elementary. Crowley seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Ferguson moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$300 for the school fair fund from an anonymous donor. Cates seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on River Valley School District/St. Luke's Hold Harmless Agreements

Pronold moved to approve the hold harmless agreement to allow Plain Elementary to use St. Luke's playground. Crowley seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the hold harmless agreement to allow St. Luke's to use Plain Elementary's playground and gym. Ferguson seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for 2009-11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update, 2009-11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update, and Discussion of Administrator Contracts

Pronold moved to adjourn to closed session at 10:07 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for 2009-11 RVEA Collective Bargaining Update, 2009-11 RVEST Collective Bargaining Update, and Discussion of Administrator Contracts. Crowley seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige For:

Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk