

River Valley School District
Thursday, May 11, 2023
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Gauger, Minich, Iausly, Young, Carstensen, Cates, Eva Iausly (Student Representative)
Absent: Jennings, Bettinger, Maier
Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Radtke, Blakley
Others: Shawn Duren, Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

Glasbrenner noted that the Board will need to appoint an Acting President for this meeting with both the President and Vice President absent tonight.

In the absence of President Jennings and Vice President Bettinger, Carstensen moved to appoint Iausly as Acting President for this meeting until officers are elected later this evening. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

With the retirement of Clerk Nelson, Iausly moved to appoint Carstensen as Acting Clerk until officers are elected later this evening. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

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

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None.

Student Council Report

Eva Iausly was present. The student council recognized staff during teacher appreciation week. The student council will work shifts at the Little Hawks Track and Field event to help cover the cost of the appreciation gifts and the student council scholarship. The Middle School Shakespeare Group will perform The Merry Wives of Windsor at the end of May. At the high school, 8 students went to state forensics competition and several students attended state solo and ensemble. Also, 5 music students earned spots in the state honors mixed choir, 1 student earned a spot in the state honors treble choir, and 1 student earned a spot in the state honors orchestra. There is a band and choir concert on May 15. Heidi Radel, Business Teacher, was awarded a gold star teacher award and her personal finance students were recognized for excellence with 93% passing a financial literacy certification test. Radel also took 80 business students to a "Get Real" life simulation event where students paid taxes, housing, child care, gas, investments, etc. and were randomly assigned marital status, credit card debt, tickets from law enforcement, health emergencies, etc.

River Valley School District Endowment Fund Grants Awarded

The Endowment Board awarded grants to the following teachers: Cooking Club \$1,260 RVMS – Jaime Hisel; 4th Grade Robotics \$1,795 RV Elem – 4th Grade Team; Outdoor Area Improvements \$1,350 – Jennifer Moore-Kerr; Teaching for Artistic Behavior Technology -Phase

One \$840 RVMS – Monica Kmak; Electric Vehicle \$13,000 RVMS – TJ Wunnicke; FarmBot Project \$3,500 RVMS – TJ Wunnicke.

Update on Facilities Study

Krey noted that FEH Design has received 428 facility survey responses so far, which is above the 300 responses they were hoping to receive. The deadline is Friday, June 2, and FEH Design will attend the June 8 Board meeting to present survey results.

Invitation from CESA #3 for a Summer Learning Opportunity for District Administrator

CESA #3 has invited Glasbrenner to serve as 1 of 4 members to represent Southwest Wisconsin at an educational research conference in Washington DC from June 26-29.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

The elementary music program was a success and the Little Hawks Track and Field event will be held tomorrow. There are several field trips planned for the end of the school year.

Radtke noted that all students took assessments in math and reading. Tony Cavagnetto took the jazz band to the elementary school and the nursing home to perform. Upcoming events include the Middle School Shakespeare Group play and field trips and 8th grade graduation at the stadium on Friday, June 2.

Blakley noted there is a lot of energy in the high school building with AP testing, scholarship night, baccalaureate, and graduation all happening in May.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

The Board welcomed Pam Gauger as a new Board member. Bettinger, Gauger, Young, Carstensen, and Iausly will be present to hand out diplomas at graduation on Saturday, May 27, 2023.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner noted that the Joint Finance Committee is in executive session and it will be August or September before the budget is set.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – April 2023; Open Session Meeting Minutes April 13, 2023, Regular Meeting

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

Board Organizational Meeting

President – Cates nominated Jennings. Young moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jennings as President. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President – Young nominated Bettinger. Carstensen moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Bettinger as Vice President. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk – Cates nominated Carstensen. Young moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Carstensen as Clerk. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Young nominated Iausly. Minich moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Iausly as Treasurer. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to set the regular Board meeting date, time, and place as the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Middle School Library. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to appoint Boardman and Clark as legal counsel. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to appoint Peoples Community Bank as depository of funds. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to appoint Home News as news media. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Carstensen moved to appoint Iausly as Acting President for the remainder of the meeting in the absence of President Jennings and Vice President Bettinger. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 Teacher Transfers

Based on enrollment projections for 2023-24, Cates moved to approve the teacher transfer of Rhonda Licht from 4K to 3rd Grade and Michala Boese from 3rd Grade to Middle School Science. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Retirements

Minich moved to approve the retirement of Lisa Roelke as High School Phy Ed teacher. Young seconded. Roelke spent her entire teaching career at River Valley and was thanked for her service. Motion carried with Iausly opposed.

Consideration & Action on Resignations, if any

Young moved to approve the resignation of newly hired teacher Kevin McGivern. Iausly seconded. McGivern took a different job in his hometown so will not be starting at River Valley in the fall. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Jennifer Bindl as a High School Science Teacher. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Amber Rynes as a High School Science Teacher. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Noah Olson as a High School Phy Ed Teacher. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Savannah Curtis as a High School Phy Ed Teacher. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolution Authorizing 2023-24 Teacher Contract Renewals

Young moved to adopt the Resolution Authorizing 2023-24 Teacher Contract Renewals. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Pupil Nondiscrimination Self Evaluation Summary

Young moved to approve the Pupil Nondiscrimination Self Evaluation Summary. Cates seconded. This report was prepared by Lisa Kjos and is required every 5 years. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Transcribed Credit Contract

Cates moved to approve this annual agreement with no cost to River Valley since our teachers teach the classes. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on “Safe Return to In-School Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan”

Cates moved to approve the changes to the “Safe Return to In-School Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.” Iausly seconded. This is related to ESSER funds and must be reviewed every 6 months until September 2023. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Curriculum and Instruction Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Minich moved to approve “Launching Into Aviation” as a pilot course for 2023-24. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

The Committee reviewed a draft of an outline for the 2023-28 Strategic Plan, which was then sent to the full Board for review and suggested revisions.

As recommended by the Committee, Minich moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 834 Service Animals; 836 Animals on School Premises; 860 Visitors to Schools; 751.3 Bus Rules and Regulations; and (NEW) 839 School Forest. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve the first reading of the following policies; (NEW) Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring; 751.4 Use of ~~Cameras or Recording Devices~~ **Video Surveillance or Electronic Monitoring** on School Buses or other Authorized Vehicles; and 751.3 Rule Bus Rules and Regulations Discipline Procedures. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Outline for 2023-28 Strategic Plan

A draft outline was shared and the Board was asked to contact consultant, Mark Roffers, with any suggestions.

Consideration & Action on Budget/Employee Relations Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to approve the 2023-24 preliminary budget. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve a 5% increase to fees for the before and after school program for 2023-24. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to approve a \$0.10 increase to breakfasts for students and adults and a \$0.15 increase to lunches for students for 2023-24. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Minich moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards to replace district credit cards. Young seconded. The district will get an annual rebate. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$20 from Rebecca Ellis for expenses related to middle school science class chickens; \$500 from River Valley Arts, Inc. to Middle School Shakespeare Project; \$500 from River Valley Arts, Inc. to 4th grade classrooms; \$1,550 from Athletic Booster Club for warm up jackets for boys basketball; and music

equipment—(small sound system with mixing board and speakers (\$200); 2 microphones (\$220); 5 shielded sound cords (\$60); 3 mic stands (\$40); Peavey practice amp (\$80); and keyboard (\$100)—valued at \$700 total from Lauren Jensen to the music program. Carstensen 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)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing and 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator Annual Evaluations

Cates moved to adjourn to closed session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Requests From Students to Opt Out of State Testing and 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator Annual Evaluations. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:25 p.m.

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

Minich moved to approve requests from 6 students to opt out of state testing. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:



Sara Carstensen, School District Clerk