

River Valley School District
Thursday, April 20, 2017
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Bettinger, Strozinsky, McCauley, Cummings, Nelson, Jennings, Young, Iausly
Absent: Cates

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

Others: Kasey Maxwell, Elaine Frank, Joannie Harrington, Monica Reeve, Joni Johnson-Kropp, Janna Johnson, Deb Miller, Pat Christianson, Sharon Jeardeau, Emily Friederick, Jackie Johnson-Kruse, Carol Severson, Sarah Dilley, Justin Dilley, Justin Roske, Cathleen Withington, Michelle Weiss, Lynn White, Shari Graffunder, Michelle Orcutt, Rachel Orcutt, Bridget Roberts, Jessica Knoble, Cyndie Rasmussen, Linda Kettner, Jason Hollenberger, Doris Green (Home News), 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. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) and 118.22 for a Private Conference With a Teacher; 19.85(1)(a) and 19.85(1)(f) for Expulsion Hearing and Deliberation and Action; and 19.85(1)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing

Iausly moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:05 p.m. Young seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:00 p.m.

Public Comments

None.

Student Council Report

In Baylee Shifflet's absence, Blakley summarized recent districtwide events. Hegland noted that River Valley Elementary School - Lone Rock was awarded a Wisconsin School of Recognition "Beating the Odds" award. This award is available to Title 1 schools who serve a high percentage of economically disadvantaged students. "Beating the Odds" schools: (a) are in the top 25 percent of high-poverty schools in the state on standardized test participation, have a drop-out rate of less than 6 percent, and have an absenteeism rate of less than 13 percent; and (b) have above average student achievement in reading and mathematics when compared to similar schools.

Mock Homicide Investigation on School Grounds

High School Social Studies Teacher Jason Hollenberger and Officer Andy Kurek noted that a mock homicide investigation will take place on April 24 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. for a classroom project. The event will take place on Westmore Street.

Mr. Hollenberger and the mock trial team were recognized for their success.

Update on 2017-18 District Configuration Transition

Hegland noted that over the last few months, several initiatives related to the transition have taken place: letters were sent to parents regarding staffing; 4K child checks were held; teacher inservice time was used for grade level teams to meet and visit buildings and to talk with staff about issues/concerns; cleaning and moving schedules are being discussed; specific classroom locations and schedules in the buildings are being discussed; 5K round up will take place on April 26; a staff meeting at grade levels is planned to create class lists; open house dates will be determined; and an end of year picnic for all elementary families and students is being planned. Young asked if there is any new bussing information and was told not at this time.

Board Reminders and Announcements

There will be a special Board meeting from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on May 18. Board members were invited to hand out diplomas at graduation on Saturday, May 27, at 11:00 a.m. Jennings noted this is the last Board meeting for Brice McCauley and thanked him for his service. Wermuth noted that Paul Cummings is resigning from the Board and also thanked him for his service.

Legislative Update

Wermuth encouraged all to continue to contact elected officials regarding the school funding formula.

Board Training Opportunities

None.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – March 2017; Open Session Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2017

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

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts of \$50 from Sauk County Retired Educators Association to the FFA, \$3,700 from the Athletic Boosters for an Eye in the Air End Zone Camera for the football program, \$5,000 from the Athletic Boosters for the Middle School scoreboard, and \$1,000 from River Valley Youth Basketball for the Middle School scoreboard. McCauley seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolution to Nonrenew a Teacher's Contract for the Ensuing Year

Bettinger moved to adopt the Resolution to Nonrenew a Teacher's Contract for the Ensuing Year for Sharon Jeardeau. Strozinsky seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

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

Iausly moved to approve two students to opt out of state testing. Young second. Motion carried with Strozinsky opposed.

Consideration & Action on an Administrator's Responsibilities/Job Duties and Contract

This item will be on the next Employee Relations Committee meeting agenda. No discussion.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Requiring Recall Elections

Clerk Deb Nelson certified both recall petitions, so an election will be held on May 30. The district will close five polling places for this election, so there will be twelve, with some hosting electors from multiple municipalities.

McCauley moved to adopt a Resolution Requiring Recall Election for Area 5. Bettinger seconded. Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Cummings, McCauley, Nelson, Young

Against the motion: Jennings, Iausly

Abstain: Strozinsky

Absent: Cates

Polled vote was 5-2 in the affirmative with 1 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Young moved to adopt a Resolution Requiring Recall Election for Area 7. McCauley seconded.

Roll call vote:

For the motion: Bettinger, Cummings, McCauley, Nelson, Strozinsky, Young

Against the motion: Jennings

Abstain: Iausly

Absent: Cates

Polled vote was 6-1 in the affirmative with 1 abstain and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 Teacher Transfers

Iausly moved to approve multiple teacher transfers as submitted. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Overload for 2017-18 Teaching Load for a Math Teacher

Iausly moved to approve compensation for Kevin Billington to teach an extra section of Algebra 1A at the high school for 2017-18. Young seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Consideration & Action on 2016-17 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Transcribed Credit Contract

Young moved to approve the 2016-17 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Transcribed Credit Contract for an exchange of services at no cost to the district. McCauley seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Fourth Quarter 2016-17 Common Threads Contract

Young moved to approve the fourth quarter 2016-17 Common Threads Contract for services for a special education student. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 SWEEP 1 and SWEEP 2 Cooperative Agreements for Use of Aeration and Top Dresser Equipment

Bettinger moved to approve the annual 2017-18 SWEEP 1 and SWEEP 2 Cooperative Agreements for use of aeration and top dresser equipment. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 CESA #3 Contract

Bettinger moved to approve the 2017-18 CESA #3 Contract. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Self-Evaluation Summary for Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination

Cummings moved to accept the Self-Evaluation Summary for Status of Pupil Nondiscrimination report prepared by Lisa Kjos. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Bettinger moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Marquita Brown, High School Spanish Teacher, effective at the end of 2016-17. Young seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

Cummings moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 310 Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations, 322 School Day, 332 Parent Rights and the Curriculum, 840 Gifts to the District, and 850 Public Sales or Solicitations. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 830-Exhibit Facilities Use Request Form, 871 Handling Complaints About Instructional Materials, 871 Rule Procedures for the Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, 871 Exhibit Request for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, 120 School District Legal Status, and 130 School Board Legal Status, and to delete 341.2 Education for Employment. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Employee Relations Committee Recommendations

Iausly moved to approve the Committee's recommendation for 2017-18 teacher compensation at 1.26% increase and supplemental pay for some teachers at 1.21% increase, with base pay with Bachelor's degree at \$37,811.39 and base pay with Master's degree at \$41,166.97. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve the Committee's recommendation for 2017-18 non-exempt hourly staff compensation at 1.81% increase, which is CPI increase of \$0.18 per hour plus supplemental pay of \$0.07 per hour for a total of \$0.25 per hour; the Speech Interpreter would receive an increase of \$1.25 per hour; non-union non-exempt hourly 12 month staff will receive CPI plus

supplemental pay increases based on administrative recommendations. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

Young moved to approve the Committee's recommendation to transfer the balance of \$8,268 from Fund 39 (Debt Service) to Fund 10 (General Fund). Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve the Committee's recommendation to hire a School Psychologist. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried with Young and McCauley opposed.

Strozinsky moved to approve the Committee's recommendation to contract with Affiliated Engineers Incorporated for a building envelope and HVAC study at the middle school at a cost of \$20,920 to come out of Fund 49. McCauley seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Consideration & Action on School Forest/Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations

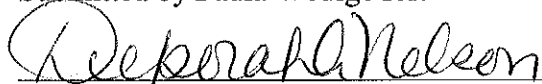
None.

Consideration & Action on Technology Committee Recommendations

None.

McCauley moved to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Cummings seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:



Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk