

River Valley School District
Thursday, August 11, 2022
Regular Meeting
Middle School Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Young

Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Blakley, Radtke

Others: Judy Ettenhofer (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. Iausly moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None.

CESA #3 Annual Meeting Report

Glasbrenner attended a safety session where the speaker noted that metal detectors don't stop school violence and a strong PA system in the schools and securing exterior doors was emphasized.

Strategic Plan Progress Update

Glasbrenner contacted Mark Roffers to work with the district again to update our strategic plan. He will work with the architect that is hired for the facilities study and will speak with community and staff groups.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that a group of teachers attended Professional Learning Centers (PLC) training at CESA #3. Summer school for elementary and middle school students this year was held in August instead of June and was a successful experience. At the high school, Blakley shared that the PLC training was a great experience for staff and that student schedules have been sent out. Krey noted that interviews for choosing a company to prepare a facilities study will be held on September 12 with Board action in October. The football field is scheduled to be ready by Labor Day weekend. Child find activities were held for students coming into the ELC.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

The Board was invited to attend the August 23 all staff inservice to welcome back staff. Prior to the September 8 Board meeting, the Board will tour district schools at 5:30 p.m. Jennings reminded the Board that anyone can move to amend a motion—it's not limited to the person who made the motion. There needs to be a second to amend the motion and then a vote to accept the amendment. If accepted, vote on the amended motion. If not, go back and vote on the initial motion.

Legislative Update

The new CDC COVID guidelines for masking in schools matches what our district was already following at the end of last year and will continue for this school year.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2022; Open Session Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2022, Regular Meeting

Cates moved to approve the consent agenda items as submitted. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Agreement

Bettinger moved to approve the 2022-23 PSLO Agreement. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resignations, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Meghan McCall as an Elementary Special Education Teacher. Maier seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Iausly moved to approve the hiring of Gerri Gudenschwager as a High School Special Education Teacher. Minich seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 Crisis Plan

There were no procedure changes in the Crisis Plan binder. The classroom flipcharts will be replaced with smaller charts with instructions for HOLD, EVACUATE, LOCKDOWN, and SHELTER. Iausly moved to approve the 2022-23 Crisis Plan. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Officer Kurek shared with administration that Sauk County is working on an emergency team. There was discussion of using an outside expert to review our procedures, such as the recent speaker at the CESA #3 Annual Meeting.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

We will continue with the same COVID guidelines from last school year. We check county data and if it is high, then we look at our internal thresholds for when to mask.

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve the second reading of the following policies: 345.52 Graduation Exercises, 332 Parent Rights and the Curriculum, 345.3 Promotion and Retention, 345.5 Graduation Requirements, 443.1 Student Dress Code, 443.7 Youth Gangs, 451 Student Aid Programs, 470 Student Fees and Fines, and 460 Student Scholarships. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the first reading of the following policies: 431 Rule Student Attendance Guidelines, 443.4 ~~Dangerous~~ Weapons in the Schools, and 837 Weapons on School Premises. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to waive the first reading and approve the second reading of the following policies: 830 Use of School Facilities, 830 Rule Facilities Use Regulations, 830 Exhibit Facilities Use Request Form, and (NEW) 830 Exhibit 2 Regulations for Use of River Valley Stadium Artificial Turf. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried. Krey noted that the turf field will be roped off during track events, so the infield would be off limits.

Consideration & Action on Budget/ERC Committee Recommendations –

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve language in the Employee Handbook that allows travel time between buildings as follows: 10 minutes on the Spring Green campus and 20 minutes from Spring Green to Plain. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Maier moved to approve the addition of a Homecoming Dance Advisor to the Extracurricular Salary Schedule at 1% of base salary. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Maier moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$1,500 to girls basketball from Hartung Brothers; \$200 to Shannon Hagmann's classroom from Baxter and Suanne Gutknecht, \$10,000 for safety netting on softball varsity field from Athletic Booster Club, \$2,250 for golf team bags and push carts from Athletic Booster Club, 65 Guardian Caps valued at \$3,248 total to the football team from Scott and Pam Gauger Family, \$500 for school supplies from Jennifer Kraemer, \$150 for school supplies from Robert and Janelle Elmer, and \$40 to the district (in memory of Shirley Greenheck) from Gary Bowell. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolutions Accepting Gifts for the Stadium Upgrade Project as follows: \$100 Dale and Pat Crook and \$100 Art and Judy Temby (in memory of Joe Schambow). Maier seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Maier moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$1,000 from Joseph, Sara, and Austin Carstensen for the Stadium Upgrade Project. Minich seconded. Polled vote was 7-0 in the affirmative with Carstensen abstaining and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk