

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

Present: Nelson, Carstensen, Minich, Maier, Jennings, Cates, Iausly, Young, Leah Drachenberg (Student Representative)

Absent: Bettinger

Admin: Glasbrenner, Radtke, Blakley

Others: Michelle Orcutt, Shari Graffunder, 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.

Iausly moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Carstensen moved to approve the agenda. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None.

Student Council Report

Leah Drachenberg was present. She is the vice president of the student council at the high school. Morgan Brickl is the president. Leah noted homecoming week was a busy week. The student council made \$300 selling cotton candy. The elementary agriculture learning theme was apples and some classes visited an orchard. Another field trip included a visit to the fire station and a ride on a fire truck. There will be a middle school and high school choir concert on October 25. The high school musical is "Mamma Mia" and will be performed on December 15, 16, 17 and 18. Four high school students participated in the WSMA state honors choir.

Review of Homecoming and School Fair Activities

Glasbrenner shared praise for an incredible school fair and homecoming and noted it was the first one held as normal since he started at River Valley. Blakley noted it is a wonderful time for school pride and support of each other in student events. Graffunder was thanked for her leadership with the school fair. It was noted that only 4 districts in the state hold a school fair and our FFA program is looked up to by other districts. Graffunder thanked Ron Fruit during his final year at WRCO and for 33 years of covering our school fair. Channel 3000 also promoted the fair. This year's auction earned the most money ever and had the most exhibitors. Thanks was given to businesses and individuals who supported the auction and scholarship program, especially Prem Meats, Equity, Gavin Brothers and Hill Auctioneers. Thanks to staff members for helping with the fair and working at the 9 interactive agriculture exhibits. October 6, 2023, will be the 60th school fair!

WASB Business Honor Roll Awards Presented to Area Businesses

The district nominates area businesses to WASB on an annual basis to recognize them for their support of the school district. This year's recipients were selected based on their generous support of the Stadium Investment Project: Kraemer Brothers; Gauger & Son Salvage, Inc.; Straka Meats; Prem Meats; RV Athletic Booster Club; and RV Soccer Association. Thanks to the School Board members who attended soccer and football events to honor these businesses.

Enrollment Information:

Enrollment information is as follows: Third Friday September Pupil Count = 1,185; and Third Friday September Open Enrollment In/Out = 64 IN and 147 OUT. We have contacted 21 families that registered as home school last year but haven't registered by the deadline this year and are not attending our schools. Glasbrenner also reached out to open enrollment OUT families and, consistent with prior years, most note family convenience as the reason for attending a different district.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that the school fair serves as a type of learning field trip for ELC and elementary students.

Radtke noted that all middle school students took the I-Ready assessment. Teacher Professional Learning Community groups have been meeting regularly. He noted that many middle school students attended the school fair even though it was not a school day. Field trips included 8th grade to American Players Theater and 6th grade to Upham Woods Learning Center in WI Dells.

Blakley noted the high school has been busy with homecoming, field trips, and preparation for the high school musical. Students have been involved in assessments and teachers involved in Professional Learning Community groups. It is great to have more of a normal year for students and staff.

It was noted that this month is National Principals Month and last week was Wisconsin School Board Week. Administrators and Board members were recognized for their leadership and support of students and staff.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

The annual meeting will be held on October 24 with a special meeting to follow to approve the 2022-23 budget.

Legislative Update

There is a concerted effort right now for more funding for education and a focus on literacy and mental health.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – September 2022; Open Session Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on Hiring Architect for Facilities Study

Krey noted bids for a facilities study were accepted in August. Based on price, recommendations, and Kraemer Brothers input, two firms were interviewed and both were awesome. The interview panel is recommending FEH Design. Cates and Maier were at the interviews and noted both companies have worked with districts our size. They look forward to working with FEH Design over the next 15 months to assess our facilities with the help of community involvement. Cates moved to hire FEH Design to conduct a facilities study. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resignations, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve a two year extension for lawn mowing through 2024 with J and J Total Lawn Care with rates remaining the same during that extension. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly noted the Committee is looking into the possibility of solar panels across the campus. Glasbrenner continues to work with a DNR representative to make a trail with a bulldozer and spray poison ivy in our school forest.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 431 Rule Student Attendance Guidelines; 443.4 Weapons in the Schools; and 837 Weapons on School Premises. Young seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 373 Fundraising Activities; 448 High School Yearbook Senior Portrait Photo; ~~523~~ 428/528 Communicable Diseases; ~~523 Rule~~ 428 Rule/528 Rule Guidelines and Procedures Regarding Communicable Disease; ~~523 Exhibit~~ 428 Exhibit/528 Exhibit Periods of Exclusion from School with Infectious Conditions; and 536 Professional Staff Evaluation; and 523.2 Employee Treatment for Chemical Dependency or Mental Illness and 534 Resignation of Professional Staff Members both were reviewed with no changes. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Jennings moved to delete 223.31 Early Retirement for Administrators. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations

Bids for audit services were accepted in September. As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to sign a 3-year contract with Hawkins Ash for audit services. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Krey noted that the mill rate is projected to be the second lowest rate since 1984. He will review final numbers at the October 24 annual meeting.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Maier moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting gifts as follows: \$100 to the High School Technology Education Program from Spring Green Vision Center; \$250 to River Valley Volleyball from Janice Tennant Memorial Fund; and \$200 to Fund 21 for families in need from Kendra and Jason Schluter. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$250 from Daniel and Wendy Eames for the Stadium Upgrade Project. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Glasbrenner thanked the bidders at the school fair for their purchases and for supporting the fair.

Young moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk