

River Valley School District
Thursday, May 14, 2020
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 pm

*(Used Social Distancing During COVID-19)
(Held as a Virtual Meeting During COVID-19)*

- This meeting was conducted as a virtual meeting due to an active emergency situation. The public was able to view this meeting live on our River Valley YouTube Channel.

- The District discouraged the public and/or media from attending the meeting in person at its noticed location due to concerns with health and safety. Anyone who attended the meeting in person was required to wear a mask and follow social distancing.

- Public comments were to be shared without attending this meeting in person by contacting Kathy Jennings, Board President, prior to the meeting at 608-588-4737 or at jennings.rvsb@rvschools.org.

Present: Strozinsky, Nelson, Jennings, Young, Bettinger, Cates, Maier, McGuire (7:04)

Absent: Iausly

Admin: Andres, Krey, Radtke, Blakley, Peterson, Kjos

Others: Loren Glasbrenner, 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. Strozinsky moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Maier moved to approve the agenda. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

McGuire arrived at 7:04.

Public Comments

Per Jennings, no one from the public contacted her prior to the meeting with public comments. There were no public comments during the meeting.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Open Enrollment – The application deadline is extended to the end of May.

Meal Delivery – 14,000 meals have been delivered. Hegland has been organizing this effort.

Delivery of Instruction – Instruction continues to be virtual or home delivery.

Grading – The high school will grade but not give a grade lower than what was earned in the 3rd quarter. No grade was below a D minus for 3rd quarter. We want to make sure skills are learned to get to the next level of classes while working with struggling learners more in depth. The middle school is using a pass/fail system. Feedback from students is that they don't like online learning and would rather be in school. Teachers say the same. At the elementary level, we are not putting anything on the report card for 3rd trimester but are using a feedback form and narrative for each student, noting strengths and weaknesses. There are no plans for elementary

and middle summer school, but high school credit recovery will happen online with the at risk population. Lisa noted it has been difficult to provide special education services.

Prom – A student survey showed the desire for a winter senior prom.

Scholarships – This was a virtual award ceremony and went well.

Graduation – This will be a virtual ceremony on May 23. Each senior also received a yard sign and we did individual senior “shout outs” on our district Facebook page. Darby will schedule delivery of every diploma to every student, unless students opt to pick them up.

End of Year Plan – We will cooperate with local police, DHS, and the county. When we open up, the insurance company is going to monitor us to see if we are following requirements.

River Valley School District Annual Endowment Fund Grants Awarded to Teachers

The Endowment Committee awarded grants for 5 projects for 2020-21.

2020-21 Event Dates

Homecoming/School Fair – Friday, October 2, 2020; Prom – Saturday, April 17, 2021 (3rd Saturday in April); Scholarship Awards Night – Wednesday, May 19, 2021; Baccalaureate – Sunday, May 23, 2021 (tentative–based on request by parents); Seniors Last Day – Thursday, May 27, 2021; and Graduation – Saturday, May 29, 2021.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Jennings noted the Board will be holding upcoming committee meetings with social distancing and virtual access.

Legislative Update

Andres noted that the change in Governor’s order does not affect the school closure deadline of June 30. It was noted that the National Guard was involved in Covid-19 testing for Sauk County in our high school parking lot. There were only 2 positive cases out of 130 people tested. Devos noted there are no waivers for education so we must provide compensatory plans for special needs students. While the fall is uncertain, items to discuss are soap dispensers, towel dispensers, playground equipment, drinking fountains, masks, temperatures for students/staff, teaching children social distancing and sanitizing, etc.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – April 2020; Open Session Meeting Minutes – April 6, 2020; April 9, 2020, Special Meeting; and April 9, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

Board Organizational Meeting

President – Strozinsky nominated Jennings. Strozinsky moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept Jennings as President. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President – Young nominated Bettinger. Strozinsky moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept Bettinger as Vice President. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk – Maier nominated Nelson. Strozinsky moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to accept Nelson as Clerk. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer – Young nominated Iausly. Strozinsky moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Iausly. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Date, Time, and Place - Bettinger moved to hold regular Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Middle School Library. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of Legal Counsel – Bettinger moved to appoint Eileen Brownlee, Boardman and Clark, as legal counsel. Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of Depository of Funds – Bettinger moved to appoint Peoples Community Bank as depository of funds. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of News Media – Maier moved to appoint Home News as news media. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any
None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any
Bettinger moved to approve the hiring of Anna Pawlisch as a RV Elementary Special Education Teacher. Cates seconded. It was noted that this new position replaces the decrease of two special education assistant positions. Motion carried.

It was noted that Lisa Brown will transfer from Middle School Special Education Teacher to the High School Special Education Teacher vacancy, which leaves a vacancy at the middle school.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any
Maier moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$500 from Vita Plus to purchase snack sticks from Prem's and Straka's and cheese from Arena Cheese and Cedar Grove for school breakfasts and lunches; 20 pounds of cheese valued at \$100 from Prem's for school breakfasts and lunches; \$20 from Terri Bass to River Valley Elementary; \$2,000 from "B the Light" (Brandon and Toni Harris) for a replacement door/secure entrance at the rear of River Valley Elementary near the playground; \$37 from Phil and Cindi Manske lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; \$3.05 from Joannie Harrington lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; \$3.20 from Lisa Scofield lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; \$49.80 from Jason, Heather, and Jack Meixelsperger lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; \$49.75 from Tienna Gruber lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; \$6.35 from Lexi Hatfield lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; \$81.25 from Cindy and Phil Kersten lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need; and \$14.25 from Jayden Schaller lunch account balance to Fund 21 for families in need. Young seconded. Roll call vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on CESA 3 Contract Revisions
No action.

Consideration & Action on CESA 5 Contract

No action.

Consideration & Action on 2020-21 SWEEP 1 and SWEEP 2 Cooperative Agreements for Use of Aeration and Top Dresser Equipment

Bettinger moved to approve these annual agreements covering our costs in a consortium that shares major lawn care equipment. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2019-20 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Transcribed Credit Contract

Maier moved to approve the 2019-20 Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Transcribed Credit Contract at no cost to the district. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations

Krey noted a \$288,000 savings in the 2019-20 budget since we have not been paying for transportation. Lamers will be sending a proposal for discussion at the June Budget meeting.

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Strozinsky moved to continue meal delivery to district families through June 30. Young seconded. We will seek volunteer staff members to prepare and deliver the meals which are estimated to cost \$9,000 for 18 days. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Bettinger moved to pay 25% of the 2019-20 athletic salary schedule to spring head coaches and not to pay assistants. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Young moved to pay prom and post prom advisors when 2020 prom is complete. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

The preliminary 2020-21 budget was discussed, with Krey presenting a new financial forecast that is drastically different from the forecast in February, due to state budget deficit projections.

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Maier moved to approve the CESA #10 Contract for 2020-21 for continued coordination of maintenance projects. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Young moved to approve market-based increases for 2020-21 for 6 employees as presented by administration. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Budget/ERC Committee, Strozinsky moved to approve changes to the non-discrimination statement in the Employee Handbook. Jennings seconded. Motion carried.

Maier moved to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk