



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, May 24, 2010 @ 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 Wagner, Trustee Pfauth and Secretary Farhat. 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
Motion by Farhat, supported by Petro, to accept the Agenda as presented. **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 March 22, 2010 (Closed Session), Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2010 and Work Session Minutes of May 17, 2010
Motion by Wagner, support by Pfauth, to approve all meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 6.0 Superintendent's Report
 - 6.1 Student Board Representative Report
There was no report presented.
 - 6.2 Progress Toward Mission and Vision – Michigan Reading Association
Reading Specialist Suzanne Jewell stated that annual Michigan Reading Association meeting was held in March and this year the 2nd and 3rd grade teachers attended the meeting in Detroit. All of the data is presented in these meetings are research based, giving valuable assistance to teachers. Teacher Jackie Gill shared that 2nd grade students are given disposable cameras and a list of things to take pictures of various items and distributed copies of children's booklets for Board members to review. This activity is done to improve student's writing skills. Ms. Gill shared the Rubrics of Elementary Assessments that she acquired for use with students in order to help gauge a student's project. Teacher Paula Donner spoke about using bubble maps and circle mind mapping exercises to help students to clarify ideas and narrow their focus so that they can write more effectively. Teacher Deb Burlingame spoke about the Daily 5 and the Cafe books that help students learn to manage time and reading more effectively. Mrs. Jewell shared that according to one study, a student knowing 107 key words would allow him/her to understand over 50% of what they read. By working on these key words, children would be better equipped to comprehend what they read.
- 7.0 Board Committee Reports
The next Citizens' Committee meeting will be this Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.
- 8.0 Correspondence
There was no Correspondence brought before the Board.

9.0 Old Business

There was no Old Business brought before the Board.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Consider Approval of K-12 Science, Vocational Education (Culinary Arts/Living Skills) and Business Department Curriculum

Motion by Wagner, supported Ehlert, to approve the curriculum purchases. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.2 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for May 2010 and the Treasurer's Report for April 2010

Motion by Farhat, supported Petro, to approve both reports as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.3 Consider Approval of Resolution for Public Notice on Hearing on the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adopt the resolution by a roll call vote. **Pfauth – Aye, Farhat – Aye, Petro – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, German – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Knutel – Yes. Resolution Adopted (7-0).**

10.4 Consider Approval of Resolution for Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year

Motion by Wagner, supported by Petro, to adopt the resolution by a roll call vote. **Pfauth – Aye, Farhat – Aye, Petro – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, German – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Knutel – Yes. Resolution Adopted (7-0).**

10.5 Consider Approval of Heading Coaching Recommendations for 2010-2011 Fall/Winter Sports Season

Motion by Farhat, supported by Pfauth, to approve the coaching recommendations. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.6 Consider Approval of Amendments to Administrative and Supervisory Contracts

Motion by Wagner, supported by Farhat, to approve the contracts as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.7 Consider Approval of Excalibur Personnel Contracts

Motion by Petro, supported by Knutel, to approve the contracts as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.8 Consider Approval of Recommendation to Hire Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach

Motion by Wagner, supported by Farhat, to approve hiring Kalla Shearer as the Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.9 Consider Approval of 2010-2011 Handbook Changes (Elementary Student Handbook, Middle/High School Student Handbook and Athletic Handbook)

Motion by Farhat, supported by Pfauth, to approve the changes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.10 Consider Approval of Bread and Milk Bids for 2010-2011

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the bread and milk bids as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.11 Consider Approval of 2010-2011 Meal Prices

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Petro, to keep the meal prices the same as last year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- 10.12 Consider Approval of Request for Facilities Use for 2011 Apple Cider Century Bicycle Tour Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the use of the Three Oaks Campus facilities for the 2011 Apple Cider Century. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.13 Consider Approval of Board of Education Meeting Dates and Times for 2010-2011 Motion by Wagner, supported Knutel, to approve the meeting dates and times as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.14 Consider Approval of Resolution for 2010-2011 MHSAA Membership Motion by Petro, supported by Farhat, to adopt the resolution by a roll call vote. **Pfauth – Aye, Farhat – Aye, Petro – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, German – Aye, Wagner – Aye, Knutel – Yes. Resolution Adopted (7-0).**

11.0 Items for Discussion Only

The Berrien County Career Technical Education Annual Report was distributed.

A general discussion was held about the number of positions that could be eligible to be part of a delayed retirement opportunity. There are three spots available and it may be difficult to choose who would be allowed to use the opportunity. The Superintendent will be the one to make the choice; Superintendent Schroeder stated that positions most difficult to fill would get the most consideration.

12.0 Hearing of Persons Present

There was no one wishing to be heard.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

William G. Farhat
Secretary, Board of Education