

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Organizational Board Minutes, Apr 24, 2023

1. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:46 pm by Treasurer Peterson.
- B. Present: Commissioners Nicole Benthein, Jennifer Henrickson, Tim Klinkner, Zak Peterson, Gary Shavlik, Maria Veldre, Randy Williams.
- C. Written notice of this meeting was sent to the news media on Friday, April 21, 2023.
- D. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- E. Motion by Klinkner, second by Benthein to approve the Agenda; motion carried 7-0.
- F. Organizational Business:
 - Selection of officers
 1. Motion by Benthein, second by Williams to nominate Henrickson as President; motion carried on a unanimous vote.
 2. Motion by Williams, second by Peterson to nominate Veldre as Vice-President; motion carried on a unanimous vote.
 3. Motion by Peterson, second by Benthein to nominate Williams as Clerk; motion carried on a unanimous vote.
 4. Motion by Peterson, second by Williams to nominate Klinkner as Treasurer; motion carried on a unanimous vote.
 - Benthein was approved as the Representative for CESA 7 Annual Convention during the 4-10-2023 Board Regular Meeting.
 - Motion by Klinkner, second by Shavlik to approve the *Herald Times Reporter* as the official newspaper of the School Board; motion carried 7-0.
 - Motion by Williams, second by Peterson to approve Bank First National, Local Government Investment Pool and The American Deposit Management Company as our official depositories; motion carried 7-0.
 - Motion by Peterson, second by Shavlik to keep the Committee structure/Standing committees as is; motion carried 7-0.
 - Motion by Peterson, second by Klinkner to approve the start time of Board meetings at 5:45pm with the meetings to continue on the second and fourth Monday of the month (unless a holiday exists on a Monday); motion carried 7-0.
- G. Recognition of Guests: Michelle Ring Hanson-CESA 7 outlined the three-year strategic planning process for our district. The presentation was recorded and can be found on our district Facebook page. Jenny Schneider and Jennifer Jelenic shared the details of their district-wide efforts with Kids at Hope, homeless families, Lights Leaders, and much more. Thank you to them for their many wonderful efforts!

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FROM CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

3. COMMUNICATIONS: None.

4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Williams discussed the Facilities/Technology - Apr 19 meeting: Three points of focus - staff consideration, interior design, and budget. The next meeting is May 3.
- B. Policies discussed at the April 12 meeting to be brought forth for first reading. Shavlik mentioned that the team will begin to review and update the outdated policies this summer.
- C. Negotiations - next meeting: Apr 27-Committee only, May 1- Committee/TREA

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Williams, second by Klinkner to accept the resignation of the following teachers effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year: Emma Rieth, Technical Education Teacher, L.B. Clarke Middle School, Emily Weise, Grade 1 Teacher, Magee Elementary School, and Jennifer Hegner, Grade 8, L.B. Clarke Middle School; motion carried 7-0.

- B. Motion by Klinkner, second by Williams to approve the contract for Leeann Klein, STEAM/Career Education Teacher, L.B. Clarke Middle School, for the 2023-2024 school year; motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- C. Motion by Benthein, second by Klinkner to approve the contract for Cayolyn Johnsen, 7/8 Grade Math Teacher, L.B. Clarke Middle School, for the 2023-2024 school year; motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- D. Motion by Williams, second by Benthein to approve the contract for Carl Black, 7/8 Grade Science Teacher, L.B. Clarke Middle School, for the 2023-2024 school year, as discussed in closed session; motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- E. Motion by Peterson, second by Williams to approve the contract for Sydnee Koenigs, English Teacher, Two Rivers High School, for the 2023-2024 school year; motion carried 7-0.
- F. Veldre shared the first reading of the following policies from Apr 12 meeting: 0155 - Committees, 2370 - Educational Options Provided by the District, 5200 - Attendance, 5430 - Class Rank, 7420 - Hygienic Management, 8305 - Information Security, 8431.01 - Asbestos Management, 8680 - Bus Services Contracts
- G. Motion by Williams, second by Peterson to approve the ECCP and Start College Now credits and more that may come for the 2022-2023 school year; motion carried 7-0.
- H. Motion by Klinkner, second by Williams to accept the \$165 donation from Calvary Lutheran Church to the Angel Fund and the donation of a brand new Rheem furnace from Shoulak Heating & Sheet Metal, Design Air, and Robert Limon to the TRHS Tech Ed Department; motion carried 7-0. Thank you for the donations!
- I. Other as appropriate: None.

7. ADMINISTRATOR(S) UPDATES

- A. Wester discussed the full school participation for the Forward Exam, grade level field trips, and Family Nights.
- B. Engh informed the board on the ongoing successes for students in spring sports, FCCLA, HOSA, and FBLA. There are a number of students that are moving on to state and nationals this summer. Congratulations! TRHS students plan to participate in our Community Service Day, April 28.
- C. Benthein, Henrickson, and Shavlik gave an update on their Adopt-a-School experiences: Benthein and Klinkner will visit with the high school, Henrickson invited the other board members to take a look at all the efforts of the Lighthouse Learning Academy, and Shavik reiterated the good things that he has been seeing with staff and students at L.B. Clarke. Johnson explained and requested that the land transfer from the city be postponed until decisions are made on the placement of the retention pond. In addition, Johnson updated the team on the vacancies within the district and announced the six staff members that have reached their 25 years milestone with the district: Tamara Engstrom, Lynn Fabian, Scott Helling, Dana McLinn, Kris Parma, Rhonda Stenzel. Congratulations to these six.

8. COMING EVENTS were discussed.

- 9. Motion by Peterson, second by Klinkner to adjourn at 7:33 pm to Closed Session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) for the purpose of discussion: Student discipline, Employee compensation, and Consideration of nonrenewal of teaching contract due to enrollment and staff considerations; motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 10. Motion by Williams, second by Shavlik to convene into Regular Session at 8:43 pm for the purpose of considering motions as a result of Closed Session; motion carried 7-0. Motion by Williams, second by Benthein for the nonrenewal of a teaching contract due to the decline in enrollment and staff considerations as discussed in closed session; motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote. Motion by Williams, second by Benthen to approve the employee compensation request as discussed in closed; motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 11. Motion by Williams, second by Benthein to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted


Randy Williams, Board Clerk


Sheila Bialek, Administrative Assistant