

River Valley School District
Thursday, September 8, 2022
Regular Meeting
Middle School Library
7:00 p.m.

(Starting at 5:30 p.m., all Board members except Bettinger and Young toured district schools.)

Present: Nelson, Carstensen, Minich, Maier, Jennings, Cates, Iausly, Young
Absent: Bettinger
Admin: Glasbrenner, Krey, Blakley, Radtke, Peterson
Others: Michelle Orcutt, 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. Minich seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments

None.

Update on School District Operations from Administration

Glasbrenner noted that staff and students are enjoying some normalcy with the start of school, such as getting kids together in groups.

Blakley noted that the high school atmosphere is full of good energy and there are many new staff members. The high school will focus on student connections and upper classmen guided freshman on the first day without other classes in attendance.

Radtke stated the middle school held an open house on August 24 and students started on September 1. The first day was a modified schedule with review of many behavior expectations, such as on the bus, on the playground and in the lunchroom.

Peterson noted grades 1-4, Kindergarten, 4K, and Early Childhood all started school on different days. All levels had either an open house or meet and greet conferences. Expectations and routines are the focus at the beginning of the year. Requesting that parents drop off kids at the door and leave has made a positive difference on comfort level for kids.

Board Reminders, Announcements, and Training Opportunities

The stadium open house was cancelled but may be rescheduled to school fair day. Tentatively, the field will be completed on September 11 with a walk-through on September 12 and an impact test on September 14.

Board members were invited to attend the homecoming football game on Friday, September 30, and to recognize Business Honor Roll recipients between the first and second quarters. Iausly and Carstensen noted they will be in attendance.

Legislative Update

Glasbrenner reported that there is additional funding at \$91 per student and the 2023-25 budget goals are now the main talking points.

Consent Agenda: - Checks, Invoices, Receipts – August 2022; Open Session Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2022, Regular Meeting

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

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 Annual District Goals

Glasbrenner reported on district goals and the correlation to our strategic plan. He has been talking with Mark Roffers, MDRoffers Consulting, to update our current 2018-23 plan in coordination with an upcoming facilities study. Two district policies (111 and 225) reference strategic planning and academic and climate goals. All staff have reviewed these annual district goals, which contribute to building goals.

The climate goal is for 100% of students to be able to share the name of a trusted adult from RVSD staff by the end of the school year. The academic goal is for 100% of RVSD educational staff to further use strategies targeting all students, with special attention to students with socio-economic challenges, to improve math and literacy proficiency. This will be measured by PALS, WI Forward, and ACT assessment.

Cates moved to accept the climate and academic goals for this school year and to request a report from administration at the end of the year. Maier seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 Madison Area Technical College Dual Credit Contract

Young moved to approve the 2022-23 Madison Area Technical College Dual Credit Contract. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Resignations, if any

None.

Consideration & Action on Hirings, if any

Young moved to approve the hiring of Annie Lieven, High School Special Education Teacher, and Heather Owen, 5th Grade Teacher. Carstensen seconded. It was noted that we had an influx of 5th grade students so one position that we did not replace after last year's resignations was used for this additional 5th Grade Teacher. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Grow Your Own Contract Request

Carstensen moved to approve a "Grow Your Own Contract" agreement for Megan McCall, Elementary Special Education Teacher. This allows the district to pay for an employee to obtain a teaching license but requires the employee to remain at the district for a specific length of time or pay liquidated damages to the district. Iausly seconded. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action on Curriculum and Instruction Committee Recommendations

No action was recommended by the Committee. They discussed district goals and the need to update the Strategic Plan. State testing data was shared and the need to get back to pre-COVID levels of achievement.

Consideration & Action on Resolutions Accepting Gifts, if any

Iausly moved to adopt the following Resolutions Accepting Gifts as follows: \$100 from Dale and Judy Hottmann to Cindi Manske's classroom; \$80 from Scott Koenitzer to Nick Ehlinger's

classroom; \$420 from Peoples Community Bank Employees for school supplies; \$100 from James and Janice Spredemann for school supplies; and \$100 for school supplies from Jeff Haylock in memory of his brother, Sam. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Glasbrenner thanked the community for their generosity in donating school supplies to fill backpacks donated by Cardinal Glass and thanked Julie Jensen at the Chamber of Commerce for coordinating this event. Thanks was also given to area businesses that provided gifts to welcome new teachers, which was also coordinated by Julie Jensen at the Chamber.

Carstensen moved to adopt the Resolution Accepting Gifts of \$250 from Paul and Julie Esser for the Stadium Upgrade Project. Maier seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

Consideration & Action to Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Discussion of 2022-23 Parent Transportation Contract

Young moved to adjourn to closed session at 7:44 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(f) for Discussion of 2022-23 Parent Transportation Contract. Iausly seconded. Polled vote was 8-0 in the affirmative with 1 absent. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:50 pm

Consideration & Action on 2022-23 Parent Transportation Contract

Iausly moved to approve the 2022-23 Parent Transportation Contract as presented. Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Iausly moved to adjourn at 7:51 pm Carstensen seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Paula Wedige for:

 Deborah Nelson, School District Clerk