



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, February 16, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Ron Petro

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

4.0 Review Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2009. The Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes of January 26, 2009. The Board will approve these minutes at their next regular meeting.

5.0 Buildings & Grounds: Mr. German, Chairperson of the Buildings & Grounds Committee, informed the Board that the Committee had received the information on the cost of remodeling all three of the district's campuses and the cost of building new; a formal report will be given at the next regular meeting. Mr. Ken Hebard from Hebard & Hebard Architects, Inc. will be at the next Board meeting to give a brief PowerPoint presentation and to answer any questions the Board may have.

6.0 Finance

6.1 Review Accounts Payable for February 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for January 2009:

Mrs. Capiak, District Business Manager, reviewed the Accounts Payable from February 2009 and the Treasurer's Report from January 2009. The Board will approve the Accounts Payable for February 2009 and the Treasurer's Report from January 2009 at the next Board meeting.

7.0 Personnel

7.1 Accept Resignation of Boys' Soccer Coach Shawn Beach: Mr. Beach wishes to remain as Girls' Soccer Coach. He is now employed full-time and taking Master level courses and wishes to spend more time at the Varsity Girls' level. The Board will take action on this item at their next regular meeting.

8.0 Other

- 8.1 Announce Candidates Running for Vacant Board Position:** Mr. Schroeder announced the following candidates have filed for the Vacant Board position: Vickie Wagner, Kathleen Snyder, and Blane Hillman.
- 8.2 Presentation of Certificates:** Mr. Schroeder and the Board recognized Mr. Warner, Middle High School Principal and Mr. Lange, Elementary School Principal and presented them with Certificates of Proclamation from Governor Jennifer Granholm for “Principals’ Week”. Mr. Schroeder and the Board thanked them for their hard work and dedication.
- 8.3 Acknowledge Mr. Garry Lange as being nominated for the Annual Parent Advisory Committee Award for Special Education:** Mr. Schroeder recognized Mr. Lange for being nominated for this award; the award will be presented at a dinner on March 10th.

9.0 Items for Discussion Only

- 9.1 Discuss Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education:** Any comments should be given to Mrs. Wagner.
- 9.2 Discuss Graduation Rate:** Mr. Schroeder gave a recap of how graduation/drop-out rates are calculated.

10.0 Announcements

- 10.1** Reminder of Headlee Vote – February 24, 2009.
- 10.2** Retro Taco Night – February 17, 2009 (from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) – M/HS Campus.
- 10.3** Chilly Night Chili Night – February 23, 2009 (from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.) – M/HS Campus.

TEN MINUTE RECESS BEFORE GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION

- 11.0 Motion to Go Into Closed Session to Discuss Negotiations. No action will be taken after the closed session:** Moved by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to close the Work Session Meeting at 7:58 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Pfauth, Aye; Ehlert, Aye; Farhat, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Knutel, Aye; German, Aye; Motion carried (6-0).
- 12.0 Motion to Return to Open Session:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to return to open session;
Roll Call Vote: Pfauth, Aye; Ehlert, Aye; Farhat, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Knutel, Aye; German, Aye; Motion carried (6-0).
- 13.0 Adjournment:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Pfauth, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.