

**School District of River Falls
Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, January 25, 2021 - 6:00 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

Also available via YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/schooldistrictofriverfalls>

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1. **CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m. in the River Falls High School Media Center also available via YouTube**

2. **MANNER OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

3. **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**

4. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/RECOGNITION**

A. Wildcat Pride Awards

1. Greenwood Elementary PTO and Teachers Ashley Gorman, Anna Clark, and Katlin Ruble pairing up to raise funds and purchase children's books that increase representation, inclusivity, and diversity within classroom libraries
2. River Falls Community for the continued support throughout the referendum and improvement projects as well as pandemic challenges

B. Viewing of the River Falls School District Referendum "Thank You" video

Description: Video Link

C. Review recent parent and staff survey results

Description:

(Presentation Link)

(Full Parent Survey Results)

(Full Staff Survey Results)

5. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Superintendent, Administrative, and Student Representative Reports**

1. Superintendent Report: Executive Summary of the Strategic Plan Progress Report 2015-2020 4

Description: (Presentation Link)

2. Administrative Reports

a. Director of Finance and Facilities: Update on Ionization System Installation

Description: Chad Smurawa, Director of Finance and Facilities, and Joe Haselman, Director of Buildings and Grounds will provide an update on the ionization system installation in all District buildings.

3. Student Representative Report

B. **Social/Emotional student support (Greenwood and Rocky Branch Elementary Schools)**

C. **Renaissance Charter Academy 2020-2021 program update**

D. **District Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity (EID) Committee Update** 10

E. **Learning environment updates for Virtual/e-School, Hybrid grades 7-12, in school grades PK-6**

F. **Future considerations for shift/pivot in learning environment (proactive planning)**

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs, spectator updates, and/or any details contained within our Wildcat Roadmap (district plan document for school operations during COVID-pandemic.)**

1. **Staff and Student COVID-impact in District**

2. **Regional and school district COVID-statistics**

Description: Administration will discuss existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria and if there is a perceived need to shift into an alternative learning environment and/or revise our Wildcat Roadmap. (Presentation Link)

Recommended Action: Determine if we need to pivot/shift the "Learning Environment" and related programs to include but not limited to athletics, spectators, co-curriculars, and music.

B. Approval of minutes, bills and recommended employment

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Description: The following have been submitted for approval:

Item 1: December 21, 2020, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes

Item 2: January 4, 2021, Special Board of Education meeting minutes

Item 3: January 11, 2021, Special Board of Education meeting minutes

Item 4: Bills submitted for payment

Item 5: Pursuant to Board Policy which references Wisconsin Statutes Sections 111, 118, 121, all employees who require Wisconsin state certification shall be recommended by the superintendent to the Board of Education for approval. All recommendations presented at this time are pursuant to approved Board policies and accompanying administrative procedures.

Recommended Action: Approve minutes, bills, and employment as presented.

C. Consideration and/or Action to approve January 11, 2021, Personnel Committee recommendations

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Description: The Personnel Committee met on January 11, 2021, to discuss COVID-19 legal and policy issues related to the COVID-19 vaccine, discuss the 2021-22 school year calendar, and finally going into closed executive session to approve continuing letters to administrators.

Recommended Action: None, informational only.

D. Consideration and/or Action to approve January 11, 2021, Educational Program Committee recommendations

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Description: The Educational Program Committee met on January 11, 2021, to approve the District's Notice of Educational Options, and to approve the memo to establish seats for Open Enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year.

Recommended Action:

1. Approve the District's Notice of Educational Options.
2. Approve the memo to establish seats for Open Enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year.

E. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

Description: As always, Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

Recommended Action: As needed.

F. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Description: Upcoming Board meeting dates, times, and locations will be reviewed.

Recommended Action: Set meeting schedule as follows:

Kinni River Land Trust (KRLT) Candlelight Celebration walk, Friday, January 29, 2021, time TBD (*at the school forest site*)

Educational Program Committee meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. (*Renaissance Charter Academy, 1107 S Wasson Lane*)

Finance and Facilities Committee meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m. (or immediately following Finance and Facilities)

Regular Board of Education meeting: Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:00 pm

All the above meetings will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road unless noted otherwise

G. Request for anticipated executive session pursuant to Wisconsin § 19.85(1)(c)(roll call vote required) for the purpose of approving continuing letters to administrators related to future contracts

7. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION



School District of River Falls
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
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DATE: January 2021

TO: Board of Education and Community

FROM: Jamie Benson (Superintendent)

RE: Progress Report - An Executive Summary

“Renewing Our Promise” -- School District of River Falls Strategic Plan (2015 - 20)

INTRODUCTION

Development of the School District of River Falls strategic plan for 2015-20 was the result of an inclusive process involving community members, business partners, civic leaders, parents, school board members, students, faculty, and staff. The plan was a proactive, future-focused vision to uphold and advance our district’s rich tradition of educational excellence for a five-year period - and beyond.

Our plan entitled, *“Renewing Our Promise”* also built upon the promises made, and kept, from the pre-existing 2005-10 district strategic plan. The decade-long strategic visions were both grounded in our district mission statement:

“The School District of River Falls, innovative leader in personalized learning, ensures the development of every student’s unique potential in order to excel as responsible, productive, global citizens, facilitated by forward thinking staff in a safe, nurturing, and collaborative environment”.

Renewing Our Promise was structured upon eight broad goal areas mutually supporting each other to create a culture of learning in fulfillment of the district’ mission. These goal areas included:

1. Highly Qualified Staff
2. Innovative Learning
3. Lifelong Learning and Career Readiness
4. Funding
5. Communications and Collaboration
6. Student Centered

7. Character Education
8. Facilities

Each goal area had a set of “Action Steps” to provide greater clarity, in order to accomplish the described goals.

This Progress Report is intended to serve as a transparent executive summary of strategic accomplishments but certainly does not represent the full body of work, progress, and improvements made by our district’s professional faculty and staff. Rather, it is a report intended to highlight *Renewing Our Promise* accomplishments and new opportunities created within our overall district mission.

Goal #1: Highly Qualified Staff

Accomplishments:

- A. Improved recruitment, selection, and hiring practices
- B. Inclusive staff involvement in hiring practices included training related to discrimination and bias.
- C. Maintained competitive wage and benefits by gathering and analysing comparable data from state and regional school districts.

Goal Area #2: Innovative Learning

Accomplishments:

- A. Collaborations with Forward Foundation, Ann Marie Foundation, City of River Falls, UWRF, CVTC, Parent-Teacher Organizations, Site Councils, and Local Business Partners.
- B. Renewed focus, training, professional development, and research related to personalized instruction, classroom design, technology equipment, student passion projects, visits to other school districts, and improving practices to ensure student engagement and motivation to learn.
- C. Expanding teacher training to ensure appropriate and meaningful student and teacher use of tech-devices to advance project-based learning, instant assessments, greater feedback communication tied to learning targets, and collaborative student activities.
- D. Advancing equitable opportunities for student co-curricular activities such as lego-league, robotics club, and gifted-talented programming.

Goal Area #3: Lifelong Learning and Career Readiness

Accomplishments:

- A. Project Search provides new vocational training opportunities to high school special education students
- B. Community business and industry partnerships are tied to Work River Falls collaborative
- C. UWRF Youth / Course Options - increased participation rates of high school students taking college courses
 - a. To create increased vocational training and college readiness opportunities related to school-to-work opportunities; additional high school apprenticeships; work based learning; ongoing cooperation with college & Tech school on dual and transcribed credits;
 - b. Establishing innovative high school classroom learning environments & CVTC Partnerships & Academies - residential construction; business management; welding academy; IT software to allow student to explore and engage in real life career opportunities
 - c. Expanded education and career options for high school students to include CNA program at CVTC
- D. Software implementation for Career Planning for 8-12 grade students
- E. Partnering with Trout Unlimited and Biology Courses
- F. The Community Education Program was expanded adding learning opportunities to attract additional interest in our program.
- G. Community Education formed partnerships with Hope For Creation (Environmental Sustainability), The River Falls Public Library with our Climate Science Series, Hudson Food Walk, and Girls in Science program with UWRF.
- H. Created and held several on-line Community Education classes during the Pandemic.

Goal Area #4: Funding

Accomplishments:

- A. Demographer report completed - district enrollment forecast tied to space needs
- B. Long range Facility Maintenance Plan tied to defeasance approach to minimize property tax implications of referendum
- C. Elementary schools are a part of the environmental awareness DEET program led to districtwide look into building energy efficiencies - new program for lowering electrical and natural gas consumption at our buildings

- D. Investment in staffing levels to support district priorities of social/emotional support and increasing connectedness of marginalized students (counseling, psychologists, social worker)

Goal Area #5: Communications and Collaboration

Accomplishments:

- A. District Bulletin, Brochure, Parent Luncheons, Newspaper articles, Open House, Newsletters, and district videos
- B. Improved website, active on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
- C. Created new district Mobile App to provide quick and easy access to district calendar of events and student lunch menu
- D. Community involvement with our schools, PTO engaged in direct action at school, Partnerships with community groups to support our curriculum
 - a. Leadership River Falls (Chamber of Commerce collaboration to include 8th grade students and community leaders)
 - b. Collaboration with RF4C Directors regarding: United Way Focus - Birth to 3 "Talk, Read, Play, Sing," Trauma Informed Care, and Mental Health First Aid
- E. Family engagement events, carnivals, luau, family literacy and math nights
 - a. Offered 2 parent evenings for 4K and 5 parents regarding student readiness factors
- F. Districtwide athletic Booster club was established
- G. Environment learning, computer aided design & build - Renaissance Academy
- H. Positive Solutions for Families, Saint Croix Valley Resource Center, Pierce County Child Care Partnership
- I. UWRF - UW Extension, natural playgrounds development at Montessori
- J. Entered more transcribed agreements with CVTC, Gold award 2016
- K. Character in the Community Committee created "Awareness" (campaign) in collaboration with community youth sports program
- L. Information to local realtors to "get the word out" to potential new school district families

Goal Area #6: Student Centered

Accomplishments:

- A. Success with Rtl in Math & Reading (new resources for interventions/remedial support)

- B. Mental Health Services at building sites - on-site counseling services
 - a. Trauma Informed Care Professional Development Opportunities
- C. Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity Committee and Integrated Comprehensive System for Equity
- D. Personal learning mission, professional development, PLC, tech devices, etc.
- E. Digital Transformation process - tech integration training program for staff
 - a. Expanded Robotics, Math Masters, and Lego league
- F. Character Ed and Community Service Projects at all schools
- G. Model UN and Restorative Justice programming at Montessori
- H. Project work in woodworking with Elementary students guided by Renaissance students
- I. Creation of elective courses to better serve students own areas of interest (Ren and RFHS)
 - a. Odysseyware online courses & curriculum added to Renaissance Academy- this allows students to access a broad array of courses and take a more personalized approach in creating their graduation plan
- J. Addition of French option at MMS
- K. Jr. Kindergarten, Pre-K Summer School was added to better prepare students in early grades
- L. Additional school psychologists, school counselors, and social worker positions
- M. Consistent school climate survey with a focus on student perceptions
- N. Expansion of the mindfulness of our schools - focus on caring for students and staff
- O. Literacy Enrichment via Young Authors Conference & Writers Workshop and addition of a Literacy coach
- P. Additional Extra-curricular clubs and organizations

Goal Area #7: Character Education

Accomplishments:

- A. Over 20 state/national promising practices awards
- B. Greenwood Elementary- Honorable mention State School of Character 2016, 2017 State School of Character (1 of 2 in State of Wisconsin), 2017 National School of Character
- C. Character in the Community committee formed with a focus on Awareness - Poster Campaign
- D. High School Service Learning Days in April
- E. Community Character Committee as well as in-district committee

- F. Monthly district steering committee and building level committees continue to grow/expand
- G. Character Education branching off to include RF4C
 - a. Character Education in the elementary schools have become more of a "student lead initiative"
- H. Wisconsin State Education Convention - presentation and statewide recognition/exposure
- I. Article in Wisconsin Association for School Board (WASB) magazine
- J. Opportunities for Morale action abound throughout the district - every school - embedded
- K. River Falls High School (Jr-Sr) community service/volunteer programming
 - a. Established "Sunshine Fund" High School student/community lead Board
 - b. Designed and implemented performance character expectations
 - c. Presented to Cottage Grove Middle School staff on Character Education

Goal Area #8: Facilities

Accomplishments:

- A. Developed and updated long range Facilities Plan
- B. Security system installed districtwide: increased security through key cards at all buildings
 - a. Security Badge System fully implemented
- C. We have identified Tech infrastructure needs / we know the budget and future priorities
- D. High School traffic study completed spring 2016
- E. ALICE Training, Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate
- F. Demographer study completed summer 2016
- G. Public support of \$48M Facility improvement referendum (April 2018)
- H. Respectful exit of 1920's and 1940's Academy building

RFSD Equity Non-Negotiable Strengths, Reservations/Challenges, and Implications

Student involvement in all organizational programming is representational and equitable.		
Strengths	Reservations/Challenges Possible Implications	Guiding Question
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased sense of belonging. ● More learning happening in heterogeneous grouping. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Intentionally engaging marginalized populations ● Changing scheduling and courses (leveling up) ● Higher integration of specialized programs (EL, SPED, RTI) ● Getting students into/out of unproportional programming ● Heterogeneous grouping can cause problems for others. Could take away time from other students ● Not enough resources and/or tools. ● More PD will be needed ● Ability to deliver high leveled individual instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the demographic breakdown of our community/school? ● Do we see proportional representation in our school programming? If not, why are certain groups under or over represented? ● Do our decisions reflect equality or equity?

Educational teams are intentionally designed and collaborate on grade level teams to increase and transform one another's instructional capacity.

Strengths	Reservations/Challenges Possible Implications	Guiding Question
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharing local expertise. ● Stronger sense of teacher efficacy. ● Build the strength of teams. ● Increased communication ● Able to address students' best interests. ● Multiple perspectives of a student. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased collaboration time. ● Adjustments of schedules. ● Educator Assistant (paraprofessionals) involved in collaboration ● Challenges with communication across all disciplines. ● Having enough staff to effectively collaborate (specialist) ● Having positive and safe team cultures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Who is part of the group that is making decisions? ● Are all the right voices present in order to make things as accessible as can be from the beginning? (students, parents, staff, etc)

**School District of River Falls
Regular Board Meeting**

Monday, December 21, 2020 - 6:00 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the River Falls Board of Education was called to order on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road. President Johnson Myers called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

PRESENT

President Stacy Johnson Myers, Vice President Amy Halvorson (remote), Clerk Alan Tuchtenhagen, Treasurer Mike Thompson, members Bob Casey, Cindy Holbrook, Todd Schultz, and student representative, Dailyn Wold. Also present were Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson, and Director of Finance & Facilities Chad Smurawa, Community Education Director Monique Squire, Greenwood Elementary Principal Nate Schurman, Westside Elementary Principal Chris Kamrath, Director of Student Services Jackie Steinhoff, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson, Rocky Branch Elementary Principal Chuck Eaton, River Falls Public Montessori Elementary Principal Nate Wells, River Falls High School Principal Kit Luedtke

HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS none.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Acknowledgement / Recognition

1. Wildcat Pride Awards- Meyer Middle School Teacher Aaron Boche was recognized for his continual work on the annual food drive and penny wars raising over \$46,000 in the past 10 years.

B. Superintendent, Administrative, and Student Representative Reports

1. Superintendent Report- Benson shared plans to present the recap of the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for the Board at the regularly scheduled Board meeting in January.
2. Administrative Reports- Luedtke shared a presentation regarding student scenarios in relation to the proposed credit reduction requirements.
3. Student Representative Report- Wold shared an update on High School student perspective and how the winter break was welcomed by most students, consistency in the learning environment has been helpful to students but how many look forward to going back to at least a hybrid schedule in January.

C. Social/Emotional student support (Meyer Middle School (MMS))

Chapin shared a presentation on the MMS counseling department focusing on the social/emotional supports the staff have created to serve students and make connections.

D. District Equity, Inclusivity, and Diversity (EID) Committee Update

Wells and Bell provided an update on the EID committee including details from the most recent meeting and the discussion of hosting a parent course for the community.

E. Learning environment updates for Virtual/e-School, Hybrid grades 7-12, in school grades PK-6

F. Future considerations for shift/pivot in learning environment (proactive planning)

Both E and F were shared as part of the presentation under Action Items, A.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs, spectator updates, and/or any details contained within our Wildcat Roadmap (district plan document for school operations during COVID-pandemic.)

1. Staff and Student COVID-impact in District

2. Regional and school district COVID-statistics

Administration discussed existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria. There is no perceived need to shift into an alternative learning environment and/or revise our

Wildcat Roadmap at this time. Schultz moved, seconded by Holbrook to continue with the current learning environment: Grades 9 - 12 At-home/distance learning returning on January 11, 2021, Grades 7 - 8 hybrid, Grades PK - 6 Continue 5-days/week face-to-face, and Grades 9 -12 winter athletics continues. Roll call vote: Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Thompson, yes, Schultz, yes, Holbrook, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

B. Approval of minutes, bills and recommended employment

Johnson Myers reviewed the minutes, bills, and recommended employment items on the Agenda. Thompson moved, seconded by Casey that the Board approve the following:

1. The Minutes from the November 16, 2020, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes; November 23, 2020, Special Board of Education meeting minutes; November 30, 2020, Special Board of Education meeting minutes; December 7, 2020, Special Board of Education meeting minutes; and December 14, 2020, Special Board of Education meeting minutes 2. Checks numbered 200037 through 200346 had been prepared in the amount of \$625,850.71 and there were automatic transfers of \$649,332.24 and \$759,135.70 for a total of \$2,034,318.65. Checks 128756-128779 were voided. 3. Pursuant to Board Policy which references Wisconsin Statutes Sections 111, 118, and 121, approval of the following employment recommendations: 1. Recommended approval of the employment of Trevor Gutting as Permanent Substitute for all elementary schools effective December 7, 2020 (replaces Jeff Fahrendorff). 2. Recommended approval of the employment of Ashley Schuler as full-time long-term substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Westside Elementary School effective November 30, 2020 through January 21, 2021 (replaces Tori Koskiniemi). 3. Recommended approval of the hiring of the following Substitute Teachers: a. Ashley Schuler b. Gabriella Bjurquist c. Helena Yanish Roll call vote: Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Thompson, yes, Schultz, yes, Holbrook, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

C. Budget Forecast for the 2021-2022 school year

Chad Smurawa, Director of Finance and Facilities, shared the budget forecast for the 2021-2022 school year. No action, informational only.

D. Consideration and/or Action to approve December 14, 2020, Educational Program Committee recommendations

The Educational Program Committee met on December 14, 2020, to review/discuss the district vision for all high school students to include: College and Career Readiness, academics and graduation credit requirements, and social-emotional health support; and approve first readings of proposed revisions to graduation credit requirements from 30 to 28 referenced in board policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines.

Tuchtenhagen motioned, seconded by Thompson to approve the first reading of revisions to policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and to approve the first reading of revisions to policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines with adjustments. Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

E. Consideration and/or Action to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship

Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services presented recommended revisions to Policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship to the committee at the December 7, 2020, Educational Program Committee meeting. The first reading was approved at the December 14, 2020, Special Board meeting. Tuchtenhagen motioned, seconded by Casey to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 461 Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship. Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

F. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

As always, Board members were given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas. Suggestions included: Hearing the remaining presentations from the other schools regarding social/emotional health of the students in the districts and discussion on the WASB delegation at the State Education Conference in January.

G. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Set meeting schedule as follows:

Special Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 4, 2021, 6:00 pm

Personnel Committee meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 5:30 pm

Educational Program Committee meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:00 pm

Special Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 pm

Finance and Facilities Committee meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, 6:30 pm

All the above meetings will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road

H. Holbrook motioned, seconded by Schultz to move into **executive session pursuant to Wisconsin Statute Section 19.85(1)(c)(e) for the purpose of approving 2020-21 Bargaining Goals.**

Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

President Johnson Myers declared the meeting in executive session at 7:41 p.m.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, Clerk

School District of River Falls

Special Board Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2021 - 6:00 PM

River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

The regularly scheduled meeting of the River Falls Board of Education was called to order on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the District Office, 852 E Division Street. President Johnson Myers called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

PRESENT

President Stacy Johnson Myers, Vice President Amy Halvorson (remote), Clerk Alan Tuchtenhagen, Treasurer Mike Thompson, members Bob Casey, Cindy Holbrook, and Todd Schultz. Also present were Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson, and Director of Finance & Facilities Chad Smurawa, Athletics/Activities Director Rollie Hall, Rocky Branch Elementary Principal Chuck Eaton, Westside Elementary Principal Chris Kamrath, Director of Student Services Jackie Steinhoff, Westside Counselor Amy Everson, Westside School Psychologist Joe Hames, Montessori Counselor Karen Swanson, Director of Buildings and Grounds Joe Haselman, River Falls High School Principal Kit Luedtke

HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS- Brenda Derks from the River Falls Swim Club addressed the Board on behalf of the students and parents asking the Board to consider allowing the use of facilities for youth team/club sports.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. **Social/Emotional student support (River Falls Public Montessori and Westside Elementary Schools)** Hames, Everson, and Swanson shared a presentation explaining methods they are using to help students socially/emotionally cope with the pandemic at their respective schools.
- B. **Learning environment updates for Virtual/e-School, Hybrid grades 7-12, in school grades PK-6**
- C. **Future considerations for shift/pivot in learning environment (proactive planning)**
Items B and C were included in the presentation as part of Action Item, A.

2. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs, spectator updates, and/or any details contained within our Wildcat Roadmap (district plan document for school operations during COVID-pandemic.)**

- 1. Staff and Student COVID-impact in District**

- 2. Regional and school district COVID-statistics**

Administration discussed existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria determining there is no need to shift into an alternative learning environment and/or revise our Wildcat Roadmap and/or revise plans for athletics, co-curricular, facility use, music, and all related policy and governance decisions.

Schultz moved, seconded by Casey to continue with current learning environment and related details; Grades 9 - 12 At-home/distance learning return on January 11, 2021, Grades 7 - 8 hybrid, Grades PK - 6 Continue 5-days/week face-to-face, Begin youth/club sport use of facilities (with approved liability form and COVID-safety plan), Aerobic P.E. activity (with proper sanitization, physical distancing, masks for up to 15-20 minutes) and allow administration flexibility to determine appropriate amount of River Falls home-spectators per home athletic event based on space limitations (increasing from 2 spectator limit per player). Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- B. Consideration and/or Action to approve second readings of proposed revisions to graduation credit requirements from 30 to 28 referenced in board policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines.**

The first readings of proposed revisions to graduation credit requirements from 30 to 28 referenced in board policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines were approved at the December 21, 2020, Regular Board of Education meeting. Holbrook moved, seconded by Thompson to approve the second reading of revisions to policy 345.6 Graduation Requirements and to approve the second reading of revisions to policy 345.6-Rule Graduation Requirement Guidelines. Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

C. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

As always, Board members will be given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas. Suggestions included: vaccine discussion for staff and students going through personnel committee, staffing funding discussion for the RF4C, and review of the WASB State Ed convention delegate assembly to be on future agendas.

D. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Upcoming Board meeting dates, times, and locations will be reviewed.

Recommended Action: Set meeting schedule as follows:

Personnel Committee meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 5:30 pm

Educational Program Committee meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:00 pm

Special Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021, 6:30 pm

Finance and Facilities Committee meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 18, 2021, 6:30 pm

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ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson Myers declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, Clerk

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The specially scheduled meeting of the River Falls Board of Education was called to order on Monday, January 11, 2021 at the River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road. President Johnson Myers called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

PRESENT

President Stacy Johnson Myers, Vice President Amy Halvorson, Clerk Alan Tuchtenhagen, Treasurer Mike Thompson, members Bob Casey, Cindy Holbrook, and Todd Schultz. Also present were Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson, and Director of Finance & Facilities Chad Smurawa, River Falls High School Counseling department

HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS none.

1. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Social/Emotional student support (River Falls High School)

Johnson, MacBeth, Sutton, Scanlon, Anderson, and Hansen shared a presentation explaining methods they are using to help students socially/emotionally cope with the pandemic at the River Falls High School.

B. Learning environment updates for Virtual/e-School, Hybrid grades 7-12, in school grades PK-6

C. Future considerations for shift/pivot in learning environment (proactive planning)

Items B and C were included in the presentation during Action Item, A.

2. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration and/or Action to determine a change/pivot from the "HYBRID Learning Environment" and athletic/co-curricular programs, spectator updates, and/or any details contained within our Wildcat Roadmap (district plan document for school operations during COVID-pandemic.)

1. Staff and Student COVID-impact in District

2. Regional and school district COVID-statistics

Administration discussed existing COVID-statistics in our region and local school district criteria determining there is no need to shift into an alternative learning environment and/or revise our Wildcat Roadmap and/or revise plans for athletics, co-curricular, facility use, music, and all related policy and governance decisions. Tuchtenhagen motioned, seconded by Casey to continue with the current learning environment and related details; Grades 7 - 12 hybrid, Grades PK - 6 Continue 5-days/week face-to-face, and allow 2 opposing team tickets/player (except swimming- due to spectator bleacher spacing constraints). Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

B. Consideration and/or Action to approve a resolution of advocacy to state/county agencies to prioritize educator COVID-vaccines as soon as possible

Administration proposed a resolution of advocacy to submit to state/county agencies.

Tuchtenhagen moved, seconded by Casey to approve a resolution of advocacy to state/county agencies to prioritize educator COVID-vaccines as soon as possible. Roll call vote: Halvorson, yes, Casey, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Thompson, yes, Schultz, yes, and Holbrook, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

C. Review resolutions to be addressed during the 2021 Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) Delegate Assembly on Jan. 20, 2021, and provide the delegate with direction for voting on WASB resolutions

Each year, the WASB Delegate Assembly votes on proposed amendments and resolutions during its Annual Joint State Convention. Each eligible school district may cast one vote on those resolutions. Bob Casey is the appointed delegate to the 2021 convention. Schultz motioned, seconded by Thompson to direct Delegate, Bob Casey to vote in the best interest of the School District of River Falls on WASB resolutions. Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

D. Approval of a financial commitment of \$30,395.00 to the Kinni River Land Trust (KRLT) for the purpose of improving access and/or improvements to school-owned forest property

These dollars have been held in a district account for the past decade which came from DNR funds related to school forest property being designated as a conservation easement. The money provided to KRLT will continue to support the access and use of our school forest while helping KRLT purchase the adjoining property. Tuchtenhagen motioned, seconded by Holbrook to approve a financial commitment of \$30,395.00 to the Kinni River Land Trust (KRLT) for the purpose of improving access and/or improvements to school-owned forest property. Roll call vote: Holbrook, yes, Schultz, yes, Thompson, yes, Johnson Myers, yes, Tuchtenhagen, yes, Casey, yes, Halvorson, yes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

E. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

As always, Board members were given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas. Suggestions included: discussion on realistic expectations for bringing grades 7-12 back to face-to-face learning, when administration feels they have data to share regarding.

F. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Set meeting schedule as follows:

Board Retreat, Thursday, January 21, 2021, 6:00 pm

Regular Board of Education meeting: Monday, January 25, 2021, 6:00 pm (*date change*)

Kinni River Land Trust (KRLT) Candlelight Celebration walk, Friday, January 29, 2021, time TBD (*at the school forest site*)

Educational Program Committee meeting: Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 pm

Finance and Facilities Committee meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:00 pm

Personnel Committee meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:30 pm (or immediately following Finance and Facilities Committee meeting)

Regular Board of Education meeting, Monday, February 15, 2021, 6:00 pm

All the above meetings will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road (unless noted differently)

February returns to the "Regular" Board meetings held on the 3rd Monday of the month, and committee meetings held on the 1st and 2nd Mondays of the month.

ADJOURNMENT

President Johnson Myers declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, Clerk

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIVER FALLS
River Falls , Wisconsin 54022

Checks for Approval at the January 2021 Board Meeting

AP CHECK NUMBERS	AMOUNT
200347 - 200576	\$497,214.34

PAYROLL

12/4/20 Auto Tsf. Payroll	\$645,963.98
12/18/20 Auto Tsf. Payroll	\$622,820.27

\$1,765,998.59

VOID CHECKS

200333 - River City Stitch LLC

	Actual
FNB - General Money Market Balance	\$4,413,514.42
RCU - Money Market Balance	\$93,229.25

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POST	CHECK	INVOICE		
DATE	NUMBER	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
12/4/2020	200347	ANDERSEN, VICTORIA	CE Class Pymt	\$ 1,259.75
12/4/2020	200348	APPLIED DESIGNS & SIGNS INC	Signs for WS	\$ 108.00
12/4/2020	200349	ARCHKEY TECHNOLOGIES	Camera Repairs	\$ 750.00
12/4/2020	200351	BALDWIN LIGHTSTREAM	Dec Internet & Phone	\$ 1,601.69
12/4/2020	200352	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS-HUDSON	Floor scrubber battery	\$ 233.90
12/4/2020	200353	BAUER BUILT	BG Expense	\$ 4,150.00
12/4/2020	200354	BLAKE, SUSAN	Lunch account refund	\$ 111.85
12/4/2020	200355	BLB CONSULTING, LLC	MS & MO map updates	\$ 375.00
12/4/2020	200356	BOARDMAN & CLARK, LLP	Legal fees	\$ 3,266.25
12/4/2020	200357	CESA 11	Multiple Invoices	\$ 195.00
12/4/2020	200358	CINTAS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 393.93
12/4/2020	200359	CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP	Audit/financial stmts	\$ 7,875.00
12/4/2020	200361	DEMCO INC	Book Tape	\$ 117.19
12/4/2020	200364	EXPRESS SERVICES INC	Multiple Invoices	\$ 1,595.69
12/4/2020	200366	GENERAL PARTS LLC-ENCORE ONE LLC	MS Filters for steamer	\$ 247.00
12/4/2020	200367	GLASS EXPRESS INC	MS Window Cranks	\$ 231.19
12/4/2020	200370	HEIMERL, KELSEY	CE Class Pymt	\$ 225.00
12/4/2020	200371	HILLYARD, INC.-MPLS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 576.78
12/4/2020	200372	HORIZON COMMERCIAL POOL SUPPLY-INC	HS Pool Chemical	\$ 449.21
12/4/2020	200373	JOHNSON, JULIA	reim supplies	\$ 106.39
12/4/2020	200374	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP	Tie PA Sys to Fire Panel	\$ 1,856.40
12/4/2020	200376	LABADIE, EMILY	Sub License	\$ 125.00
12/4/2020	200377	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES	Multiple Invoices	\$ 847.48
12/4/2020	200380	MORANTES RUIZ, DOLLY	CE Class Pymt	\$ 126.72
12/4/2020	200381	MTI DISTRIBUTING INC	Bearings for sweeper	\$ 300.73
12/4/2020	200383	NASCO	art supplies	\$ 1,048.82
12/4/2020	200385	OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY	Elevator Contract	\$ 6,435.66
12/4/2020	200386	PLUM, SARAH	reim supplies	\$ 106.65
12/4/2020	200388	RIVER FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Membership Renewal	\$ 135.00
12/4/2020	200389	RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER	BG Supplies	\$ 336.95
12/4/2020	200391	SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUBS INC	Leveled readers for	\$ 109.72
12/4/2020	200392	SECURITAS ELECTRONIC SECURITY INC.	Multiple Invoices	\$ 191.70
12/4/2020	200394	SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	MS Paint	\$ 388.49
12/4/2020	200395	SOLBERG, STACY	CE Class Pymt	\$ 270.00
12/4/2020	200396	STAPLES -(PAPER)	Paper order	\$ 567.96
12/4/2020	200397	TOPPEL, BENJAMIN	reim supplies	\$ 211.28
12/4/2020	200399	UNITED WAY ST.CROIX VALLEY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 120.00
12/4/2020	200400	WALKER, JACY	reim supplies	\$ 131.83
12/4/2020	200402	WI ASSOC OF SCHOOL BOARDS,INC	State Ed Conv Reg	\$ 960.00
12/4/2020	200403	WELD RILEY SC	Legal fees	\$ 540.50
12/4/2020	200404	WI SCTF	Multiple Invoices	\$ 135.35
12/4/2020	200405	WL HALL CO INTERIOR SERVICE	33 RB Inspection Repairs	\$ 1,150.00
12/9/2020	200406	AIR COMMUNICATIONS OF WI, INC	Monthly Repeater Rent	\$ 513.00
12/9/2020	200409	BAUER BUILT	Alum Northstar Pol	\$ 3,330.00

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12/9/2020	200410	C & L COMMUNICATIONS INC	Nov 2020 Locates	\$ 2,124.00
12/9/2020	200411	CESA 9	WVS enrollment Term 2	\$ 275.00
12/9/2020	200412	DAN PAULUS	Winter/spring catalog	\$ 600.00
12/9/2020	200413	DEISS STORAGE SYSTEMS	Storage Trailer Rental	\$ 450.00
12/9/2020	200414	DICK'S MARKET	Multiple Invoices	\$ 129.94
12/9/2020	200416	DNA AV INTEGRATORS LLC	Fire Alarm tie to PA Sys	\$ 8,393.88
12/9/2020	200417	DWD-UI	Nov Benefit Charges	\$ 576.75
12/9/2020	200418	EDGENUITY INC.	Licenses	\$ 32,050.00
12/9/2020	200419	EXPRESS SERVICES INC	Sub fulfillment	\$ 670.39
12/9/2020	200421	FORUM COMMUNICATION COMPANY	legal notices	\$ 263.41
12/9/2020	200422	GOODYEAR COMMERCIAL TIRE CTR	Wheels	\$ 3,235.00
12/9/2020	200423	GRAINGER	Multiple Invoices	\$ 156.19
12/9/2020	200425	HILLYARD, INC.-MPLS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 167.89
12/9/2020	200426	HUDSON PHYSICIANS	health exams	\$ 150.00
12/9/2020	200428	HUEBSCH	Multiple Invoices	\$ 2,011.09
12/9/2020	200429	J H LARSON COMPANY	WS Bulbs	\$ 139.11
12/9/2020	200430	KFI ENGINEERS	Ionization Assessments	\$ 11,250.00
12/9/2020	200431	KURITA AMERICA INC.	Soft Water Test Kits	\$ 131.02
12/9/2020	200432	KWIK TRIP, INC.	Fuel	\$ 1,284.20
12/9/2020	200437	MCDONALD PETROLEUM SERVICE	Yearly Functionality test	\$ 646.20
12/9/2020	200440	MINNESOTA LIFE INSURANCE CO	Payroll Accrual	\$ 7,407.09
12/9/2020	200442	NORTHERN AIR CORPORATION	Auto Alarms to Techs	\$ 9,390.00
12/9/2020	200443	NEO ELECTRICAL SOLUTIONS LLC	Hook up fire doors	\$ 4,149.49
12/9/2020	200445	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	mailing machine	\$ 431.28
12/9/2020	200446	READ NATURALLY INC	Read Live Licenses	\$ 1,265.00
12/9/2020	200447	RIVER CITY DISPOSAL, INC.	Garbage & Recycling	\$ 3,196.08
12/9/2020	200448	RIVER CITY STITCH LLC	shirts	\$ 387.50
12/9/2020	200449	RIVER FALLS ACE HARDWARE	Multiple Invoices	\$ 694.32
12/9/2020	200450	VIBRANT HEALTH FAMILY CLINICS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 140.64
12/9/2020	200451	S.H.I.N.E.	uniform rental	\$ 530.00
12/9/2020	200453	STAPLES -(PAPER)	Multiple Invoices	\$ 380.87
12/9/2020	200454	ST CROIX GAS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 14,810.69
12/9/2020	200455	STEEL TOWNE R.F.	supplies	\$ 918.25
12/9/2020	200457	THE STANDARD	Payroll Accrual	\$ 10,286.01
12/9/2020	200458	UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE	Winter/Spring Mailing	\$ 1,497.17
12/9/2020	200459	WELLS, NATHAN	Tuition reim	\$ 2,500.00
12/9/2020	200460	WILLIAM V MACGILL AND CO	supplies	\$ 474.00
12/9/2020	200461	WISCONSIN FFA ASSOCIATION	Reg	\$ 825.00
12/18/2020	200462	AIRTEC SPORTS, INC	Multiple Invoices	\$ 786.95
12/18/2020	200463	ALLINA HEALTH SYSTEM	Contract Services	\$ 8,491.85
12/18/2020	200480	AMAZON.COM	Multiple Invoices	\$ 10,988.78
12/18/2020	200481	ANDERSON, KIMBERLY	Official; State Meet	\$ 125.00
12/18/2020	200483	ANDERSEN, VICTORIA	CE Class Pymt	\$ 365.90
12/18/2020	200484	ARCHKEY TECHNOLOGIES	Add card readers	\$ 6,153.00
12/18/2020	200485	AT&T	Multiple Invoices	\$ 3,784.46
12/18/2020	200486	AT&T BUSINESS DIRECT	Multiple Invoices	\$ 1,650.31
12/18/2020	200487	AUTO VALUE	Multiple Invoices	\$ 342.97

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12/18/2020	200488	BATTERIES PLUS BULBS-HUDSON	Advance Rider batteries	\$ 919.80
12/18/2020	200489	BAUER BUILT	Multiple Invoices	\$ 796.00
12/18/2020	200491	BOE, MADELINE	ASHA Reim	\$ 253.00
12/18/2020	200493	CASE, MITCHELL	FedMed reim	\$ 147.40
12/18/2020	200495	CHARTWELLS	Nov Invoice	\$ 139,571.65
12/18/2020	200496	CHIPPEWA VALLEY SPORTING GOODS	supplies	\$ 256.66
12/18/2020	200497	CINTAS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 423.33
12/18/2020	200498	COMPUTER INTEGRATION TECHNOLOGIES	Agrmt Mgd Backup	\$ 785.00
12/18/2020	200499	CONTINENTAL CLAY	Clay order	\$ 151.44
12/18/2020	200500	COULEE CONNECTIONS	Transportation	\$ 3,330.00
12/18/2020	200501	DNA AV INTEGRATORS LLC	Multiple Invoices	\$ 767.60
12/18/2020	200502	DOCNETWORK, INC.	supplies - masks	\$ 1,399.00
12/18/2020	200503	DULANEY, KATE	ASHA Reim	\$ 225.00
12/18/2020	200505	EATON, CHARLES	Multiple Invoices	\$ 168.99
12/18/2020	200506	EDUCATOR'S PUBLISHING SERVICE	workbooks	\$ 125.22
12/18/2020	200508	EXPRESS SERVICES INC	Multiple Invoices	\$ 2,111.89
12/18/2020	200509	FIELD ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING INC	Annual Contract	\$ 225.00
12/18/2020	200510	GOLDEN VALLEY SUPPLY CO	Ceiling Tile	\$ 434.96
12/18/2020	200511	GRAINGER	Dist Wide Supplies	\$ 261.78
12/18/2020	200512	HACKEL, DERRICK	Multiple Invoices	\$ 101.47
12/18/2020	200513	HARRIS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 1,624.90
12/18/2020	200514	HILDI INC	Actuarial Add'm-disclosures	\$ 1,405.00
12/18/2020	200515	HILLYARD, INC.-MPLS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 9,246.95
12/18/2020	200517	HOGLUND BUS COMPANY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 415.04
12/18/2020	200519	INPRO	Corner Guards	\$ 804.29
12/18/2020	200520	J H LARSON COMPANY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 606.85
12/18/2020	200522	KFI ENGINEERS	Ionization Proj (Nov)	\$ 2,775.00
12/18/2020	200524	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES	Multiple Invoices	\$ 2,970.55
12/18/2020	200526	LASER PRODUCT TECHNOLOGIES	Multiple Invoices	\$ 2,142.44
12/18/2020	200527	LOY, KATRINA	ASHA Reim	\$ 225.00
12/18/2020	200529	MANSFIELD OIL COMPANY OF GAINSVILLE,	Fuel	\$ 14,048.55
12/18/2020	200530	MASTERCARD CORPORATE CLIENTS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 8,671.95
12/18/2020	200532	MENARDS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 425.77
12/18/2020	200533	MISSISSIPPI WELDERS SUPPLY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 754.85
12/18/2020	200534	MORANTES RUIZ, DOLLY	CE Class Pymt	\$ 126.72
12/18/2020	200535	NORTHERN AIR CORPORATION	control transformer fail	\$ 1,809.23
12/18/2020	200536	NASCO	Multiple Invoices	\$ 214.44
12/18/2020	200537	NOTABLE INC	Kami Subscription	\$ 594.00
12/18/2020	200538	ORIENTAL TRADING COMPANY	supplies	\$ 141.30
12/18/2020	200540	PRINTART	Winter/Spring postcards	\$ 1,390.00
12/18/2020	200541	RICE LAKE GLASS AND DOOR CO., INC.	Multiple Invoices	\$ 2,908.00
12/18/2020	200542	RIVER FALLS PUBLIC TRANSIT	Taxi cards for schools	\$ 200.00
12/18/2020	200543	RIVERSIDE INSIGHTS	WJ Protocols	\$ 217.33
12/18/2020	200545	RIVER FALLS MUNICIPAL	Multiple Invoices	\$ 62,914.98
12/18/2020	200546	RIVER STATES TRUCK & TRAILER	Multiple Invoices	\$ 868.74
12/18/2020	200548	ROGERS, NANCY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 170.09
12/18/2020	200549	ROTARY CLUB OF RIVER FALLS	Multiple Invoices	\$ 250.00

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12/18/2020	200554	SINGEL, ERIN	Reim Supplies	\$ 107.79
12/18/2020	200555	SOLBERG, STACY	CE Class Pymt	\$ 252.00
12/18/2020	200556	SQUIRE, MONIQUE	Multiple Invoices	\$ 130.02
12/18/2020	200559	STAPLES -(PAPER)	Multiple Invoices	\$ 1,784.88
12/18/2020	200560	STATE SUPPLY COMPANY	MS Booster Pump	\$ 578.84
12/18/2020	200561	T-MOBILE	Multiple Invoices	\$ 5,119.58
12/18/2020	200562	THE ART OF EDUCATION UNIVERSITY	Online conf reg	\$ 149.00
12/18/2020	200563	TOMLINSON, MARK	CE Class Pymt	\$ 320.00
12/18/2020	200564	TRANSFINDER CORPORATION	Multiple Invoices	\$ 8,395.00
12/18/2020	200565	TRI STATE BOBCAT, INC.	Leaf Vac Baggers/Blowers	\$ 383.24
12/18/2020	200567	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	Scholarship Pymt	\$ 500.00
12/18/2020	200568	UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA	Scholarship Pymt	\$ 500.00
12/18/2020	200569	UNITED WAY ST.CROIX VALLEY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 120.00
12/18/2020	200570	VERIZON WIRELESS	Nov 2-Dec 1, 2020	\$ 2,558.59
12/18/2020	200571	VIKING ELECTRIC SUPPLY	Multiple Invoices	\$ 180.42
12/18/2020	200572	VIRCO INC.	Supplies	\$ 602.80
12/18/2020	200573	WASDA	Membership renewal	\$ 1,725.00
12/18/2020	200574	WIPFLI	depreciation update	\$ 750.00
12/18/2020	200575	WI SCTF	Multiple Invoices	\$ 135.35
12/18/2020	200576	WOLVERINE BRASS, INC.	Multiple Invoices	\$ 195.60
POST	CHECK		INVOICE	
DATE	NUMBER	VENDOR	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
12/21/2020	1564	KRAUS-ANDERSON CONSTRUCTION COMP	Referendum Check	\$ 105,250.62

RIVER FALLS BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, January 25, 2021

Personnel Agenda:

1. Recommended approval of the employment of Kenneth Carlson as full-time long-term substitute Math Teacher at River Falls High School effective January 19, 2021 through April 1, 2021 (vacant position).
2. Recommended acceptance of the resignation of Rollie Hall as full-time Activities Director at River Falls High School effective the end of the 2020-21 year. Mr. Hall will retire after 18 years of service with the district.
3. Recommended approval of the hiring of the following Substitute Teachers:
 - a. Erin Fagin
 - b. Krissa Jones
 - c. Connor Alexander

School District of River Falls
Personnel Committee Meeting Report
Monday, January 11, 2021 - 5:30 PM
River Falls High School Media Center
818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

The Board of Education's Personnel Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022. Chair Halvorson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

PRESENT

Committee Members Amy Halvorson (Chair), Cindy Holbrook, and Stacy Johnson Myers were present. Board members Bob Casey, Mike Thompson, and Alan Tuchtenhagen were present. Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell, and Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson were also present.

HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS

1. Discuss COVID-19 legal and policy issues related to the COVID-10 vaccine

The administrative team provided a brief overview of legal and policy issues related to employees and the COVID-19 vaccine. No action, informational only.

2. Discuss the 2021-22 school calendar

The calendar committee and administrative team sought Personnel Committee feedback prior to making formal recommendations for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school calendars.
No action, Informational only.

3. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

Board members were given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

4. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Set meeting schedule as follows:

Personnel Committee meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road

5. Johnson Myers motioned, seconded by Holbrook to move into executive session pursuant to Wisconsin § 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of approving continuing letters to administrators. Roll call vote: Holbrook-yes, Johnson Myers-yes. Halvorson did not participate in executive session due to her remote location.

6. Johnson Myers declared the meeting in executive session at 5:52 p.m.

Amy Halvorson, Personnel Committee Chair

School District of River Falls
Educational Program Committee Meeting Report

Monday, January 11, 2021 - 6:00 PM
River Falls High School Media Center
818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022

The Board of Education's Educational Program Committee meeting was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at River Falls High School Media Center, 818 Cemetery Road, River Falls, WI 54022. Chair Tuchtenhagen called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. It was ascertained that notice of the meeting had been properly posted in the appointed locations, and sent to the Star Observer, WEVR Radio Station, and the Eau Claire Leader Telegram.

PRESENT

Committee Members Alan Tuchtenhagen (Chair), Bob Casey, and Mike Thompson were present. Board members Amy Halvorson (remote), Cindy Holbrook, Stacy Johnson Myers, and Todd Schultz were present. Superintendent Jamie Benson, Director of Academic Services Jennifer Peterson and Director of Human Resources and Leadership Development David Bell were also present.

HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS

1. Approve the District's Notice of Educational Options

Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services presented the District's Notice of Educational Options for approval pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 115.28 (54m). Educational options must be approved and posted on an annual basis prior to the Open Enrollment window being opened.

Alan Tuchtenhagen moved, seconded by Bob Casey to approve the District's Notice of Educational Options for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

2. Approve the memo to establish seats for Open Enrollment

Jennifer Peterson, Director of Academic Services presented the memo to officially establish seats for Open Enrollment in the 2021-2022 school year.

Mike Thompson moved, seconded by Bob Casey to approve the memo to establish Open Enrollment seats for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried unanimously. (3-0)

3. Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future Board meeting agenda(s)

Board members were given the opportunity to suggest items for future Board member agendas.

Suggestions included: building tours for board members at the Renaissance Charter Academy and the new River Falls Public Montessori Elementary, Virtual/e-School Updates and looking further into long-range plans for the Renaissance Charter Academy.

4. Schedule next Board/Committee meetings

Set meeting schedule as follows:

Educational Program Committee meeting, Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will be held at River Falls High School, 818 Cemetery Road.

ADJOURN

Chair Tuchtenhagen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Alan Tuchtenhagen, Educational Program Committee Chair

School District of River Falls
Educational Options for the 2021-22 School Year

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 115.28 (54m), notice must be provided regarding the educational options available to all students who are at least three years old, but not yet 18 years old. Each of the [following areas](#) represent educational options for Wisconsin students.

The School District of River Falls “Exceeded Expectations” on the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s District Report Card for the 2018-19 school year. No District Report Cards are being published for the 2019-20 school year. Specific district and school report cards can be located at <https://apps2.dpi.wi.gov/reportcards/> for your convenience. Report card data can also be found on the district’s website under Academic Services and on each of our school’s individual web pages.

The School District of River Falls offers students a variety of educational options to children who reside within the boundaries of the School District of River Falls. The District’s primary educational pathway and instructional program for students begin with our 4-year-old kindergarten program through 12th grade. The District’s educational options and recent school performance category (if applicable) are listed below:

Enrollment Options:

- Attendance at resident public schools
- Attendance at private schools participating in the Wisconsin Private School Choice
- Program attendance at area charter schools
- Attendance at virtual schools
- Full-time open enrollment
- Early College Credit Program and Start College Now Program
- Partial enrollment options for pupils enrolled in a home-based private educational program
- Parents of children with disabilities are also advised that there is a special needs voucher program

School District of River Falls Specific Options:

River Falls 4 Children (4C) Community Sites:

Abundant Life
Jacob’s Ladder
Little Adventures 1
Little Adventures 2
The University Preschool
UW-River Falls CHILD Center
River Falls Public Montessori Elementary

Elementary Schools:

Greenwood Elementary School - Significantly Exceeds Standards
River Falls Public Montessori Elementary - Exceeds Standards
Rocky Branch Elementary School - Meets Standards
Westside Elementary School - Meets Standards

Middle School:

Meyer Middle School - Exceeds Standards

High Schools:

Renaissance Charter Academy (Day and Knight Alternative School) - N/A (Satisfactory Progress)

River Falls High School - Exceeds Standards

Additional Educational programs offered to eligible students who are enrolled in and attending school in the School District of River Falls include:

- Early childhood special education (for students who are at least 3 years old, prior to school-age)
- Special education for students with disabilities
- English learner services
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Academies and local programs
- Personalized learning instructional opportunities
- Alternative educational program(s)
- Summer school programming
- Character education initiatives
- Academic and Career Planning Initiatives
- College and Career Fairs

High School Program Highlights:

Students at River Falls High School (RFHS) have a wide variety of educational opportunities throughout their time enrolled. These opportunities are provided to meet the needs of our students with variation in coursework as well as to personalize their learning experience to best meet their individual needs. Additionally, we strive to ensure we are providing quality opportunities aligned with our district and community expectations. Below are opportunities provided for current students enrolled at RFHS:

Face-to-Face Classroom Instruction:

Students at River Falls High School have the opportunity to enroll in a wide variety of coursework in core academic classes, visual arts, performing arts, career and technical education, family consumer science, and other elective opportunities. These courses offered by RFHS staff are offered through face-to-face instruction or hybrid online courses taught using our learning management system Schoology. Students participating in these educational opportunities are held accountable to the grading for learning guidelines identified by RFHS and included in our student handbook. These expectations are further communicated in teacher syllabi and/or course expectation guidelines.

Additional course opportunities include:

Online Courses (WVS) Hybrid Courses

Advanced Placement (AP)

Transcripted Credits (TC)

Advanced Standing (AS)

Independent Study (IS)

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Youth Apprenticeship (YA)

Work-Based Learning Experiences (SBE)

Renaissance Charter Academy (RCA)

Wisconsin Virtual School (WVS):

Students at RFHS are provided with the opportunity to participate in coursework offered through WVS. These courses are offered online through a partnership with CESA 9. RFHS students who enroll in WVS coursework have access to additional course opportunities not always offered at RFHS. RFHS has an identified Local Education Guide (LEG) who facilitates all student enrollment in WVS coursework. Our LEG conducts an introduction meeting with students, sends out regular student progress reports, and is available as a liaison if students have any difficulty in the online learning environment.

Why do we use WVS?

- WVS allows us the opportunity to offer courses that we are not able to offer at RFHS.
- WVS allows students to enroll in courses for students who want to participate in other priority courses that conflict with scheduled offerings.
- WVS allows students to personalize their schedule, course selection, and best meet their learning style.
- WVS strives to offer quality courses through their program, has established criteria and standards in which they select their providers, and regularly review and update their course offerings.

Early College Credit Program:

Early College Credit Program (ECCP) is a collaborative program between RFHS, UWRF, CVTC, and WITC. Students may enroll in college level courses that earn high school and college or technical school credit. Admission is based on school records and/or special interest courses, approval by the School Board, and available space. If approved, tuition and fees are paid by the school district. Application deadlines are March 1 for fall semester and October 1 for spring semester. Students may not enroll in more than 18 credits during their junior and senior years. Upon enrollment in an ECCP course, it is the student's responsibility to notify the college or technical school if the student decides not to take the course. This must be accomplished prior to the first class session in order to avoid enrollment charges. Students/families will be required to reimburse the school district for tuition costs in the event of failed or incomplete ECCP classes.

Part-time Open Enrollment:

Part-time Open Enrollments provides a means for Wisconsin students to take courses offered by other Wisconsin school districts and also includes the opportunity for students to enroll in courses offered by charter schools, various institutions of higher education, and approved nonprofit organizations at no cost to the student. Specifically, Part-time Open Enrollments allows students enrolled in a public school district to take up to two courses at any time from an educational institution. Part-time Open Enrollments applications must be submitted and received 6 weeks prior to the start of any course.

For more information, please contact the Director of Academic Services, Jennifer Peterson, at jennifer.peterson@rfsd.k12.wi.us or (715) 425-1800.

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Administrative recommendation to the River Falls School Board of Education for Open Enrollment during the 2021-22 school year:

The School Board of River Falls “shall” guarantee open enrollment approval to all currently-attending applicants and siblings of currently-attending applicants.

Enrollment projections in the School District of River Falls have been cast forward based on current student enrollment and has determined its available seat capacity for the 2021-22 school year for regular education students to be:

RF4C – unlimited seats

Greenwood ES, River Falls Public Montessori Elementary, Rocky Branch ES and Westside ES

Kindergarten – unlimited seats

Grades 1-5 – unlimited seats

Meyer Middle School

Grades 6, 7 and 8 – unlimited seats

River Falls High School

Grades 9-12 – unlimited seats

Renaissance Charter Academy

Grades 9-12 – five (5) seats

Special education seats are determined by program and staff availability. Open enrollment may be considered if the district is able to provide related services required in the student’s IEP and whether it has space. The River Falls School District shall review each student’s IEP individually to ensure the entire IEP can be provided. Based on current enrollment projections for the 2021-22 school year, the available seat capacity for special education students is based on specific programs offered in our district and listed below:

Cross-Categorical – ES zero (0) seats

Cross-Categorical – MS zero (0) seats

Cross-Categorical – HS zero (0) seats

Early Childhood Special Education – zero (0) seats

Emotional Behavioral Disability – ES zero (0) seats

Emotional Behavioral Disability – MS zero (0) seats

Emotional Behavioral Disability – HS zero (0) seats

Intellectual Disability Severe – ES zero (0) seats

Intellectual Disability Severe – MS zero (0) seats

Intellectual Disability Severe – HS zero (0) seats

Occupational Therapy – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats

Visual Impairment – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats

Hearing Impairment – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats

Physical Therapy – Early Childhood – 12; zero (0) seats

Specific Learning Disability – ES zero (0) seats

Specific Learning Disability – MS zero (0) seats

Specific Learning Disability – HS zero (0) seats

Speech and Language – Early Childhood-5; zero (0) seats

Speech and Language – MS zero (0) seats

Speech and Language – HS zero (0) seats

Visual Impairment – Early Childhood-12; zero (0) seats