

River Valley School District

Thursday, June 11, 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, Iausly, McGuire

Absent: N/A

Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Radtke, Blakley, Peterson, Kjos, Hegland

Others: Janelle Sivam, Lisa Roelke, Ryan Norton, 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. McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Jennings thanked Tom Andres for his past year of service in the district. Jennings introduced Loren Glasbrenner as our new District Administrator. Glasbrenner thanked the Board and administrative team for their warm welcome and for the help that has been provided by the administrative team during his transition.

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

2019-20 School Health Services Annual Report

School Nurse Janelle Sivam summarized the report. Thanks was given to the nursing staff and Dr. Furukawa. Sivam noted that there were 12,707 student office visits, which is a decrease since the school year was shortened due to COVID-19. However, there were more temperature checks and assessments of staff, especially with the food service prep and delivery initiative.

Along with the nursing staff, 7 secretaries in the main offices were trained to give oral medication. We work with the Lions Club for vision and hearing checks and with Bridging Brighter Smiles for dental services. We are 100% compliant with immunizations, although 85 students are not fully vaccinated but the families have signed waivers. Other nursing services include Human Growth & Development training; CPR training; the Back Pack meal program;

RV Market (Carrie Chandler will lead RV Market next year); and staff blood pressure checks, resources, advice, and conversations.

There are weekly meetings to discuss COVID-19 and the nurses have been working closely with custodians. For the fall, nurses will have two rooms—one for respiratory issues and the other for injuries and medications. It has been suggested to use a traditional desk set up (facing forward), do not use couches, have staff and students wear masks, use face shields for speech and special education staff, create sanitizing stations, eliminate use of areas of congestion (cafeteria), and have students eat in classrooms facing out from each other, along with overall cleanliness and safety.

End of Semester Review of Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) Program

Peterson noted that the prior semester assessments were provided again since spring assessments could not take place.

Summary of 2020-21 Open Enrollment Applications

Glasbrenner noted that all new applications for 2020-21 open enrollment (9 students IN, and 33 students OUT) will be approved with a reminder that not all of these may opt to proceed with open enrollment.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that administration is continually reviewing COVID-19 information, and DPI guidelines for the fall are expected in a few weeks. Logistics of transportation has been discussed and area parochial schools are considering asking parents to transport their own kids. Three education models for fall are to be all on-site, all virtual learning, or a mixture of virtual and on-site. We need to address that some parents may want all virtual learning regardless. This is not the same as home-schooling, which is not affiliated with schools. Surveys of staff and parents regarding the virtual learning environment provided information on how we can improve. Board and administration are proud of the work done by staff, students, and families. Peterson noted we need an easier platform for families to use with little kids. It was noted that some students at various grade levels “checked out” and were not engaged.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Jennings noted that while attending virtual meetings, please put mute on when not speaking.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner noted that new Title IX regulations may require changes to our policies. Glasbrenner continues to receive and kept apprised of Covid-19 information from the county, WASB, WASDA, CESA, etc.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – May 2020; Open Session Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on District Facilities to Remain Closed After June 30, Until Further Notice

Administration is recommending to keep district facilities closed to outside groups after June 30 until further notice. We want to work on how to bring back district sponsored co-curricular

activities first and on educating coaches and advisors on guidelines. Young moved for district facilities to remain closed to non-district activities until further notice. Iausly seconded. There was discussion about whether the motion should reference phases of reopening. Young amended her motion to state that we will continue to follow county health guidelines and district facilities will remain closed to non-district activities until further notice. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Appointment of Medical Advisor for 2020-21

School nurse Janelle Sivam recommended Dr. Furukawa as our medical advisor. Strozinsky moved to appoint Dr. Furukawa as our medical advisor for 2020-21. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2020-21 Board Committee Assignments

Board President Jennings recommended no changes to committee assignments. McGuire moved to keep the 2020-21 Board committee assignments the same as 2019-20. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Bettinger moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Bob Bramlett, Special Education Teacher. Iausly seconded. Bramlett is retiring after 31 years as a teacher and coach. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Maier moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Kelly Deterding, School Nurse. Strozinsky seconded. Bettinger expressed the need to keep communication open if we find the need for more nursing staff. Iausly agreed, especially with following Covid-19 guidelines. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Both Bramlett and Deterding were thanked for their service.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Iausly moved to approve the hiring of Jacob Kisiolek as a High School English Teacher. McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Maier moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$7.60 from Ali Hoffman's lunch account balance, \$16.25 from Collin Zander's lunch account balance, \$25.20 from Brett Baryenbruch's lunch account balance, \$94 from Deb Paulus, and \$40.50 from Sue Quale, all to Fund 21 for families in need; \$800 from FFA, \$50 from Shari Graffunder family, \$50 from Steven and Susan Wedvick, \$600 from Lasebra Farms LLC, \$50 from Herbert and Linda Paulus, \$50 from Jeffrey and Joanne Brown, \$50 from Larry and Judy Sebranek, \$100 from Tysen Neuheisel family, and \$20 from anonymous donor, all for dairy products for meal program; \$150 from Nathan and Deb Stiemke for plants for FFA; and 20 face shields valued at \$20 from Cardinal IG for school health offices. McGuire seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 524.4 Staff/Student Relationships; 172 Special Board Meetings; 834 Service Animals; 836 Domestic Pets on School Premises; 141 Board Officers; 252 Administrative

Committees; and 892.1 Student Teachers; and to delete 162 New Board Member Orientation. McGuire seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 511 Equal Opportunity Employment; (NEW) 511 Exhibit Disability Accommodation Request Form; 545 Hiring Co-Curricular Coaches and Advisors; 251 Exhibit River Valley Organizational Chart; 345.4 Academic Honors and High School Laude System; 345.4 Exhibit Laude Chart; 345.5 Graduation Requirements; 763 Healthy Kids Initiative Policy (Wellness Policy); and 860 Visitors to Schools. Maier seconded. Language in Policy 860 describing “metal detectors” as devices used to detect underground metal items will be clarified prior to the second reading. Motion carried.

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

Ryan Norton presented a plan for redoing the fitness trail for his Eagle Scout certification. He will be working with Ms. Roelke and much of the work will be done off site and then installed on site at a later date. They are hoping to finish before school starts or by September. This project is getting some funding through a grant from the River Valley School District Endowment Fund. As recommended by the Committee, Strozinsky moved to approve the fitness trail project presented by Ryan Norton for his Eagle Scout certification. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Strozinsky noted there are many facilities-related items to look at for opening schools in the fall with Covid-19 regulations. It was noted that all work done under the safety grant is now done. The Committee will meet on June 22 and the sale of Lone Rock School Forest will be a discussion item at that meeting.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations

Krey noted that within the 2019-20 budget, we received \$179,000 in high cost transportation aid that we didn't plan on. June 30 is year end and our audit will take place at the end of July.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to approve the 2020-21 preliminary budget as presented. Young seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to increase the high school lunch price by 5 cents to \$3.20. Young seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to approve additional Credit Advancement Policy language in the 2020-21 Employee Handbook pertaining to Google Certified Educator. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

It was noted that we have not received a reply from Lamers on what they are seeking related to payment of Lamers Contract for 2019-20, during COVID-19. We will receive grant reimbursement dollars for expenses during closure due to COVID-19. A future Committee meeting will discuss whether we will require staff biometric screenings for fall 2020 or just a health survey to receive a discount on premiums.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk