



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, October 19, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by President German at 7:00 p.m. Members present: President German, Vice President Ehlert, Treasurer Petro, Trustee Knutel, Trustee Pfauth, and Trustee Wagner. Secretary Farhat arrived at 7:04 p.m. Superintendent Robert Schroeder and Business Manager Cheryl Capiak were also present.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President German.
- 3.0 Appoint Acting Secretary
Due to the tardiness of Secretary Farhat, President German appointed Trustee Wagner as Acting Secretary. This was relinquished at 7:07 p.m. after the completion of agenda Item 5.0.
- 4.0 Consider Approval of Agenda as Presented
Item 12.4 - Congratulations to Three Eighth Graders Selected into the WMU Douglas Akey Middle School All-Star Band was moved to being Item 5.0 so that the students and parents could be recognized at the start of the meeting. Motion made by Knutel, supported by Petro, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 5.0 Congratulations to Three Eighth Graders Selected into the WMU Douglas Akey Middle School All-Star Band: Trumpet Player Marissa Lubarski, Euphonium Player Jimmy Ragosta, and Drummer Devin Morrow
All students and their parents were present and were congratulated by the Board. President German presented the students with certificates and congratulated them on their achievements. They will be rehearsing all day and then performing in Kalamazoo on October 27, 2009.
- 6.0 Review Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2009 and Special Work Session Minutes of October 12, 2009
There were no comments on the minutes and they will be voted on at the next regular Board meeting.
- 7.0 Correspondence
There was no correspondence brought before the Board.
- 8.0 Buildings & Grounds
Trustee Wagner thanked the Citizen Committee members for their time and efforts. President German said that the Committee is not done yet. Superintendent Schroeder reminded everyone that there were representatives from all three areas so that there was equal representation on the Committee.
- 9.0 Curriculum/Policy
Superintendent Schroeder stated that all policies have been posted online and in November, the Board will have more proposed policies for review.

10.0 Finance

10.1 Review Accounts Payable for October 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for September 2009
Ms. Capiak reviewed the Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report and answered Board member's questions regarding entries, abbreviations, and other clarifications.

10.2 State Budget Update

Superintendent Schroeder stated that the state budget is still in flux and that the Governor may be signing the bill tonight so that the state aid payment would be made in time for tomorrow's (October 20, 2009) deadline. The reductions hurt RV financially but not as much as "in formula" districts. Any reductions in per pupil funds (which RV does not get) will be taken out of categorical funds, which RV still receives.

10.3 Review Michigan Purchasing Card Consortium

Chase Bank is participating in the Michigan Purchasing Card Consortium, which offers a debit card that can have funds deposited in them for use by employees during work related expenditures. The cards are convenient, as they will not have money available for use until it is placed there by the school administration. This will be acted on at the next Regular Board meeting.

11.0 Personnel

11.1 Review Recommendation to Hire Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Autumn Fox has been recommended to the Board by the school administration to be the Varsity Cheerleading Coach. This will be acted on at the next regular Board meeting.

11.2 Review Recommendation to Hire Girls' Middle School Basketball Coach

Morgan Olmstead has been recommended to the Board by the school administration to be the Girls' Middle School Basketball Coach. This will be acted on at the next regular Board meeting.

12.0 Other

12.1 Review 2008-2009 District Annual Education Report

The 2008-2009 District Annual Education report has been posted on the RV website and shows that all schools met A.Y.P. In addition, both Elementary Schools were both graded as "A" and that the Middle and High Schools were graded as "B."

12.2 Review Overnight Trip Requests

The following overnight trips were requested by teachers and endorsed by the school administration:

- Jim Nevil has requested that his BPA students attend the BPA State Convention on March 18 through March 21, 2010 in Grand Rapids
- Carolyn Shuler has requested that her FFA students attend the FFA State Convention from March 10 through March 12, 2010
- Robert Hay has requested:
 - That his Band/Choir students attend the State Honor Band/Choir from January 20 through January 23, 2010 in Grand Rapids
 - That the Honors Choir attend the ACDA in Cincinnati, Ohio from February 24 through February 27, 2010.
 - That the selected choir members attend the SWMVF Honor Choir on March 17, 2010 in Kalamazoo
 - That the Middle School Choir attend the State Choral Festival during the week of May 3, 2010 in Ann Arbor
 - That the Choir members have permission to audition for Disney's Candlelight Processional set for early December 2010, which is the next school year. This is to allow them time to fundraise for the trip, if approved.

- Neil Carter has requested an overnight stay for wrestling (Individual Finals) March 4-6, 2010 in Auburn Hills

12.3 Review Donation of Time, Talent, and Materials

The Doepker Family was recognized for their work in the flower boxes outside the Middle/High School. Bruce Graham of Graham Tree Service was thanked for assisting with changing our tower lights and flagpole work by donating the use of his equipment. Neil Carter was thanked for donating two antique tractors for refurbishing by students so they can be used for fundraising and a sprayer for use on campus. Harriette Gibson was thanked for her donation to the Fine Arts Fund through the Berrien Community Foundation. The Oldenburg Family was thanked for providing equipment and manpower for grading the school practice fields. Superintendent Schroeder has already written thank you letters to be sent to all of them.

13.0 Items for Discussion Only

13.1 Mission and Vision Statements

No action was taken at this time and it will be voted upon during the next regular Board meeting.

13.2 Review Hope College Communication

Jeff Degner, Pam Kaniuga, and Mike Latus were contacted by Hope College and were commended by first year Hope students who had identified them as having made a difference in their educational lives.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion made by Wagner, supported by Farhat, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

William G. Farhat, Secretary
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