

River Valley School District
Thursday, August 8, 2019
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Nelson, Jennings, Young, Strozinsky, Kiley Cates, Bettinger, McGuire, Maier, Iausly
Absent: N/A
Admin: Andres, Krey, Peterson, Kjos, Radtke, Blakley, Hegland
Others: Michelle Orcutt, Jessica Knoble, 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. Iausly moved to proceed with the legal meeting. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None.

CESA #3 Annual Meeting Report

Deb Nelson attended the CESA #3 annual meeting in Fennimore where there was discussion geared toward rural schools regarding poverty, high quality instructional materials, funding, and family engagement. After networking with other districts, Nelson is proud of River Valley's success.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

The Board and administration expressed condolences at the death of Dee Swenson who graduated from River Valley and taught in the district since 1997 before retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year. She was known for telling kids to "read your face off" and fought for kids that didn't have someone in their corner. The family is asking for donations to 4 Pete's Sake in lieu of flowers.

An "Education 2020" Forum hosted by the Board will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. The purpose of the forum is to have community leaders hear from area presenters about student career opportunities, needs, and expectations. The main focus will be our workforce needs in the future and how that impacts our students' education. After the panel presentation, there will be a question/answer session and round table discussion to evaluate our current practices and determine what we need to change to better serve our students. In addition to community leaders, there will be an administrator or Board Member, a staff member, and a high school student at each table. One person at each table will record ideas and recommendations, and we will compile notes and send a summary to all attendees to share with their respective organization or board.

We are also working on a district informational pamphlet for visitors to our community and potential staff hires.

For the January 2020 WASB Convention in Milwaukee, please let Paula Wedige know if you plan to attend.

Legislative Update

Andres noted a requirement to provide students with a meal regardless of economic situation and that we shouldn't confront kids but can follow up with parents. In addition, parent names will now be part of a student's record. When safety drills are planned, districts can share information prior to the drill to plan for the drill.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2019; Open Session Meeting Minutes –July 11, 2019

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

Consideration & Action on 2019-20 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Services

Bettinger moved to approve the 2019-20 Police School Liaison Office services, with an increase from \$16 to \$18 per hour. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Staff Transfer(s) for 2019-20, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Resignations, if any

Bettinger moved to approve the Resolution Accepting Resignation of Stephanie Ivey, Alternative Education Teacher, contingent on payment of liquidated damages of \$3,000. Young seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Strozinsky moved to approve the hiring of Melissa Hilliard as High School Guidance Counselor, Heather Obershaw as 1st Grade Teacher, and Susan Bruss as Before/After School Program Director. Iausly seconded. Motion carried with Bettinger opposed.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts

Iausly moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$6,480 from the Booster Club for 12 runners for the high school gym floor. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

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

Strozinsky noted that the Committee is recommending to the Budget/ERC Committee that the district provide some funding toward the lighting of the soccer field. The Budget/ERC Committee will discuss on August 12. The Committee asked administration to generate a priority list for facilities to be in compliance with the Strategic Plan.

As recommended by the Committee, Young moved to approve harvesting timber on school property within the next month. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

Safety initiatives include putting stickers on exterior windows that label the classrooms and hanging interior signage so rooms are easy to find. Security camera updates have been installed per the safety grant and administrators and the Police School Liaison Office toured off campus evacuation sites. It was noted that new greenhouse windows have been installed and an update was given on the status of playgrounds, furnaces, concrete repair, mowing, and drainage issues.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Young moved to approve the second reading of 120 School District Legal Status and 442 Student Government and the following policies to reflect a required change in nondiscrimination language based on our Civil Rights Audit: 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/Sexual Harassment, 420 School Admissions, 443 Student Discipline, 443.1 Student Dress Code, 511 Equal Opportunity Employment, 511-Rule Employee Nondiscrimination Complaint Procedures, 524.3 Harassment/Sexual Harassment, 743 Acceptable Use of Networked Computers, Electronic Mail, and Internet Safety Policy, 760 Food Service Management, and 871 Handling Complaints About Instructional Materials. Cates seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Policy Committee, Young moved to approve the first reading of 524.4 Staff Contact/Relationships with Students, 525 Staff Sales and Solicitations, 526 Personnel Records, 531 Professional Staff Positions, and 532 Professional Staff Contracts. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes

19.85(1)(a) and 19.85(1)(f) to Discuss 2018-19 Expulsion Status

Iausly moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:40 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(a) and 19.85(1)(f) to Discuss 2018-19 Expulsion Status. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk