

River Valley School District
Thursday, November 9, 2023
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Iausly, Gauger, Bettinger

Admin: Glasbrenner, Moore, Knoll, Peterson, Blakley, Radtke

Others: Shawn Duren, Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

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

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None.

Student Council Report

Leah Drachenberg noted that the student council purchased a cotton candy machine and made a profit on Halloween sales. They hosted a blood drive and Halloween dress up day and they are planning a “turkey bowl” assembly before Thanksgiving. The winter sports season has started. FFA members attended the FFA National Convention, hosted a coloring contest with free ice cream scoops donated by Culvers, and hosted a pumpkin carving contest with pumpkins donated by Hecks. There will be an upcoming cheese box fundraiser. The UW Platteville chamber choir will be performing at our district.

Update on Facilities Study and CORE Planning Committee

The CORE Planning Committee met on October 18 and will meet again on November 14, following a meeting of the Advisory Task Force. We continue to work with FEH Design and Kraemer for facility plan options to be reviewed on November 14, to including pricing. An ad hoc committee has been discussing a fine arts facility as part of the conversation of a potential referendum question or questions.

Discuss Process for District Administrator Annual Evaluation and Administrator Annual Evaluations

Each Board member will complete an evaluation form for Glasbrenner and return to Paula Wedige by December 1 for compilation and discussion at the December Board meeting. Glasbrenner will fill out a self-evaluation using the same form and reference the corresponding areas in the Strategic Plan. The Policy Committee will discuss moving the annual evaluation of all other administrators to occur each May with Glasbrenner providing an update at the May Board meeting. Recommendations for administrator contract renewals will still occur annually at the December Board meeting.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Blakley noted that student announcements and taps will be part of the high school Veteran's Day activities. Also, during Blackhawk period, students can write to veterans to show appreciation. Winter sports season has started as well as musical practice. Radtke noted the middle school Veteran's Day activities will include students writing letters to veterans and active duty people during social studies class. They held a Halloween party outside on October 27. There was training by CESA 3 regarding our district/school report cards and information will be released soon.

Peterson noted some elementary students saw a play in Richland Center, 4K visited a pumpkin patch, and the entire elementary went to Arena Pecks for a train ride and to feed the animals and Pecks donated mini pumpkins. Teachers are piloting a new math series and met virtually with teachers from Northern Ozaukee that have used this math series for eight years. Parent/Teacher conferences are next week at the elementary and ELC. Veteran's Day activities will include flag raising and veterans at the elementary to speak, play taps, and a gun salute. That will be followed by coffee and donuts at the ELC with kids singing, saying the pledge and giving cards of thanks.

Knoll is involved with special ed referrals and evaluations and meeting with staff at each building, including monthly training for instructional assistants. Knoll, Peterson, and Glasbrenner attended a workshop to analyze our systems of support for students in the areas of gifted/talented, universal, interventions, and special education. The gifted/talented program is transitioning to a new coordinator. Knoll and teachers agree that the new use of a virtual school psychologist is going well. Moore noted that November is a slower month in the business area and he will be attending a workshop next week pertaining to financial forecasting.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Jennings asked the Board about their interest in doing a self-evaluation. The last one was done in 2000. There was consensus to do this and the process will be discussed at the December Board meeting, with results discussed in closed session at the January meeting.

Legislative Update

The fall legislative season concludes on November 16. The DPI has extended an invitation to be involved in their strategic planning process via a survey.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – October 2023; Open Session Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2023, Regular Meeting and October 23, 2023, Special Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on Resignations, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 Madison Area Technical College Dual Credit Contract

Young moved to approve the 2023-24 Madison Area Technical College Dual Credit Contract. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Maier moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 762.1 Rule Food Service Collection and Non-Payment; 251 Exhibit River Valley Organizational Chart; 352 Exhibit 2 Field Trip and Overnight School Trip Checklist; and 672 Purchasing and Contracting Services. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Glasbrenner noted that the Project Lunchbox fundraiser is already at \$3,100 from community donations for food insecurity assistance for students.

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Cates moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 223.1 Administrator Evaluation; 342.2 Gifted and Talented Program; 822 Rule Procedures for Access to Public Records; 443.1 Student Dress Code. Young seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Cates moved to forego the first reading and approve the second reading of 448 High School Yearbook Senior Portrait Photo. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Curriculum and Instruction Committee Recommendations

There was no action by the Committee but they discussed school report cards, which are still embargoed by DPI, and toured a few classrooms to see how facilities limitations have an effect on classroom learning.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Cates moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$500 from Smoke in the Valley to River Valley Tech Ed Department. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve an additional \$10,000 from Kraemer Brothers, LLC for the VideoBoard at the High School, for a total of \$15,000 from them. Maier 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)(c) and (f) for Discussion of Employee Performance and Potential Discipline Matters

Young moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:32 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and (f) for Discussion of Employee Performance and Potential Discipline Matters. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Sara Carstensen, School District Clerk