

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes- July 12, 2021

1. The meeting was called to order by President Salta at 5:45 p.m.
2. The following members were present: Commissioners Michael Canty, Julie Schroeder, Maria Veldre, Randy Williams and Jaimie Salta. Commissioner Zac Peterson was excused.
3. Written notice of this meeting was sent to the news media on Friday, July 9, 2021.
4. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
5. Motion by Com. Schroeder to approve the Agenda, seconded by Com. Canty; motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion by Com. Canty, seconded by Com. Veldre, to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of June 14, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting of June 28, 2021; motion carried unanimously.
7. Recognition of Invited Visitors and Guests: None
8. Questions and Comments from Citizens on Agenda Items: None.
9. Communications: None.
10. The Board interviewed three great candidates interested in the open Board seat: Jennifer Pickering, Jennifer Henrickson, and Nicole Benthien. Following an open interview and open vote, the Board chose Jennifer Henrickson to fill the open seat. Commissioners Veldre, Salta, Canty, Schroeder voted for Jennifer Henrickson. Com. Williams voted for Jennifer Pickering. Thank you to candidates Nicole Benthien and Jen Pickering for your interest and time. Please welcome Jennifer Henrickson to the team!
11. Financial Statements:
 - a. Motion by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Canty to approve June Bills in the amount of \$2,151,627.68; motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Com. Veldre, seconded by Com. Schroeder to receive and file Activity Funds and Financial Statements; motion carried unanimously.
12. Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Com. Williams updated the Board on information from the last Facilities sub-committee meeting and the facilities assessment with CG Schmidt and Bray Architects. Superintendent Diane Johnson will connect with a few community members to request their presence on the committee and their perspective for the needs of the district. The assessment provided the need to focus on securing the entrances to all buildings and the crowded conditions at L.B. Clarke Middle School. Com. Williams provided the requests from Tim Engh on the need to expand both the Esports space and the weight room. Overcrowding has been a concern and action needs to be considered. The next Facilities/Technology meeting will be July 22, 2021.
13. Old Business:
 - a. Austin Schroeger reported the 1, 3, and 5 year bids for a new camera system like the one used at L.B. Clarke currently. The proposed camera system has advanced features for facial recognition and color of clothing recognition, thus cutting down SRO time researching footage when incidents arise. The cameras will be covered by the Fund Balance. Motion by Com. Williams, seconded by Com. Veldre to

approve the purchase of the 5 Star Camera System-5 year term for \$191,869.26 for Koenig Elementary, Magee Elementary and Two Rivers High School; motion carried unanimously.

- b. Austin Schroeger informed the Board that the current Phone System can be maintained with limited access to used parts. Austin Schroeger will provide additional information for the Phone System at the next Facilities/Technology meeting on July 22, 2021.

14. New Business:

- a. Approval of the following Teacher Contracts for the 2021-2022 school year:
 - i. Motion by Com. Canty; seconded by Com. Williams to approve Marques Trost, 5th Grade Teacher, L.B. Clarke Middle School; motion carried unanimously.
 - ii. Motion by Com. Schroeder, seconded by Com. Veldre to approve Melissa Hansen, HS Math Teacher, Two Rivers High School; motion carried unanimously.
 - iii. Motion by Com. Canty; seconded by Com. Veldre to approve Bethany Dewane, Special Education Teacher, Koenig Elementary School; motion carried unanimously.
- b. Motion by Com. Williams; seconded by Com. Veldre to approve the Open Enrollment Students for the 2021-2022 school year; motion carried unanimously.
- c. Motion by Com. Canty; seconded by Com. Veldre to approve continuing working with WASB; motion carried unanimously.
- d. Following a discussion with School Board Pres. Salta, District Superintendent Diane Johnson contacted WIAA, our liability carrier, and referred to the CESA 7 Survey in regards to face coverings. Twenty-two districts of 37 have responded; masks are optional in 20 districts and masks are still mandatory in 2 districts. Out of the eight school districts traveling for extra-curricular events, we are the last to require face coverings. Jodi Traas, representative from our liability carrier, suggested face masks could be removed as students are able to get a vaccination if they so choose. Based on the information, Diane Johnson requested special consideration to make the mask requirement optional for students/adults lifting weights in the early mornings or evenings, for those participating in open gym, and/or for those attending prom. Face coverings would still be required though the end of summer school, June 23. Motion by Com. Williams; seconded by Com. Veldre to approve the removal of face coverings for district extracurricular events and district wide beginning July 24, 2021.
- e. Chris Novell, Crafts Inc. presented his 2019 to the present intensive survey findings on the Two Rivers High School roof. The 20-year-old roof is not in bad condition; however, focused repairs to the sections with emergency, critical, and immediate gradings will extend the life of the roof. Security Luebke Roofing will reschedule their presentation due to an emergency. Northern Roofing did not respond to the invite. Com. Williams and Adam Rohrer would prefer to get ahead of the emergency and critical repairs now at \$295,000 before there is more damage. More discussion will take place at the next Facility/Technology meeting.

- f. Tim Engh discussed the importance of an immediate increase of space for the E-sports Program. The program started last year with six students and grew to over 20 students. The current space can accommodate 12-15 students. There was discussion that the current computer labs would be too narrow and the expanded space would allow for esports tournaments (fundraising opportunities) in the future. Bartow and Jim Reif Builders shared the price of materials for the square footage. Hamman Construction will get a bid to us by the end of the week. Pres. Salta requested Adam Rohrer check with CG Schmidt and Bray Architects at the next Facilities/Technology Committee Meeting about the correct space for this project.

15. Administrator's Report:

- a. Pres. Salta welcomed Superintendent Diane Johnson. Diane Johnson has been meeting with administration, teachers and staff members. She was pleased to hear the people believe the district to be a family. Communication with all stakeholders is key as to why we are having a facilities study. The team is discussing many things including; curriculum coordinator, data minded, vision moving forward, and facility plans. Diane's goal is to think outside the box to accomplish the things that need to be done.
 - b. Diane Johnson is working with the building leaders on a new staff orientation, agenda and training.
 - c. Administrative Council meeting- The team's focus will be on goals.
 - d. Due to the growing alternative open enrollment kindergarten numbers at Koenig, we will be adding a third section of Kindergarten. As Koenig is an AGR school, the 4K-3rd grade class numbers must remain at 18 or under. Currently, the 2 classroom enrollment numbers are 17 and 18.
 - e. Our district calendar was posted on July 8th with the early release dates for the school calendar and the reasons why these early releases were necessary. In short, the early release time is used to continue work across the district to facilitate the flow of learning pattern.
16. Swearing in of Appointed Candidate- Jennifer Henrickson was sworn in as Commissioner to the Two Rivers Public School Board by Com. Julie Schroeder, Clerk. Congratulations and welcome Commissioner Jennifer Henrickson!
- a. Coming Events:
 - i. Jul 26, 2021 - Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
 - ii. August 9, 2021 - Regular School Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
 - iii. Aug 23, 2021 - Committee of the Whole Board Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
17. Motion by Com. Canty, seconded by Com. Veldre, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Schroeder
Julie Schroeder-School Board Clerk

Sheila Bialek
Sheila Bialek-Administrative Assistant