

River Valley School District
Thursday, April 14, 2022
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Iausly, Bettinger, Young, Carstensen, Cates, Minich, Maier (arrived 7:02 pm)

Absent: N/A

Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Peterson, Blakley, Radtke

Others: Michelle Orcutt, Rachel Orcutt, Dan Machovec, 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. Iausly moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Maier arrived at 7:02 pm.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None.

Student Council Report

Glasbrenner shared a report prepared by the Board's student council representatives. All elementary students attended the Opera for the Young's production of *Cinderella* and all will participate in their first annual spring concert since 2019, to be held on May 9 at the high school.

High school music seniors traveled to Chicago to see the musical *Moulin Rouge*. More than 40 high school events will be headed to the State Solo and Ensemble at UW-Platteville on April 30 and the final band and choir concert this year is on May 25. The high school library remodel is complete except the outdoor space. Students in Business Concepts class are working on entrepreneurial skills and each pitched a new product. Jacob Klein, Bodhi Kauss, and Jordan Jensen made it to the final round and will compete on the Madison College campus on May 6. The fitness trail will be finalized by the end of the school year and a 9 hole disc golf course will also be installed on the school campus by August 1. Students Ryan Norton and Jackson Thier are involved in these two projects and thanked the Endowment Committee for grants for funding. Jennings thanked the Slowpoke for sponsoring a fundraiser which showcased State Solo and Ensemble participants and raised funds for Ukraine.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that a flyer was mailed out by the Dodgeville School District, which highlighted their district and open enrollment, and was received by some River Valley residents. Dodgeville apologized to Glasbrenner and said the flyer was only meant to be sent to students in their district and was sent in error to some River Valley residents.

Peterson noted that end of the year field trips are being planned and staff and students are excited for one more step toward normalcy. The PTO provides a lot of funding for elementary student events, with the Blackhawk Bolt being the biggest fundraiser. Students are currently involved in state testing.

Radtke noted state testing will take place next week. End of year celebrations and field trips are being planned.

Blakley noted they have finished ACT Aspire testing and prom is next Saturday. Registration day for next year was held last week. Students are excited about happenings this time of year.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Board members were asked to let Wedge know if they want to hand out diplomas at graduation on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner provided a WASDA legislative update which outlined legislation signed into law, vetoed, or awaiting executive action.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – March 2022; Open Session Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on Proposed 2022-23 Attendance Areas for District Private Schools K4-5th Grade Students for Transportation Purposes

Bettinger moved to approve the 2022-23 Attendance Areas for District Private Schools K4-5th Grade Students for Transportation Purposes to be the same as last year. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 CESA #3 Contract

This item was postponed since the contract has not been received yet.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 SWEEP 1 and SWEEP 2 Cooperative Agreements for Use of Aeration and Top Dresser Equipment

Bettinger moved to approve the 2022-23 SWEEP 1 and SWEEP 2 Cooperative Agreements for Use of Aeration and Top Dresser Equipment. Young seconded. The district shares maintenance equipment with other districts. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Bettinger moved to approve the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Erik Johnson, High School Science Teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Maier seconded. Johnson was thanked for his work in the district. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Retirements

Bettinger moved to approve the retirements of the following staff members: Mike Miller, High School Science Teacher; Becky Miller, Middle School English Teacher; Andrea Kinney, Interventionist; Lauri Dischler, Instructional Assistant; and Joannie Harrington, High School Secretary. Carstensen seconded. These five individuals were thanked for their work in the

district. Krey noted that they represent over 150 years of service, with an average of 30 years from each person. Many spent their entire careers here and the Board and building principals wished them the best. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

There were no recommended changes to Policy 728 Wearing Masks and Face Coverings.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 413 Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination; 411 Nondiscrimination/Equal Education Opportunities; 411.2 Student Harassment/~~Sexual Harassment~~; 524.3 Harassment/~~Sexual Harassment~~; 524.3 Rule Procedure for Handling Harassment/~~Sexual Harassment~~ Complaints; 511 Equal Opportunity Employment; 511 Rule Employee Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures; 411 Rule Student Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures; 411.1 Rule/411.2 Rule Procedure for Filing Harassment/~~Sexual Harassment~~ Complaint; and 411.1 Exhibit 1/411.2 Exhibit 1 Bullying/Harassment Report (High School Online Form). Minich seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 661 Depository of Funds; 661.1 Authorized Signatures; 663 Cash in School Buildings; 664 Petty Cash Fund; 666 Safety Deposit Box; 671.2 ~~Tax Annuities~~ Payroll Deductions; 673 Payment Procedures; 681 Financial Reports and Statements; 682 Audits; 443 Rule 2 ~~Staff Use of Physical Force/Corporal Punishment, Seclusion, and Restraint~~ Appropriate Use of Seclusion and Physical Restraint; 151.3 Administration in Policy Absence; 171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination; 173 ~~Executive~~ Closed Sessions; 183 Board Member Attendance and Voting Method; Temporary Policy for Board Member Attendance and Voting Method During the Emergency Order; 187 Public Participation at Board Meetings; and 190 Recognitions for Accomplishment. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Curriculum and Instruction Committee Recommendations

No recommendations. The Committee has been focusing on finding collaborative planning time for staff within the school calendar and are waiting on results of two surveys: one to teaching staff regarding different models of collaborative planning and one to students regarding technology, to compare to the results of the same survey given in 2019. The Committee will meet again on April 18.

Consideration & Action on Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations

No recommendations. The stadium project fundraiser is now over \$690,000 and Meise Construction has started work on site with a design agreed upon by everyone involved. Iausly noted that Dick Powell has donated time and machinery to clean up the school forest. He has been working with Glasbrenner and Scott Lancaster, DNR Forester, and all were thanked for their time and effort.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to approve the 2022-23 preliminary budget. Maier seconded. The budget will officially be approved at the annual meeting in October. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to approve the 2022-23 dental and vision insurance plans with no cost increase and no changes. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to approve the 2022-23 health insurance plan with a change to an HMO plan at no cost increase, and to offer the option for individual employees to maintain the POS plan with the employee paying the difference in cost. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve a wage increase of 4.7% for 2022-23 for current RVEA, RVEST, and non-administrative non-union employees and to increase the athletic and activity salary schedules by 4.7%. Young seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve an increase of 2.0% for the 2022-23 RVEA and RVEST base wages for new hires. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$200 from Spring Green Community Church Cookie Walk Committee to FFA; and the following to the Stadium Upgrade Project—\$100 anonymous; \$200 Amelia and Nate G Royko Maurer; \$1,000 James Ridge, Colleen Madden, Guidry Ridge, and Jameson Ridge; \$5,000 Matt and Heather Brickl Family; \$500 Dean and Julie Huth Family (in memory of Terry Maxwell); and \$500 Robins Nest Country Gifts and Flowers (in memory of Terry Maxwell). Cates seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing

Minich moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:45 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:49 p.m.

Consideration & Action on Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing

Young moved to approve 17 students to opt out of state testing. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Minich moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk