

River Valley School District
Thursday, August 10, 2017
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Bettinger, Nelson, Jennings, Young, McGuire, Case, Cates, Strozinsky, Iausly
Absent: N/A

Admin: Wermuth, Novak, Krey, Hegland, Radtke, Kjos, Blakley

Others: Michelle Orcutt, Rachel Orcutt, Don Brander, Jessica Knoble, Cynthia Rasmussen,
Bridget Wyman, Doris Green (Home News), 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. Case moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

Don Brander asked if the mold issue has been resolved at the Middle School and then asked if there is a plan for the Lone Rock Elementary building. Dan McGuire said he would like to see a plan from administration. Jennings reminded all present that this item is on the agenda for the public to make comments and is not a forum for discussion of topics brought up by the public. In order for an item to be discussed, it needs to be on the agenda ahead of time by contacting Jennings or Wermuth to request items for the agenda.

Update on 2017-18 District Configuration Transition

Hegland noted there are some items we are still moving into classrooms. Teachers have been working hard to make the new spaces their own. Grade level teachers met as teams to plan for the year ahead. "Ready, Set, Go" conferences are being planned as well as the open house at River Valley Elementary. There is new lettering on the building and it was noted that pictures of teaching staff and grade levels have been posted on Facebook. Busing information was shared with families on Registration Day and there will be a practice run on August 30 with staff who will be bus supervisors. Current enrollments are 99 at Arena Community Elementary, 120 at River Valley Early Learning Center and 321 at River Valley Elementary.

Bettinger asked that the Lone Rock building issue be on the Annual Meeting agenda. Wermuth noted he has reached out to Lone Rock Village Board but has gotten no response. Currently, we will maintain the building until another plan is discussed. McGuire will contact the Lone Rock Village Board and have them contact Wermuth. The Arena Village Board has been in contact with the district.

CESA #3 Annual Meeting Report

Case attended the annual meeting in Fennimore. The annual report is in the Central Office if anyone would like to review it. Jamie Nutter, CESA #3 administrator, noted his desire to work with districts to share resources instead of competing.

Board Reminders and Announcements

Jennings addressed the need for Board members to be accountable and to answer emails in a timely manner regarding availability for committee meetings and to report absences. It was noted that Caroline Iausly and Lauren Knutson will share the duties of the student Board representative for 2017-18. The Board thanked Jon Novak for his years of service since he will be retiring on September 1.

Legislative Update

Cates noted that the budget will continue to be later. Summer school funding is being looked at by the Education Committee to count credits from summer school, online classes, etc. WASB has taken a neutral position on having a firearms education course as an elective. This is not a required course but a district could choose to offer.

Board Training Opportunities

The WASB Regional Meeting for our district is October 18 in Wisconsin Dells and the WASB Convention is in Milwaukee in January. Board members should contact Paula Wedige if they want to attend either.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2017; Open Session Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2017

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

Consideration & Action on Hiring Consultant for Strategic Planning

Administration talked with two consultants as potential hiring options and recommends Mark Roffers who has worked with many neighboring districts. Iausly has also worked with him in Dane County and in the Town of Dunn and feels he is very qualified. Board consensus is to have him present his timeline, process, and price to the Board at the next meeting.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Agreement

Bettinger moved to approve the 2017-18 PSLO Agreement. Young seconded. The Board invited Officer Kurek to a future meeting to share information about his role as PSLO. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2017-18 River Valley School District/St. Luke's Hold Harmless Agreements

Bettinger moved to approve the reciprocal agreements with St. Luke's. Cates seconded. Bettinger moved to amend his motion to include the correction of a date on the agreements. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Cates moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts of: \$500 from the RVESS POP group toward the purchase of the elementary "Mystery Science" program; \$100 from Jennifer Kraemer to Fund 21 for school supplies; \$1,499 for football "Hudl" and "Hudl Sideline" program, \$1,180 for boys basketball uniforms, \$573 for football transportation assistance for Sept 8 game, and \$650 to cross country for video display and clock for 40th Annual Blackhawk Invite, all from the Athletic Boosters; and a clarinet valued at \$200 from Norma Laughrey to the middle school band program. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Iausly moved to hire Rebecca Davis as a Speech/Language Pathologist with a one year, 60% FTE contract. Young seconded. Motion carried.

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

Krey noted that this must be approved on an annual basis per new statutes. River Valley has already been involved in career planning for a few years at the high school. The goal is for each student to have an individual plan for the future. Bettinger moved to approve the Academic and Career Planning Document. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

Iausly moved to approve the second reading of Policy 185 Board Committees and Appointments and Policy 185 Rule Roles of Board Committee Chairpersons and Appointees. Case seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the first reading of Policy 347 Student Records, Policy 347 Rule Guidelines for Maintenance and Confidentiality of Student Records, Policy 347 Exhibit 1 Release Form for Student Records Not Considered to be "Student Directory Data", and Policy 347 Exhibit 2 Request for Non-Disclosure of "Student Directory Data." The Policy Committee will further discuss adding military recruiters to the list of opt out options. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

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

A final proposal for the Middle School Building Envelope and HVAC Study will be ready in September. Inservice training with staff may include a mock lock down and review of shelter in place procedures. The Driftless Area group is working on a community trail that would go through the Highway 23 school forest. The School Forest Sub-Committee will look at school forests and determine if there is a need for thinning. There were no recommendations for action.

Consideration & Action on Employee Relations Committee Recommendations

The Committee noted they sent two recommendations to the Budget Committee for action: the approval of teaching overloads for Spanish teachers during the 2017-18 school year; and extended contract days for high school guidance counselors.

Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

Cates moved to approve double doors for the middle school entryway at an estimated cost of \$20,000 out of fund balance. Strozinsky seconded. The entryways at River Valley Elementary and River Valley Early Learning Center will be looked at in the future. Motion carried.

It was noted that teaching overloads for Spanish teachers during the 2017-18 school year does not need Board action since this is covered in the All Staff Employee Handbook.

Case moved to approve extended contract days for high school guidance counselors from 190 to 203 days, starting in the summer of 2018. Bettinger seconded. Motion carried.

Krey, new Activities Director, is researching the resurfacing of the high school track and will bring information to the Buildings and Grounds/School Forest Committee.

Strozinsky moved to approve the 2017-18 preliminary budget. Bettinger seconded. Novak noted the budget is based on the Governor's budget which includes increases in per pupil categorical aid in 2017-18 and an additional increase in 2018-19. The tax levy is projected to decrease if equalization aid goes up. Motion carried.

Nelson noted that when setting meetings of the Budget Committee, they will look at the first Monday of the month as the first option. However, the next meeting is on Monday, September 11 since Labor Day falls on the first Monday.

Cates moved to adjourn at 8:15. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

Deborah A. Nelson Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk