



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, November 16, 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 Secretary Farhat. Trustee Wagner arrived at 7:05 P.M. during Agenda Item 6.2. 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 Consider Approval of Agenda as Presented
Items 6.2: Title I Programs Outline and 8.0: Correspondence from the Michigan Department of Education Superintendent, were added to the agenda. Motion made by Petro, supported by Ehlert, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 4.0 Public Comment on Agenda
There was no public comment on the agenda.
- 5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2009
Motion made by Knutel, supported by Petro, to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 6.0 Superintendent's Report
 - 6.1 Student Board Representative Report
The Student Representative report was presented by Gina Schrader. Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams are practicing and conditioning for their first games beginning the first week of December. Wrestling is also preparing for their first meet on December 2nd. The Band is getting ready for its Holiday concert on December 14th and it was announced that 11 students were accepted into the All Star Band.
 - 6.2 Title I Presentation
Middle/High School Assistant Principal, Cynthia Ursprung and Title I Teacher, Sharon Noland outlined the Title I program, which is a new addition at the Middle School this school year. There are 28 students currently in the program. Study skills classes are scheduled during the class day (when possible) which includes pulling small groups out of class to tutor them and after school programs are provided to students who qualify for the extra instruction. The goal is to keep the group instruction to 2-3 students, but sometimes it is one on one instruction. Students are brought into the program via assessment of the MEAP scores, 5th grade Dibbles reading assessment, and the Star reading assessment scores. The main goal of the program is to bring the students up to reading comprehension for their grade level during the school year. January 18, will be the Taco Night literacy program meeting.

7.0 Board Committee Reports

There were no committee reports for the Board.

A Citizens Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

8.0 Correspondence

There was a letter to the District from Mike Flanagan, Michigan Department of Education State Superintendent of Public Instruction, asking for voluntary compliance by all school districts to reduce operating costs by consolidating services. Mr. Schroeder is working on a resolution with the MASB and/or our attorneys to support this goal, although he has assembled a multiple page list of reductions that have already been completed by the District.

9.0 Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Board.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Consider Approval of the Accounts Payable for November 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for October 2009.

Mr. Petro asked questions regarding the final payments on the new refrigeration unit at the High School and Mr. Ehlert requested further information regarding payments for boiler repairs, which was conducted at both elementary schools. Motion made by Petro, supported by Ehlert, to approve the reports as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.2 Consider Approval of Resolution for 2010 Annual Summer Property Tax Collection

Motion made by Wagner, supported by Farhat, to adopt the resolution. **Roll Call Vote: Pfauth – AYE, Farhat – AYE, Petro – AYE, Ehlert – AYE, German – AYE, Wagner – AYE, and Knutel – AYE. Resolution adopted unanimously (7-0).**

10.3 Consider Approval of 2009-2010 Snow Removal Bid

Prices kept the same as last year (same as the past three years at least). Motion made by Knutel, supported by Petro, to award the bid to Oldenburg & Sons Excavating Inc. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.4 Accept Anonymous \$400.00 Donation to be Used to Purchase 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Uniforms

Motion made by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to accept the anonymous donation, with thanks. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.5 Consider Participating Resolution for 2009-2010 Michigan School Readiness Grant Program

Motion made by Wagner, supported by Petro, to adopt the resolution. **Roll Call Vote: Pfauth – AYE, Farhat – AYE, Petro – AYE, Ehlert – AYE, German – AYE, Wagner – AYE and Knutel – AYE. Resolution adopted unanimously (7-0).**

10.6 Student Discipline Issue

Student #12678 is in violation of Board Policy #5530 by being in possession of a controlled substance for a second time. Per the policy, it was recommended by Superintendent Schroeder that this student be suspended for 90 days, without makeup privileges. The student will also have to seek treatment for their drug use and the school administration has provided information to them on how to continue their education while on suspension. Motion made by Petro, supported by Knutel, to approve the 90-day suspension of the student. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11.0 Items for Discussion Only

11.1 Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Board members discussed the Mission Statement, Vision Statements, and Core Values that were suggested by Trustee Wagner. Secretary Farhat suggested that the Board pass these ideas around via email and tailor them further.

12.0 Announcements

12.1 Congratulations to Kacie Mercer and Jessica Zeiger on being accepted into the Central Division 100 Voice High School Honor Choir. They will perform February 24 – 27 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Out of four states, 100 vocalists are selected and 2 of them coming from River Valley, which is an outstanding achievement.

12.2 Congratulations to high school choir members, Beck Williamson, Kacie Mercer, and Jessica Zeiger for their successful audition for the MSVMA Region B Honor Choir. They will perform on December 5th at 4:30 p.m. at Western Michigan University in the Dalton Center.

13.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Pete Fleck came before the Board to request that former students be allowed to have the football field named after retired Football Coach, Tom Palen. Mr. Fleck went to great lengths to outline Mr. Palen's achievements, reminding the Board that he came back to coach the team three times after retiring. Mr. Fleck stated that he would lead a fundraising drive so that no school funds would be needed to complete the project. The request was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for further consideration.

Mr. Schroeder stated that emergency repairs to a water main leak near Chikaming School originally expected to take 45 minutes to repair, actually took the township 2 hours to complete.

14.0 Adjournment

Motion made by Wagner, supported by Farhat, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

William G. Farhat, Secretary
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