



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, September 15, 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.

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 Items 1. Accept donation of \$20,000.00 to have a before/after school program for those students wishing to have guitar/piano lessons. 2. Accept Pokagon grant, Ms. Fritz has written and received a grant regarding culinary arts. 3. Discuss Lay off of bus driver, the special Ed route that Mr. Carter was doing is no longer needed. 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, Work Session Minutes of August 18, 2008 and Regular Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2008. No additional corrections were made. The Board will approve these minutes at their next regular meeting.

5.0 Buildings & Grounds: German reported the Board had hosted a Community Forum prior to the Board Meeting to get input from the Community of the best way to utilize our facilities, and obtain information on what the community might support in any new bond proposal, due to the weather, German recommended that the Board host another community forum prior to next month's Work Session, President Farhat will again contact the local newspapers announcing this. The next Community Forum will be held on October 20th, 2008 before the Work Session at 6:30 p.m.

6.0 Finance:

6.1 Reviewed Accounts Payable for September 2008. And the Treasurer's Report for August 2008:

Ms. Capiak gave the board a reviewed of the Accounts Payable for September 2008 and the Treasurer's Report for August, 2008 The Board will approve the Accounts Payable and the Treasurer's Report at their next regular meeting.

7.0 Personnel

7.1 Consider Approval of REVA Contract Language Change. Moved by Knutel, supported by Pfauth to approve Schedule C, School Improvement 10 @ \$200.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.

7.2 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Preschool Assistant: Moved by Mr. Wagner, supported by Knutel to Hire Christine Hillman to fill the vacancy as the Preschool Assistant. All Ayes. Motion carried.

7.3 Report from Personnel Committee: Knutel reported that the Personnel Committee meet on Monday at 6:00 p.m. and discussed the following: Preschool Assistant vacancy, Enrollment and the possibility of increasing staff at the Middle/High School, the need for the district hire a webmaster for our web site.

7.4 Consider Recommendation to Lay Off Bus Driver: Mr. Schroeder reported that the special Ed route that Mr. Carter was doing is no longer needed, consequently his lay-off from this position. The Board will take action on this item at their next Regular Meeting.

8.0 Other

8.1 Enrollment Update: Business Manager Capiak reported on the updated enrollment number for the district.

8.2 Participation in Class Action Lawsuit. Superintendent Schroeder reported the District has been asked to join a nationwide suit regarding improper faxes being sent to the district. The Board will take action on this at their next regular scheduled Board Meeting.

8.3 Discuss Co-op Agreement: Superintendent Schroeder reviewed with the Board the Co-op Agreement with Galien School District, this is the same agreement the district has had in the past. The Board will take action on this item at their next regular Board Meeting.

8.4 Correspondence: President Farhat read a letter from Kay English, Chairperson from the Esther Steckelberg Book Room and Friends of New Troy, thanking Mr. Lange and the District for the Summer Reading Program.

9.0 Items for Discussion Only.

9.1 Annual District Audit Report is scheduled for September 22, 2008. The Audit report will be presented to the Finance Committee on Wednesday the 17th of September, and to the Board at their next Regular Meeting.

9.2 Mr. Lange, River Valley Elementary Principle reported that the district received a \$20,000.00 donation from “a Friend of River Valley School District” the donor has asked that his name not be released, this donation will fund an after/before school program to teach students interested guitar and piano lesson. Mr. Lange has been in contact with several music stores to get pricing for instruments. Approximately 70 students have expressed interest in this program.

9.3 Mr. Carter, The Districts Athletic Director reported that the River Valley School District will host the Volleyball Districts.

10.0 Motion to Go into Closed Session to Discuss Situation Being Negotiated. Moved by Mr. Wagner, supported by Petro to Close Work session at 8:07 p.m., 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 Wagner, supported by Knutel to return to Open Session at 8:24 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

12.0 Adjournment. Moved by Knutel, supported by Petro to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

J.C. German, Secretary
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