

River Valley School District
Thursday, August 8, 2024
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

Present: Young, Jennings, Minich, Bettinger, Gauger, Maier, Cates, Iausly, Carstensen

Absent: N/A

Admin: Glasbrenner, Knoll, Mahoney, Blakley, Peterson, Hegland

Others: Andy Kurek, Shawn Duren, 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.

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

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Community Spotlight

This is a monthly agenda item to recognize an individual, group, or business in our community for supporting River Valley schools. Officer Andy Kurek was recognized. He has been the Police School Liaison Officer for 24 years in our district. The Board and administration thanked Kurek and he thanked the district for the support during his cancer treatment and surgery.

Public Comments

None.

CESA #3 Annual Meeting Report

Jennings and Glasbrenner attended the CESA #3 annual meeting. They outlined services they provide and we do get many from them. One item to discuss is collective purchasing with other districts through them.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Knoll has been involved in training this summer related to Title IX, behavioral issues, and chronic absenteeism.

Peterson noted that there were 35 students at summer school as a jump start to the next grade and 1st graders getting used to a new building and meeting with their teachers. We will be adopting a new math curriculum and inservice time was used for implementing the program with teachers. Act 20 is still being discussed.

Blakley noted that the administrative team has been working on the staff inservice agenda and safety training. High school athletes have been back at the high school to get ready for fall sports.

Mahoney noted that he has now been in the Business Manager position for 6 weeks. He thanked the Board for their patience and support while he is learning. He went through last year's budget with the help of CESA 5 mentor services and is finalizing grants and claims from last year. Before the 24-25 budget can be finalized, we need to finalize last year's budget. Brian Krey has been providing him with some support for day to day operations.

Hegland state that athletics/activities are starting for the fall with good attendance at strength and conditioning sessions. The fall sports meeting was held last week, football started this week, swimming starts next week, and the remaining fall sports start on September 19. He and Officer Kurek have been busy with safety training. Training on the standard response protocol and reunification process will occur with staff during inservice activities. Hegland, Glasbrenner, Mahoney, and Shawn Duren attended cybersecurity training.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

The WASB Fall Regional meeting is on October 24. Region 10 has a vacancy if any River Valley School Board member wants to be nominated.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner noted that artificial intelligence is receiving a lot of discussion.

Consent Agenda: Checks, Invoices, Receipts – July 2024; Open Session Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2024, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on 2024-25 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Agreement

Bettinger moved to approve the 2024-25 PSLO (Police School Liaison Officer) Agreement. Maier seconded. There is no change in services or costs. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2024-25 Crisis Plan

Hegland noted there are many changes due to the new “I Love U Guys” crisis response training. Cybersecurity will be added to the plan. Officer Kurek summarized the 5 standard response protocols—Hold, Lockdown, Shelter, Evacuate, and Secure. There is a poster in each classroom and throughout the buildings with this list and action information. Reunification is another part of training for staff on August 28. Room numbers will be displayed inside each room, and they are already on the outside windows. Young moved to approve the Crisis Plan. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Triennial Local Wellness Assessment

Knoll provided this report that is updated every three years. She met with the Wellness Committee to review and evaluate the strength of our policy. It will be updated to add mental health language and caffeine level of drinks available in our schools, since many drinks meet the standards, but we don’t need to have the highest level caffeine allowed. She plans to meet with the Wellness Committee twice a year. Cates moved to approve the Triennial Local Wellness Assessment. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resignations/Retirements, if any

Iausly moved to approve the resignation of Nate Hunstiger, High School English Teacher. Young seconded. Motion carried.

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

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Cates moved to approve the hiring of Simonne Starr, Middle School Special Education Teacher. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Bettinger moved to approve the hiring of Greg Rauls, High School English Teacher. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Young moved to approve the hiring of Stephanie Pulvermacher, Middle School Math/Science Teacher. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to approve a contract with Launch Speech and Reading Services for a licensed person to provide in-person speech and language services 3 days a week for the coming school year. Cates seconded. We will continue to look for a person to fill this vacancy for the following year. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Policy Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to waive the first reading and approve the second reading of (NEW) 441 Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment - PPRA). Gauger seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Iausly moved to approve the second reading of 524.2 Code of Conduct for all River Valley Employees and Elected Officials and 861 Exhibit Confidentiality Agreement/Disclosure Statement. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve the first reading of 341.1 Reading Instruction; 342.3 Programs for Children at Risk; 345.3 Promotion and Retention Policy; 422.1 Foreign Exchange Students; and 763 Healthy Kids Policy (Wellness Policy). Young seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Buildings and Grounds Committee Recommendations

As recommended by the Committee, Cates moved to approve J&J Total Lawn Care to create a drainage trench toward the middle school as part of the elementary drainage project. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

As recommended by the Committee, Carstensen moved to approve Wis-Coat, LLC to do asphalt patching in the high school parking lot. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Maier moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts as follows: \$8,807 for basketball shooting machine from Athletic Boosters for girls and boys basketball and \$1,000 from Jennifer Kraemer for school supplies. Young seconded. Polled vote was 9-0 in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

_____ Sara Carstensen, School District Clerk