

River Valley School District  
Thursday, January 13, 2022  
Regular Meeting  
Middle School Library  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Iausly, Bettinger, Maier, Young, Kate Hanson (student representative)

Absent: Carstensen, Cates, Minich

Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Peterson, Radtke (7:17)

Others: Michelle Orcutt, Kasey Maxwell, Dr. Furukawa, Shawn Duren, 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. Maier moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

#### Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

#### Public Comments

None.

#### Student Council Report

Kate Hanson provided an update on school happenings to include Opera for the Young at the elementary school, the start of wrestling and girls basketball at the middle school, and finals week at the high school.

#### Update on School District Operations from Administration

It was noted that we have great substitutes we can rely on to keep schools open and the Board was thanked for their support of consistent substitute help since this has been a tough year for absentees. It was stated that if current teachers cover for another teacher during a prep period, then they get paid for that time. Thanks was extended to staff for working together to avoid virtual schooling, if possible.

Bettinger noted that the high school musical this year was awesome! Several others agreed. Young was thanked for her work with the musical and she stated that the kids worked so hard. Glasbrenner noted that it was one of the best shows he has seen, even compared to professional shows.

#### Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Jennings reminded all Board members to fill out the annual Campaign Finance Registration Statement. Congratulations was given to Elisabeth Minich and her family on the birth of a baby boy.

#### Legislative Update

Glasbrenner noted there is concern about how our state is going to address the lack of people graduating with an education license or choosing the field of education. While the Biden

administration has increased COVID rapid test kits coming to schools, we are low in supply and the results of PCR tests are now taking longer.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – December 2021; Open Session Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2021, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on 2021-22 Madison Area Technical College Dual Credit Contract

Bettinger moved to approve the annual Madison Area Technical College Dual Credit Contract. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Authorizing Board Convention Delegate to Act on WASB Convention Resolutions

Young moved to authorize Jennings, as the Board's WASB convention Delegate, to act on WASB convention resolutions. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Bettinger moved to approve the hiring of Michelle Kraemer as a Special Education Teacher at the Early Learning Center. Michelle was here in past years as a Special Education Instructional Assistant and staff are happy to see her return. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

Jennings noted there are no recommended changes to 728 Wearing Masks and Face Coverings although there was some discussion about allowing athletes to unmask during competition. When asked for his opinion, Dr. Furukawa noted he feels athletes are at a disadvantage with masks on, but he feels they do expel more droplets and the volume of air movement is higher so if they are positive, there is probably higher risk to spread. If the whole school is masked and there are good testing results, we could take a chance and unmask during competition.

A memo from the school nurses noted that although they recognize changes at the CDC/DPI level to reduce quarantine time to 5 days, at this time they do not feel it's in the best interest of our district to adapt these recommendations due to the guidelines that are required from day 6 to day 10. Administration agrees.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 833 Use of Recreational Vehicles on School Property; 546 Police School Liaison Officer (PSLO) and job description; 655 Raffles; 543 Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring; and 171.1 Public Notification of Board Meetings; and the review but no changes to 423 Public School Open Enrollment; 423 Rule Public School Open Enrollment; 742 Authorized Use of School-Owned Equipment; and 742 Exhibit Rental/Use of School Equipment Form. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 454.1 Student Automobile Use and 667 Waiver of Performance Bonds (name changed to Post Issuance Tax Exempt Bond Compliance); and the review but no changes to 752 District

Vehicle Use and 752.1 Exhibit Student Transportation Agreement (Alternative Transportation). Maier seconded. Motion carried.

#### Consideration & Action on Curriculum and Instruction Committee Recommendations

There were no recommendations from the Committee. They discussed educational delivery if we must move to virtual learning with short notice and ways to add more professional development time to the school calendar. Glasbrenner continues to meet with a staff committee on the curriculum renewal and design process. In addition, work is being done to prepare for our website update.

#### Consideration & Action on Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations

The Committee made a recommendation to the Budget/ERC Committee to accept the \$1,069,815 construction bid for the Stadium Upgrade Project from Meise Construction. The Committee made a recommendation to the Budget/ERC Committee to accept the \$492,350 turf bid for the Stadium Upgrade Project from Spinturf. Action on these two items will take place later on this agenda. Stadium fundraising efforts are currently at \$665,207.

The presentation from an Eagle Scout Candidate requesting implementation of a disc golf course on school campus was postponed until January.

#### Consideration & Action on Budget/Employee Relations Committee Recommendations

It was noted that coronavirus relief funds of \$160,700 will be carried over to fund balance to address the deficit next year.

The Committee made a recommendation to adopt the Resolution to Exceed Revenue Limit in the 2022-2023 Through 2024-2025 School Years by \$2,800,000 in 2022-2023, by \$3,800,000 in 2023-2024, and by \$4,300,000 in 2024-2025 to maintain the educational programs and current level of operations of the District.

The Committee made a recommendation to adopt the Resolution Providing for a Referendum on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution to Exceed Revenue Limit in the 2022-2023 Through 2024-2025 School Years by \$3,800,000 in 2023-2024, and by \$4,300,000 in 2024-2025 to maintain the educational programs and current level of operations of the District.

Action on these two resolutions will take place later on this agenda.

As recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Maier moved to accept the \$1,069,815 construction bid for the Stadium Upgrade Project from Meise Construction and to accept the \$492,350 turf bid for the Stadium Upgrade Project from Spinturf. The funding will come from the amount previously budgeted to make repairs, fundraising, and a portion of the sale of the Arena school forest. Young seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger abstaining.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to increase summer school teaching pay from \$22 to \$27 an hour. Young seconded. Motion carried.

The DASHIR Management Services Contract Renewal/Request, Health Insurance Renewal and "Grow Your Own Contract" agenda items will be discussed again at a future Committee meeting.

Consideration & Action on Resolution to Exceed Revenue Limit in the 2022- 2023 Through 2024-2025 School Years

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Consideration & Action on Resolution Providing for a Referendum on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution to Exceed Revenue Limit in the 2022-2023 Through 2024-2025 School Years

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Bettinger moved to adopt the Resolution Providing for a Referendum on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution to Exceed Revenue Limit in the 2022-2023 Through 2024-2025 School Years by \$3,800,000 in 2023-2024, and by \$4,300,000 in 2024-2025 to maintain the educational programs and current level of operations of the District. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Maier moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$1,038.02 Amy Synnes to High School Forensics; \$1,000 anonymous to Fund 21 for families in need; \$2,000 Eric and Irene Rapp to Fund 21 for families in need; \$25 John Pare (in the name of Athleen Haas) to Fund 21 for families in need; \$500 Spring Green Chamber of Commerce (Tinsel and Lights Collections) to Fund 21 for families in need; coats, hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots valued at \$1,200 from St. Vincent de Paul – River Valley Conference; \$1,000 Stan Kanter and Sarah Grimes (in memory of Athleen Haas) to the fine arts and music programs at River Valley; \$100 anonymous (in the name of Athleen Haas) to the Middle School; \$2,000 James Kardatzke to fund AP Tests for disadvantaged students; and \$2,000 Christopher Kardatzke to fund AP Tests for disadvantaged students. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Jennings moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$550 from the Iausly Family for the Stadium Upgrade Project. Young seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Young, Jennings, Maier, Nelson

Against the motion: N/A

Abstain: Iausly

Absent: Cates, Carstensen, Minich

Polled vote was 5-0 in the affirmative with 1 abstention and 3 absent. Motion carried.

Jennings moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$5,000 from Jeff, Jennifer, Josh, and Jayla Maier for the Stadium Upgrade Project. Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Young, Jennings, Iausly, Nelson

Against the motion: N/A

Abstain: Maier

Absent: Cates, Carstensen, Minich

Polled vote was 5-0 in the affirmative with 1 abstention and 3 absent. Motion carried.

Maier moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$500 from Nick and Kathy Jennings for the Stadium Upgrade Project. Iausly seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Young, Maier, Iausly, Nelson

Against the motion: N/A

Abstain: Jennings

Absent: Cates, Carstensen, Minich

Polled vote was 5-0 in the affirmative with 1 abstention and 3 absent. Motion carried.

Jennings moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows for the Stadium Upgrade Project: \$2,500 Smoke in the Valley; \$1,000 Eric and Jan Drachenberg; \$100 Vern and Bernie Liegel; \$250 Jeff, Sandee, Jacob, and Brett Bindl; \$300 Schanke Family; \$1,500 Zac and Amber Seffrood (Seffrood LLC – Alchemy Painting); \$500 John and Joanne Finn; \$300 Wis-Coat, LLC; \$100 James and Andrea Sullivan; \$500 Jeff and Jean Alt; \$1,000 Jason, Heather, Makayla, and Jack Meixelsperger; \$500 Larry and Ann Machovec Family; \$150 Tom and Jody Peck (in memory of Bob Nachreiner); \$30 Ann Wempner (in memory of Bob Nachreiner); \$5,000 Justin and Heidi Stanek Family; \$500 Rob, Krista, Mason, Emma, and Ayden Horton; \$1,000 Rose Ellen Schneider; \$200 Rose Ellen Schneider (in memory of Duane Bark, Dave Mancinie, Mike Hill, John Longseth, Kaaren Larson, and Nancy Kollatz); \$100 Mick and Rhonda Baryenbruch (in memory of Bob Nachreiner); \$50 Janice and Jay Crook; \$1,000 Jack and Margaret Johnson; \$1,000 Travis and Melissa Scoles; \$300 Spring Green Pharmacy staff (in memory of Bob Nachreiner); \$100 Ken Frank; \$100 Kristine, Bailey, Blaine, and Brandon Springer; \$250 Peoples Community Bank (in memory of Bob Nachreiner); \$1,000 Todd and Sara Krumholz; \$50 J.P. McGraw; and \$100 Karen Hackl. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Discussion of Request for Use of Reimbursable Leave Sharing Program

Young moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:58 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Discussion of Request for Use of Reimbursable Leave Sharing Program. Iausly seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Jennings, Young, Maier, Iausly, Nelson

Against the motion: Bettinger

Abstain: N/A

Absent: Cates, Carstensen, Minich

Polled vote was 5-1 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:43 p.m.

Consideration & Action on Request for Use of Reimbursable Leave Sharing Program

Jennings moved to approve 12 hours of reimbursable leave for Erika Baldwin from the Reimbursable Leaving Sharing Program. Iausly seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Jennings, Maier, Iausly, Nelson

Against the motion: Bettinger, Young  
Abstain: N/A  
Absent: Cates, Carstensen, Minich

Polled vote was 4-2 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Maier moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

\_\_\_\_\_ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk