

River Valley School District
Thursday, June 9, 2022
Regular Meeting
Middle School Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Iausly, Bettinger, Young, Carstensen, Cates, Minich

Absent: Maier

Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Peterson

Others: Jordyn Wendhausen, Brittiney Belche, Michelle Orcutt, Judy Ettenhofer (Home News), Julie Kuhse (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.

Carstensen moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

No public comment.

2021-22 School Health Services Annual Report

Jordyn Wendhausen and Brittiney Belche summarized the report, reporting totals for diabetics, incidents and accidents, medication administration and 911 calls. Secretaries in each building are trained to assist with medication administration, and staff members going on field trips are also trained. A Medical Emergency Team is in each building with at least one member certified in First Aid, CPR and AED use. All team members are trained in the administration of emergency medication including inhalers, EpiPens and glucose for diabetic emergencies.

Student health screenings are done in the fall. Vision and hearing screenings and referrals are done throughout the year. Bridging Brighter Smiles comes to our schools for dental screenings. Health education was provided to students, parents, and staff related to health conditions, diseases, illnesses, and injuries. Handwashing was taught to each classroom at the Early Learning Center and the elementary school. The Weekend Backpack Program provided weekly meals to 194 students across the district. The nurses report a 99% compliance rate for student immunizations.

Nurses administered roughly 1,500 COVID rapid and PCR tests to students and staff. A total of 348 positive cases of COVID-19 were reported to district nursing staff who followed up with close contacts via email. The majority of COVID cases were between Thanksgiving and January with another rise at the end of the year.

The Board thanked the nurses for their work. Glasbrenner thanked the nurses and commented that with the work of our nurses, our district was a service for the entire community and our district ended up being a guiding practice for the pandemic.

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

Peterson noted that assessments were completed in May. The results reflect several factors from the pandemic and loss of school time and loss of learning. Students are making gains but didn't reach normal goals. RTI practices are in place allowing for classroom and pull-out intervention services. We continue to work on social/emotional and parent trauma, new things that students

are bringing into the classroom. Responsive Classroom Training is also being done by classroom teachers, and continued work to identify the social/emotional learning standards.

Summary of 2021-22 Open Enrollment Applications

Glasbrenner noted that we received applications from 21 new students to open enroll OUT for the upcoming school year and applications from 15 new students to open enroll IN. In addition we have 14 that chose River Valley Rural Virtual Academy full-time.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that the high school has been organizing Scholarship Night, concerts, final sports competitions, graduation, finalizing their schedule, prepping for summer school, and hiring for resignation/retires. Glasbrenner noted that the middle school is working through a new schedule, organizing 8th grade recognition ceremony, finishing the school year, and organizing field trips. Peterson noted that at Spring Green Elementary, all students participated in field trips last week, and enjoyed a family picnic on the last day. At the ELC, they celebrated kindergarten promotion and field trips.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

July's Board meeting may again be held in the middle school cafeteria due to the library renovation project. The project includes updates in lighting, electrical, and furniture. A wall is being removed to create classroom space.

Young expressed sympathy for the family of Rhiannon Humphries who passed away a few days before graduation.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner provided a paper copy of his report as well as an online version with hyperlinks to items in legislature.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – May 2022; Open Session Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on Appointment of Medical Advisor for 2022-23

Young moved to appoint Dr. Furukawa as our medical advisor for 2022-23. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 Board Committee Assignments

Board President Jennings recommended no changes to committee assignments. Chairpersons will be appointed at the next committee meetings. Iausly moved to keep the 2022-23 Board committee assignments the same as 2021-22. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Evaluation of Bi-Annual Safety Drills at Each School Building

Bettinger moved to accept the evaluation of bi-annual safety drills at each building as presented. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 CESA #3 Contract

Glasbrenner noted a change in the contract from last year is in the virtual learning collaborative area. The \$10,000 fee was omitted due to our obligations to Rural Virtual Academy. Iausly moved to approve the 2022-23 CESA #3 contract. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Taylor Jahn, Elementary Physical Education Teacher. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with one absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Kaitlin Bril, Middle School Art Teacher. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with one absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Matthew Gausmann, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with one absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Kathryn Reynolds, High School Special Education Teacher. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with one absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Retirements, if any

No action.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Minich moved to approve the hiring of Kira Lynch as High School Math Teacher. Young seconded. Bettinger would like to have staffing conversation at a budget meeting. Glasbrenner explained these positions are not just replacements, but to fill a need in the schedule. Principals have looked at each position and potential sharing of staff between buildings. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Kally Clary, K-8 Interventionist, focusing at the early learning center and middle school. Young seconded. Iausly commented that this position will assist with the interventions needed Peterson noted in her AGR report. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Carstensen moved to approve the hiring of Makayla Meixelsperger, Middle School Math. Adopting a block schedule at the middle school, there is a need for an additional math teacher. This position will replace a high school science position not being filled. Minich seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Courtney Seitz, Middle School ELA/Reading. Young seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Olivia Fry, 3rd Grade Teacher. Iausly seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Young moved to approve the hiring of Michala Boese, 3rd Grade Teacher. Minich seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Marissa Anderson, 1st Grade Teacher. Young seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Minich moved to approve the hiring of Quinn Fitzgerald, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Fitzgerald will be teaching under emergency licensure for this school year. Cates seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Iausly moved to approve the second reading of the following policies as presented: 343 Instructional Arrangements; 344 Adult Education; 221 Recruitment and Appointment of District Administrator; 223.1 Administrator Evaluation; 225 District Administrator Evaluation; 341.1 Reading Instruction; 342.3 Programs for Children-at-Risk; 343.1 Lesson-Curricular Plans; 345.1 Grading Systems; 351 Summer School Programs; 362.1 Interlibrary Loan of Materials; 363 Guidance and Counseling Programs. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 345.52 Graduation Exercises; 345.3 Promotion and Retention; 345.5 Graduation Requirements; 443.1 Student Dress Code; 443.7 Youth Gangs; 451 Student Aid Programs; 460 Student Scholarships; 470 Student Fees and Fines. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations

Iausly provided information from a meeting with the Carie Graves family, a River Valley graduate/Olympian who passed away in December. The family would like to have an approximate 2' x 4' bronze plaque displayed outside the entrance of the high school. The family is also willing to donate to the district some of the many awards Ms. Graves had received from various organizations, teams, Olympics, etc. The family will come back to the Building and Grounds Committee once they have completed plans.

Krey shared the facilities study process of hiring an architect to look at our facilities including recommendations of updating, bringing up to code, and safety issues. They would then go through a discover process with community meetings and surveys. Once price quotes are received from the contractor, they would then go back to community with a presentation of cost and effect on taxes. They would prioritize the items from the study and determine what the community would support in a capital referendum. The Building and Grounds Committee recommended taking this to the Budget Committee and will be on the next agenda.

Krey provided an update on the Stadium Upgrade Project. Concrete work is currently being done. Asphalt will be put down as a base for the track in a few weeks. The turf company will be here mid-July, which takes 12-14 days to finish. Once the asphalt sits for 30 days, it will then be rubberized. If everything stays on schedule, the project should be done the first week of August.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts as follows: River Valley Boosters - \$1800 for football cheer uniforms and \$500 for supplemental JV2 volleyball jerseys. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with one absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts as follows for the Stadium Upgrade Project: \$500 Kevin and Kathryn Heiser; and \$75,000 anonymous donation to complete the fundraising goal. Carstensen seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with one absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Julie Kuhse for:

Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk