



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, August 18, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: William Farhat, Michael Ehlert, J.C. German, Ronald Petro, Fred Knutel, Victoria Pfauth, Vickie Wagner

Members Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

President Farhat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Introduction of Mrs. Cynthia Ursprung the New Assistant Principal at the Middle/High School and Mr. Eric Munyon the New Spanish/English Teacher at the Middle/High school were made to the Board by Principal Warner.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President Farhat led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Moved by Mr. Petro, supported by Mr. Knutel, to accept the revised agenda with the addition of Item 7.9 Acceptance of Resignation, 7.10 Recommendation to hire Richard Jasso and Gretchen Butler under Personnel. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Review Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2008

The Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes of July 21, 2008. No additional corrections were made. The Board will approve these minutes at their next regular meeting.

5.0 Buildings & Grounds: No Report.

6.0 Finance

6.1 Reviewed Accounts Payable for August 2008. And the Treasurer's Report for July, 2008: The Board reviewed Accounts Payable for August 2008 and the Treasurer's Report for July, 2008. Mrs. Wagner inquired if the new Busses were included in the report, Mrs. Capiak reported that one of the new busses was covered in last year's budget and the second bus was included in the Budget Summary Report. The Board will approve the Accounts Payable and the Treasurer's Report at their next regular meeting.

6.2 Discuss Renewing Special Education Supervisory Contract. Mrs. Olson will continue this position. The Board will take action on this at their next regular meeting.

6.3 Discuss Finance Coordinator/Business Manager Position. Previously we eliminated the business manager's position and gave new titles to those remaining. Cheryl does manage our finances. Consideration should be given to renaming the position. The Board will take action on this at their next regular meeting.

6.4 Discuss Substitute Pay Rates for Non PESG Substitutes. The district raised substitute pay rates for teachers last year. We have not raised rates for sub cooks, custodians, drivers etc. in 5 years. A 3% increase seems appropriate at this time. The Board will take action on this at their next regular meeting.

7.0 Personnel

- 7.1 Consider Recommendation to Hire a 7-12 Spanish/English Teacher:** Moved by Mrs. Wagner, supported by Mr. Ehlert to Hire Eric Munyon as a 7-12 Spanish/English Teacher. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.2 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Preschool Teacher:** Moved by Mr. Knutel, supported by Mr. Ehlert to Hire Jennifer Flick as a Preschool Teacher. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.3 Consider Recommendation to Hire a 7-12 Social Studies/Psychology Teacher:** Moved by Mr. Knutel, supported by Mrs. Pfauth to Hire Jeremy Kirkman as a 7-12 Social Studies/Psychology Teacher (pending Back ground check and appropriate paperwork). All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.4 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Part-Time Custodian – 2 positions:** Moved by Mrs. Wagner, supported by Mr. Ehlert to Hire Jean Forrester and Theresa Koeller as Part-Time Custodians. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Mrs. Forrester will be at Chikaming 3 hours, Mrs. Koeller at Three Oaks 3.5 hours).
- 7.5 Consider Recommendation to Hire an Elementary Teacher Assistant.** Moved by Mr. Knutel, supported by Mrs. Pfauth to Hire Micah Deam as an Elementary Teacher Assistant. All Ayes. Motion carried. (7 hours a day, 4 days a week).
- 7.6 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach.** Moved by Mr. Petro, supported by Mr. Knutel to Hire James Ragosta as a Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.7 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Junior Varsity Football Coach.** Moved by Mr. Knutel, supported by Mr. Ehlert to Hire Ronnie Silva and Michael Betting as Junior Varsity Football Coaches. All Ayes. (Mr. German Abstained). Hires will be conditional on River Valley having a Junior Varsity Program in 2008.
- 7.8 Consider Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Football Coach – 2 positions.** Moved by Mr. Knutel, supported by Mrs. Pfauth to Hire Mr. Jason Alexander and Mr. Richard Zeiger as Assistant Varsity Football Coaches. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Mr. German Abstained).
- 7.9 Consider Acceptance of Resignation.** Moved by Mrs. Wagner, supported by Mrs. Pfauth to Accept Letter of Resignation from Mrs. Sabine Vera (German, Biology and English), with the Boards Gratitude for her 22 years of service to the district. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.10 Consider Recommendation to a Biology and Virtual Class and Current Events Teacher.** Moved by Mrs. Wagner, supported by Mr. Knutel to Hire Mrs. Gretchen Butler for Biology, Virtual Class & Current Events Teacher. All Ayes. Motion carried. (Pending results from National Teaching Exam & Transcripts).

7.11 Consider Recommendation to Hire PE and Physical Science and Science Grade 7 Teacher. Moved by Mrs. Pfauth, supported by Mr. Knutel to Hire Mr. Richard Jasso for PE, Physical Science and Science Grade 7. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.0 Other

8.1 Facility Utilization Committee. President Farhat informed the Board that there has been some discussion leading to the formation of a committee made up of those who voiced opinions in the last election. The Board will take action on this at their next regular meeting.

8.2 MASB Board of Directors Election. Our Board needs to elect a candidate for a 3 year term, Ms. Susan Buckley and Mr. Burl Ghastin are running for this position. The Board will take action on this at their next regular meeting.

8.3 Scholarship Funds. We have been notified by the provider of the business scholarship that funds can be used for other than business scholarships if not enough students apply for the business scholarships. Mrs. Capiak reported that the donor has opened the scholarship can be utilized for any 2 year degree at LMC; however Business Majors would have priority.

8.4 MME Scores. Mr. Schroeder reported on the MME Scores.

8.5 Buses/Tennis Courts/Curtains. All up and running/Installed. Mr. Schroeder reported that the district has received and inspected our two new busses, new curtains have been purchased and installed in the Band Room, Choir Room and Cafeteria, and Tennis courts have been completed and are in steady use. Mr. Schroeder thanked The Pokagon Fund and Chikaming Township for their help with these projects.

8.6 NCA Report. Mr. Schroeder reported that the District has received NCA Accreditation for the next five years, through June 30th 2013.

9.0 Items for Discussion Only.

9.1 Mr. Lange, River Valley Elementary Principal gave a report on the elementary program MiBLSi which stands for Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative. It is a program that helps schools create a culture where staff teaches academic success and behavior success side by side. It monitors student reading and behavior performance, makes decisions based on data and works to improve reading success.

9.2 Mr. Lange, River Valley Elementary Principal reported that "River Valley Elementary" the Nations only Elementary School Radio Program will begin airing on September 8th and will be heard on 106.7 Radio Harbor Country, the show can be heard on Mondays at 7:30 am and re-airs Mondays at 4:00 pm. It is hoped that the show can be heard on the Districts busses in the morning and afternoon during bus runs.

9.3 Mr. Lange, River Valley Elementary Principal report that "Back to School Night" will be held on Thursday, August 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, at the River Valley Middle/High School. This is an opportunity for elementary students to meet their teacher's, there will be a fun fair, games and food.

9.4 Mrs. Barb Doecker addressed the Board on the possibility of returning to New Troy, the funds utilized to purchase the New Troy elementary school building, in hopes to re-ignite a stronger relationship pending any future bond proposals. President Farhat remarked that the District was

opened to anything positive to accomplish stronger relationships in our district however any suggestions would have to be thoroughly checked-out by the district Administration and legal counsel. President Farhat thanked Mrs. Doepker for her suggestion and will bring the suggestion to the newly formed “Facility Utilization Committee.

10.0 Motion to Go into Closed Session to Discuss Situation Being Negotiated. Moved by Mr. Petro, supported by Mr. Ehlert to Work session at 8:50, with a 10 minute recess and to reconvene in closed session. All Ayes. Motion carried.

11.0 Motion to return to Open Session. Moved by Mrs. Wagner, supported by Mr. Ehlert to return to Open Session at 9:15. All Ayes. Motion carried.

12.0 Adjournment. Moved by Mrs. Wagner, supported by Mr. Ehlert to adjourn at 9:16 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

J.C. German, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education