

River Valley School District  
Thursday, January 14, 2016  
Regular Meeting  
Middle School Library  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Cates, Young, Bettinger, Strozinsky, Cummings, Iausly, McCauley, Melody Reich (Student Representative)

Absent: N/A

Admin: Wermuth, Novak, Krey, Blakley, Kjos, Hegland, Radtke

Others: Approximately 110 audience members, Jeannie McCarville (Home News), Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

President Cates opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. He noted that the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. McCauley moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

#### Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

#### Public Comments

Based on a recent proposal by administration to close River Valley Elementary Lone Rock, the Board expected a large audience and rules of order for speaking on this topic were shared with the audience, including a timeline of 3 minutes per speaker. Several audience members voiced their opinion against the proposal. Some provided support for the proposal.

The public comments section ended and the Board took a five minute break and then continued with the meeting agenda at 9:10 p.m.

Cummings moved to move agenda item Action 6, "Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations" up on the agenda to be discussed at this time. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

#### Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

Bettinger moved to approve the Budget Committee recommendation to balance the 2016-17 budget either through elementary staffing configurations or through employee salaries and benefits adjustments. Strozinsky seconded.

After discussion, Bettinger called the question. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Cates, Jennings, Strozinsky

Against the motion: Cummings, Iausly, McCauley, Nelson, Young

Abstain: N/A

Absent: N/A

Polled vote was 4 to 5 in the affirmative. Motion failed.

### Student Council Report

Melody Reich noted that February 5 will be registration day for 2016-17 high school classes and reported on recent happenings at schools in the district.

### Board Reminders and Announcements

None.

### What's Happening at RVSD? - Highlighted Academic Events

Krey noted that the varsity girls' basketball team held a teacher appreciation night at a recent game, which included each player recognizing a specific teacher as her inspirational teacher. The varsity boys' basketball team and junior and senior wrestlers will also be holding similar recognition nights in the near future

Kasey Maxwell noted that one of her 5<sup>th</sup> grade students booked his own show and will be displaying his own photography at the Spring Green Library in July.

### Video Contest Winners

We received three \$500 awards at our elementaries (two for Spring Green and one for Lone Rock) as the result of a Peoples Community Bank video contest explaining how schools could use \$500 to improve their learning experience.

### Legislative Update

None.

### Board Training Opportunities

There is a WASB Legal and Human Resources Conference on February 25-26 at Wisconsin Dells.

### Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – December 2015; Open Session Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2015

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

### Consideration & Action on WASB Convention Resolutions

Nelson moved to allow Cates as the Board's convention delegate to use his judgement to vote on WASB convention resolutions during the delegate assembly at the January WASB Convention. Jennings seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts of: an anonymous donation of 2 kindles and cases valued at \$163 to Arena Community Elementary; \$5 donation to FFA chili supper from Nancy Schaaf; and \$75 donation from Kurt Peck, on behalf of Jody Peck, to Fund 21 for families in need. Young seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

Cummings moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: Policy 321 School District Calendars; Policy 423 Public School Open Enrollment; Policy 423 Rule Public School Open Enrollment; and Policy 345.5 Graduation Requirements. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Bettinger moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: Policy 133 Filling Board Vacancies; Policy 652 Revenues From Investment; Policy 684 Fraud Prevention and Reporting; Policy 683 Capitalization and Depreciation; Policy 341.1 Reading Instruction; Policy 345.52(b) Technical Excellence Scholarship; and Policy 345.52(b) Exhibit Technical Excellence Scholarship Application. McCauley seconded. The Board thanked the Committee for their continuing work with policies. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Setting Special Meeting Date – January 25 or 28

Iausly moved to set a special meeting for Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Cummings seconded. Motion carried with McCauley opposed.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for District Administrator Mid-Year Evaluation and Discussion of Administrator Contract Renewals

Iausly moved to adjourn to closed session at 10:15 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) for District Administrator Mid-Year Evaluation and Discussion of Administrator Contract Renewals. Young seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:58 p.m.

Consideration & Action on Administrator Contract Renewals

Cummings moved to approve the renewal of administrator contracts for 2016-17 and 2017-18. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 11:00 p.m. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

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