



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128
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**Regular Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, August 25, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Michael Ehlert

1.0 Call to Order

President Farhat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President Farhat led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Moved by Wagner, supported by Petro, to accept the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Public Comment on Agenda: None

5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2008 and Work Session Minutes of August 18, 2008. Postponed approval until next Regular Board Meeting.

6.0 Superintendent's Report:

6.1 The Start of School: Mr. Schroder reported that New Staff will report Tuesday, August 26th for in-service, meet the Principals and set-up their classrooms. Ten new teachers will report.

7.0 Board Committee Reports

7.1 Building and Grounds Committee:

7.1.1 Rocket Football Request: German read a letter from Mr. Gene Murphy, President of River Valley Rocket Football on the Rocket Football's request to install two electrical outlets, one located in the building directly behind the concession stand, the other located in the football barn. The outlets will be utilized by the Rocket program to provide electricity to their new concession wagon for Saturday games and during the week. The amount of electricity utilized will be less than what is currently being used. All work is to be performed by New Buffalo Electric and the district assumes no responsibility for any spoilage caused by a power failure or the cord becoming unplugged. Petro requested that the Rocket program not park their concession wagon on the track but in the grass area near the end zone. Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to allow the River Valley Rocket Football to install the requested outlets. All Ayes. Motion carried.

7.2 Personnel Committee:

- 7.2.1** Personnel Committee Chairman Knutel reviewed the Personnel Committee minutes from the August 18th meeting; the following were presented and approved at the Board Work Session on August 18, 2008.

Eric Munyon hired as a 7-12 Spanish/English Teacher.

Jennifer Flick hired as a Preschool Teacher.

Jeremy Kirkman hired as a 7-12 Social Studies/Psychology Teacher.

Jean Forester and Theresa Koeller hired as Part-Time Custodians.

Micah Deam hired as an Elementary Teacher Assistant.

James Ragosta hired as a Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach.

Jason Alexander and Richard Zeiger hired as Assistant Varsity Football Coaches.

8.0 Correspondence: None

9.0 Old Business: None

10.0 New Business:

10.1 Consider approval of Accounts Payable for August, 2008 and the Treasurer's Report from July, 2008. Moved by Petro, supported by Knutel, to approve Accounts Payable for August, 2008 and the Treasurer's Report from July, 2008. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10.2 Consider Special Education Supervisory Contract for 2008-2009. Moved by Pfauth, supported by Wagner, to approve the Special Education Supervisory Contract for 2008-2009 with Linda Olsen. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10.3 Consider Recommendation to Rename Finance Coordinator Position to Business Manager. Moved by Knutel, supported by Petro, to rename Finance Coordinator to Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10.4 Consider Recommendation to Increase Substitute Pay Rates for Non PESG Substitutes. Moved by Petro, supported by Pfauth, to increase Substitute Pay Rates for Non PESG Substitutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10.5 Consider a Candidate for 2008 MASB Board of Directors Election. Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to nominate Mrs. Susan Buckley for the 2008 MASB Board of Directors Election. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10.6 Accept School Readiness Slots. Moved by Petro, supported by Knutel, to accept the twelve allocated School Readiness Slots. All Ayes. Motion carried.

11.0 Items for Discussion Only.

11.1 Discuss Facility Utilization Committee. President Farhat led a discussion of forming a Facility Utilization Committee, made up of Community members to gather their input on how we could better utilize our existing facilities and possibly on what the community might support on future bond proposals. A Community Forum has been scheduled for Monday, September 15th, 2008 at 6:30 (prior to the scheduled Board Work Session). President Farhat will develop a letter to

the local newspapers as an open invitation to the community to join us at the scheduled Community Forum.

12.0 Hearing of Persons Present.

Mr. Warner, Middle/High School Principal, reminded everyone that the Varsity Football season starts this Friday, August 29th; the game will be against Lake Michigan Catholic and will be played at Lakeshore High School at 7:30 p.m.

Superintendent Schroeder reminded everyone that the Main Office will be closed this Friday and Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Superintendent Schroeder thanked the summer work crew and volunteers for all their hard work over the summer. Many projects were completed, Tennis Courts were re-surfaced, the fencing for the courts were painted; band storage lockers were installed, the band and choir rooms were painted; all flag poles were painted, the scoreboard at the Soccer/Football field was painted' the entire outside of the Middle/High School was scraped and painted; the ticket booth was painted; the gym floor was painted and Mustang logos painted; all skylights at the Middle/High School were painted. All three campuses look great.

Business Manager, Cheryl Capiak, reported that the District received a refund from our insurance for the amount of \$13,480.00.

13.0 Adjournment. Moved by Wagner, supported by Petro, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

J.C. German, Secretary
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