

River Valley School District
Thursday, July 11, 2024
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Young, Jennings, Minich, Bettinger, Gauger, Maier
Absent: Cates, Iausly, Carstensen
Admin: Glasbrenner, Knoll, Radtke, Blakley, Peterson
Others: Dick Powell, Shawn Duren, Judy Ettenhofer (Home News), Paula Wedige
(Administrative Assistant)

President Jennings opened the meeting. Jennings noted that the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member.

In at the absence of Clerk Carstensen, Minich nominated Young as acting clerk for this meeting. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

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

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Community Spotlight

This is a new monthly agenda item to recognize an individual, group, or business in our community for supporting River Valley schools. Dick Powell, community member, was recognized for his volunteer work with the school forest. Dick noted his interest in forestry and the environment and is working with Glasbrenner and the DNR to clear out evasive species and diseased wood and to thin out the school forest. He is looking for equipment to use to save money on the project. He would like to involve students in the project and wants to work with teachers and students on how to best use the school forest for educational purposes and for the community to enjoy.

Public Comments

None.

Summary of Community Survey Results – Referendum 2024 Follow Up

Kevin Eipperle from FEH Design was present. Of the almost 500 respondents, 84% of them voted. For referendum question one, 57% voted yes. The biggest reason people voted no was that it would raise taxes too much (66%) and 59% said no because they don't think more gym space is needed. For referendum question two, 40% voted yes. The biggest reason people voted no is that they think a performing arts center is unnecessary (66%) and 56% said no because it would raise taxes too much. Voters and non-voters prioritized safety and security projects (82%) for the future.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Knoll noted we have a few special education teacher vacancies to fill. She attended literacy training for Act 20.

Peterson also attended literacy training for Act 20. Screening for 4K-3rd grade takes effect in January with no opt out and will be twice a year for 4K and three times a year for others. The

4K-5th grade teachers received training in the science of reading for English/Language Arts with Tracy Frosch integral for the training.

Blakley noted summer school was a great success for students who needed to get credits. Plans for freshmen orientation and the high school open house are being finalized. He thanked custodians for waxing floors and thanked Young and Gauger for climate meetings with staff.

Radtke also attended literacy training for Act 20. The middle school has summer school every Thursday through August 8. He also thanked Young and Gauger for climate meetings with staff.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

Please let Paula Wedige know if you will be attending the January 2025 WASB Convention in Milwaukee. So far, Glasbrenner, Mahoney, and Gauger will attend.

Legislative Update

A Dane County judge has recently ruled bringing ACT 10 (collective bargaining) back into the news. Legislators will continue to discuss. Glasbrenner will provide updates as necessary.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – June 2024; Open Session Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2024, Regular Meeting

Bettinger moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resignations/Retirements, if any

Bettinger moved to approve the resignation of Michala Boese, MS Science/Math Teacher. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2024-25 Teacher Transfers, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Maier moved to approve the hiring of Jacob Marshall, Middle School Phy Ed Teacher. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Academic Standards Notice

Minich moved to approve the annual adoption of the Academic Standards Notice as follows: *The River Valley School District follows the Wisconsin Academic Standards as adopted by the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction as an outline of base expectations. The related accountability and testing is conformed to as appropriate to be in compliance with all state and federal laws. Where appropriate, classroom materials have been aligned to research and standards. These academic standards serve as an outline of base expectations, which are exceeded in almost all areas of school offerings.* Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Academic and Career Planning (ACP) Document Approval

Bettinger moved to approve the ACP document. Maier seconded. There are no changes from last year. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Annual Meeting Date – Monday, October 21, 2024 – 6:00 pm

Bettinger moved to set the annual meeting for Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:00 pm. Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Special Meeting Date – Monday, October 21, 2024– 7:00 pm

Maier moved to set a special meeting for Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2024-25 Handbooks

Young moved to approve the following handbooks for 2024-25: Elementary Student, Middle School Student, High School Student, Special Education, At Risk, Athletic Code, Activities Code, Coaches, and Substitutes. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2023-24 Restraint and Seclusion Report

Knoll provided a report noting 19 incidents of seclusion and 51 incidents of restraint, including those at private schools and alternative school sites that serve some of our students with higher behavioral challenges. Of the 51 incidents of restraint, 41 were off site students, with the remaining all at the elementary school. There was a decline in seclusion and restraint incidents at the elementary and the duration of time in seclusion and restraint has decreased. There is a new safe space for students to decompress if they are an eminent threat to self or others. We are looking at procedures for future improvement and will meet with crisis teams and look at students with repeats. Young moved to approve the 2023-24 Restraint and Seclusion Report. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 1st and 2nd reading of Policies Related to Title IX as Directed by Renning Lewis and Lacy

Minich moved to approve the 1st and 2nd readings of the following policies related to Title IX, as directed by general counsel: (NEW) 411.5/511.3 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex (Title IX) in Education Programs or Activities and Related Grievance Process; 411.3 Title IX: Sexual Harassment Policy for Students and Other Applicable Individuals; and 511.2 Title IX: Sexual Harassment Policy for Employees; 361 Selection of Instructional Materials; 363 Guidance and Counseling Program; 411 Nondiscrimination/Equal Education Opportunities; 411 Rule Student Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures; 411.1 Bullying/Harassment; 411.2 Student Harassment; 411.1/411.2 Rule Procedure for Filing Harassment Complaint; 411.1/411. 2 Exhibit 1 Bullying/Harassment Report; 411.1/411. 2 Exhibit 2 Bullying/Harassment Report; 411.1/411. 2 Exhibit 3 Student Bullying Report Form; 411.1/411. 2 Exhibit 4 Elementary Bullying/Harassment Report Notes; 413 Gender-Based Harassment and Discrimination; 420 School Admissions; 443 Student Discipline; 443.1 Student Dress Code; 460 Student Scholarships; 511 Equal Opportunity Employment; 511 Rule Employee Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures; 524.3 Harassment; 524.3 Rule Procedure for Handling Harassment Complaints; 524.3 Exhibit Harassment Report Form; 524.5 Staff Social Media Use; 760 Food Service Management; 761 Free and Reduced Price Food Services; 762 Automated Lunch/Breakfast Program; 762.1 Food Service Collection and Non-Payment; 762.1 Rule Food Service Collection and Non-Payment; 838 Naming District Facilities; 851 Advertising, Sponsorships, and Commercial Activities; 861 School Volunteers; and 871 Handling Complaints About Instructional Materials. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolution to Appoint Human Growth and Development Committee for 2024-25 and 2025-26

Bettinger moved to adopt the Resolution to Appoint Human Growth and Development Committee for 2024-2026. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Curriculum and Instruction Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Bettinger moved to adopt the 2024-25 textbook list. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

The Committee will continue to have discussion re: chromebook security and will look at CESA 5 for a technology audit on hardware, software, and educational use. Expenses for extracurricular courses are still being looked at with discussion about how to fund those classes.

It was noted that we continue to get grant dollars for our fab lab and we will look at a federal program for reading tutors.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations

There were no recommendations for Board approval. Pat Mahoney, new Business Manager, has been meeting with CESA 5 mentors and working on the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budgets and the Committee wants clarification on the FEMA BRIC Grant consulting agreement fees before taking any action.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Maier moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$500 from Hartung Brothers in memory of Milton Sprecher to the FFA. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 6-0 in the affirmative with 3 absent. Motion carried.

Minich moved to adjourn at 7:54. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Sara Carstensen, School District Clerk