

## River Valley School Board – Policy Committee Meeting

Committee: Policy

Date: June 7, 2021

Meeting Time: 5:00 pm    Adjourn Time: 6:30

Present: Kathy Jennings, Deb Nelson, Fred Iausly, Kiley Cates, Loren Glassbrenner, Brian Krey (audience: James Radtke & Jeff Maier)

| Agenda Item  | Motion | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Discussion   |
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| <b>Approval of minutes from May 3, 2021</b>                                      | Kiley  | Deb             | Approved.  |
| <b>728 Mask Policy</b>   | Kathy  | Kiley           | <p>Policy will be on the agenda every month to address concerns or changes necessary during the pandemic.</p> <p>Motion to change the policy to “Masking Optional” both indoor and outdoor everywhere on the RV campus. There was mainly concern about the 12 and under age group that isn’t able to get a vaccine at this time. Everyone else has had to opportunity to be vaccinated. Locations that offer vaccinations have enough to give, and the demand for the shots appears to be down. There was discussion to continue to offer space at RV to offer the vaccine to students this summer/fall and Loren will look into this.</p> <p>Summer school is voluntary, and students will be put into pods. In the event there is a positive case, this will make it easier to trace and locate close contacts, without having to shut buildings down.</p> |
| <b>185 Board Committees and Appointments</b>                                     | Fred   | Kiley           | <p>Recommend to the Board for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.</p> <p>Two committee names have changed:<br/> School Forest/Buildings and Grounds is now “Buildings and Grounds”<br/> Technology is now “Curriculum and Instruction”</p>   |
| <b>(NEW) 852 Distribution of Electronic and Printed Material</b>                 | Kathy  | Fred            | <p>Recommend to the Board for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.</p> <p>There is a lot of information that comes to the District from many sources, with requests to distribute the information to students and families (club meetings, fliers, community events, etc). This policy establishes procedures for the RV staff on how to distribute this information. Essentially, the District plans to have an electronic community bulletin board to post this information, and the policy describes this process of approval and what is acceptable to be posted. RV is moving away from distributing paper copies of information. Families will also receive emails once a week, or once every other week, with information about the community bulletin board.</p>  |
| <b>345.4 Academic Honors and HS Laude System &amp; 345.4 Exhibit Laude Chart</b> | Kathy  | Fred            | <p>Recommend to the Board for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.</p> <p>The District transitioned from the cumulative Grade Point Average to the Laude System over the last 4 years. All students graduating in the classes of 2022 and beyond will be recognized through the Laude System. Language was removed that referred to GPA. There was a discussion about the selection of graduation speakers. Committee liked that staff selects speakers, and recommend widening the selection pool to include students who earn Magna and Summa Cum Laude status, not only Summa Cum Laude.</p>   |

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| <b>187 Public Participation at Board Meetings</b>            | Kathy | Fred  | <p>Recommend to the Board for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.</p> <p>Policy was reviewed because it hadn't been looked at in a few years. In the past, the public has been able to participate and raise their hand to ask questions during Board Meetings. Over the last several years, the public has not been recognized to participate with the Board during meetings. Although input at times has been valuable, in order to maintain consistency and fairness, especially with meetings being available to watch online, the committee recommends not changing the policy as it is, and discussion at meetings should remain among Board Members, not the Board members and the public.</p> |
| <b>Rural Virtual Academy</b>                                 | Fred  | Kiley | <p>No action taken.</p> <p>RV is partnering to offer students a fully virtual education, while remaining a student at RV through the Rural Virtual Academy. There was discussion about whether a policy is needed for this, and it was decided it was not, however 2 policies should be updated (320 Organization for Instruction &amp; 322 School Day) to include information about the Rural Virtual Academy.</p>   |
| <b>320 Organization for Instruction</b>                      | Fred  | Kiley | <p>Recommend to the Board for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.</p> <p>Add a sentence to include Virtual school is offered Pre-K to 12 through the Rural Virtual Academy.</p>   |
| <b>322 School Day</b>  | Fred  | Kiley | <p>Recommend to the Board for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.</p> <p>Add language that states the Rural Virtual Academy sets their own schedule for each day.</p>   |
| <b>WASB Policy Manual Quick Check policies on the agenda</b> |       |       | <p>Not enough time to discuss at this meeting. Keep on the agenda for July's meeting.</p>   |
| <b>Adjourn</b>   | Kiley | Fred  | <p>Next meeting scheduled for July 12, 2021 at 5:00. Meeting changed from 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.</p>  |