

ROCK VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

May 9, 2022

6:30 PM

The Rock Valley Community School Board met in regular session in the Schoolhouse Board Room on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: Shelli Rens, Jerry Kelderman, Jacob Brosamle, Stacy Remmerde, and Steve Van Den Top. Also present were Noah De Yager, Chad Janzen, Nicole Roder, Patti Kruger, and Dani Gradert.

AUDIENCE

Cassie Blankespoor, Jenn De Groot, LaDawn Groeneweg, Danica Lynn, Diane O'Regan, Darla Parks, Kelly Vander Pol, Sarah Van Der Brink, Bobbie Van Kekerix

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Van Den Top, seconded by Remmerde, to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Remmerde, to approve meeting minutes of April 12, 2022; April 20, 2022; April 27, 2022; May 4, 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Dolieslager, along with students – Abigail Hanson, Kinsley Rus, and Kieli Weber presented information on the current Grow Your Own Teacher Program.

AUDIENCE

Danica Lynn spoke to the Board about the Para Professional wages scale. Danica made a formal request to be on the June 14, 2022 School Board agenda in possible closed session.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Brosamle, to approve the consent agenda including: April invoices and financial statements. Motion carried 5-0.

Student open enrollment received from Central Lyon. Mr. Janzen recommended denying this open enrollment. Motion was made by Van Den Top, seconded by Brosamle, to deny this open enrollment. Motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Van Den Top, seconded by Remmerde, to approve the following 2021-2022 Summer School contracts:

Jordan Te Grootenhuis, Natasha Slater, Kalee Den Herder, Elissa Hanson, Mollie De Wit, Amanda Friedrichsen, Alexa Van Maanen, Julie Van Otterloo, Greg Heemstra . Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Van Den Top, to approve Summer Enrichment contract for Elizabeth Stahlecker. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Brosamle, seconded by Remmerde, to approve the following 2022-2023 Mentor Teacher contracts:

Clay Ackerman, Nathan Schafer, Christie Bulthuis, Erica Koedam, Brittany Wynia, Christiana Van Voorst, Susan Brandt, Lynette Dolieslager. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Brosamle to approve the following 2022-2023 contracts: Kalli Lund – Assistant Play/Musical; Alison Wright/Keely Swanson – Shared Prom Advisors; Keely Swanson – Assistant Speech; Nancy Dickmann – HS Student Council. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Van Den Top, to approve 2022 - 2023 contract for Kelly Kruger – Co-Head Girls' Basketball Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion was made by Brosamle, seconded by Remmerde, to approve the following resignations at the end of 2021-2022:

Hannah Boggs – Para Professional; Brittany Wiebe, pending suitable replacement – National Honor Society. Motion carried 5-0.

SCHOOL BONDING CAPACITY

Matt Gillaspie with Piper Sandler reviewed bonding capacity options with the Board, via Zoom.

Mr. Janzen made a statement concerning information presented on the Para Professional wage scale.

EXEMPT SESSION

At 7:35 pm, the Board entered into Exempt Session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.9 – Employment Conditions Discussed, to discuss contract expectations for possible Interim Superintendent Candidates.

The Board moved out of exempt session at 7:45 pm.

CLOSED SESSION – MEET WITH INTERIM CANDIDATE DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Remmerde, to move into closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)i: To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Roll Call Vote was Taken:

Kelderman – Aye

Remmerde – Aye

Rens – Aye

Van Den Top – Aye

Brosamle – Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

The Board moved into closed session at 7:46 pm.

The Board moved into open session at 8:30 pm.

CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSS POSSIBLE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATES

Motion was made by Van Den Top, seconded by Remmerde, to move into closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 22.7(18)b: Communications not required by law, rule, procedure, or contract that are made to a governmental body or to any of its employees by identified persons outside of government, to the extent that the government body receiving those communications from such persons outside of government could reasonably believe that those persons would be discouraged from making them to that government body if they were available for general public examination.

Roll Call Vote was Taken:

Brosamle – Aye

Kelderman – Aye

Remmerde – Aye

Rens – Aye

Van Den Top – Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

The Board moved into closed session at 8:30 pm.

The Board moved into open sessions at 8:42 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on potential shared position of Licensed Social Worker. We currently have a working relationship with Creative Living. The Board will revisit this item in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion was held on School Bond Petition Language and Amount. Motion was made by Van Den Top, seconded by Kelderman to utilize the following Bond Petition Language: The Petition requests that an election be called on the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000, to provide funds to be used together with sales tax revenue to provide funds to build, furnish and equip a high school addition to the existing facility, including a related parking lot and other site improvements; and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing facility and site. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held on possible options for expansion on the west parking lot. Superintendent Janzen will get more information on costs.

Motion was made by Kelderman, seconded by Van Den Top, to amend the current FY22 budget in two expenditures categories – Total Support Services and Total Other Expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Janzen spoke to the Board on extra-curricular positions that are still open for 2022-2023, summer maintenance and technology work, and national School Board appreciation month.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Principal Roder shared the total number of 2022 graduating students – 58. Motion made by Kelderman, seconded by Remmerde, to approve the 2022 list of graduates. Motion carried 5-0.

Principal Roder updated the Board on Student Survey Report, and Awards Day – May 18, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Principal Kruger shared some ISASP results and spoke of end of the year activities.

Principal De Yager shared information on end of the year field trip to Lake Pahoja, Mad about Money Presentation, 5th Grade Orientation, and 2022-2023 MS Choir Schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business appeared before the board, motion was made by Van Den Top, seconded by Remmerde, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 PM. Motion carried 5-0.

Board President

Board Secretary