

River Valley School District  
Thursday, August 11, 2016  
Regular Meeting  
Middle School Library  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Young, Bettinger, Cates, Strozinsky, Iausly, McCauley

Absent: Cummings

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

Others: Deb Miller, Vicky Dittmer, Val Alt, Kelly Joles, Tonia Hatfield, Mike McDermott, Doris Green (Home News), Paula Wedige (Administrative Assistant)

President Jennings opened the meeting. She noted that there was an amended agenda and the meeting had been properly posted and notice had been provided to the appropriate media and each School Board Member. McCauley moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

#### Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

Iausly moved to approve the agenda. Strozinsky seconded. Motion carried.

#### Public Comments

No comments.

#### Technology Initiative Update

Mike McDermott noted that the district purchased approximately 500 new devices for PreK–8<sup>th</sup> grade students this coming year. The Technology Committee met recently to review a new Chromebook One-to-One Program Policy. The Board recognized Shawn Duren and Eric Stephens for their work in prepping these devices to be ready for the school year. Wermuth thanked McDermott for his work as the Technology Coach and the Board for supporting Mike's position over the last two years.

#### Update on Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR)

Hegland provided an end of year report for our three schools with AGR. Specific goals were set for each classroom and most classrooms met established goals, which were set quite high.

#### Delay of Start of Elementary After School Program

Unanticipated transportation costs are causing us to delay the start of this program. The cost will be more than double what we anticipated.

#### CESA #3 Annual Meeting Report

Sara Young attended as our district representative. She noted that there was a continuation of topics we heard about last year. It was noted that teacher shortages are prevalent in many districts.

#### Board Reminders and Announcements

Board members were asked to let Paula Wedige know if they plan to attend the WASB Convention in Milwaukee in January. It was noted that Doris Green will now be covering Board meetings for the *Home News*.

### Legislative Update

Cates noted that transportation aid does not help rural districts like River Valley. Also, the deadline is middle of September if we want to submit resolutions for the January WASB Convention.

### Board Training Opportunities

The fall regional meeting for our district will be held on September 13 in Wisconsin Dells.

### Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2016; Open Session Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2016

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

### Consideration & Action on 2016-17 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Agreement

Cates moved to approve the 2016-17 PSLO Agreement for 20 hours per week for Andy Kurek for \$10,560 for the school year. Young seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on 2016-17 River Valley School District/St. Luke's Hold Harmless Agreements

Young moved to approve the two hold harmless agreements for shared properties between Plain Elementary and St. Luke's. McCauley seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on 2016-17 Handbooks

Strozinsky moved to approve the 2016-17 Elementary Student Handbook. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Strozinsky moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts of \$799 for volleyball bags, \$300 for boys' soccer bags, and \$750 for pool rental for September from the Athletic Booster Club. McCauley seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Jacquelyn Frost. Young seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Prudence Harper. Cates seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Iausly moved to hire the following nine teachers: Robby Jacobson, High School Tech Ed; Mitch Heinemeyer, High School Guidance; Paige Gubbrud, Arena 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Stephen Zerebny, Arena 2<sup>nd</sup> grade; Sam Slezewski, Elementary Art; Melissa David, High School Special Ed; Lauren Walker, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English; Meghan McCall, Lone Rock 4<sup>th</sup> grade; and Kirsty Fahey, Elementary Special Ed. Young seconded. Motion carried.

### Consideration & Action on 2016-17 Teacher Transfers

McCauley moved to transfer Dan Machovec from 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Teacher to Middle School Civics Teacher. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Budget Committee Recommendations

There were no recommendations from the Budget Committee for action by the Board.

Consideration & Action on a Revision to the School Nurse Contract

Cates moved to approve a revision to the contract for Janelle Sivam, full time school nurse, so she is paid at the same hourly rate as our part time nurses. Young seconded. Motion carried,

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

Strozinsky moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: Policy 345.4 Academic Honors and High School Laude System; (DELETE) Policy 345.4 Rule Laude System Procedures; Policy 345.4 Exhibit Laude Chart; Policy 452.2 Student Immunization; (DELETE) Policy 452.2 Rule Student Immunization Reporting; Policy 452.4 Administering Medication to Students; and Policy 722.8 Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies. McCauley seconded. Motion carried.

Cates moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: Policy 342.4 Parent Involvement Policy (Title 1); Policy 433 Closed Campus/Open Lunch Policy for Juniors and Seniors, with reinstatement of the language that we are a closed campus; and (DELETE) Policy 433 Exhibit Junior/Senior Privilege Request Form. McCauley seconded. Motion carried with Strozinsky and Bettinger opposed. Motion carried.

Consideration and Action on Approval of School Crisis Response Plan

James Radtke and Andy Kurek have been working on revising our safety plan to be consistent with Sauk County. The Board wants to have the completed document before taking action, so they will revisit the plan at a future Board meeting. No action.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Discussion and Action on Enrollment and Conditions of Enrollment of River Valley Student Who Was Previously Expelled from Another District; and 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator End of Year Evaluations

Iausly moved to adjourn to closed session at 9:03 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Discussion and Action on Enrollment and Conditions of Enrollment of River Valley Student Who Was Previously Expelled from Another District; and 19.85(1)(c) for Discussion of Administrator End of Year Evaluations. Strozinsky seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

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Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk