



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, August 24, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- 1.0 Call to Order
Meeting was called to order by President German at 7:03 P.M. Members present: President German, Vice President Ehlert, Treasurer Petro, Trustee Knutel, Trustee Pfauth, and Secretary Farhat. Trustee Wagner was absent.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President German.
- 3.0 Consider Approval of Agenda as Presented
Motion made by Trustee Knutel, supported by Vice President Ehlert, to approve 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 the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2009 and the Work Session Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2009.
Motion made by Trustee Pfauth, supported by Treasurer Petro, to approve the meeting minutes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 6.0 Superintendent's Report
 - 6.1 School bells ring September 8 and middle/high school registrations will be taking place this week August 25-26. The buildings are ready to go; staff members have been preparing for students arrival including training teachers on how to use Promethean Boards.
 - 6.2 Superintendent Schroeder has three meetings scheduled for August 26:
 - 6.2.1 Meeting at Berrien RESA regarding the Federal stimulus funds
 - 6.2.2 Meeting with the Berrien County Health Department regarding responses to the H1N1 flu virus
 - 6.2.3 First CNC meeting of the year
 - 6.3 The Auto Shop instructor, from Southwestern Michigan College, has been preparing the Auto Shop for classes. The instructor has been very enthusiastic (day classes are full). Currently there are approximately 12 River Valley students, 6-8 Bridgman students, and a few New Buffalo students. Coloma Community Schools will be recommending their students to take night classes at River Valley in order to obtain college credit and to take advantage of classes not currently offered at their own school.
 - 6.4 The new refrigeration unit has been purchased and River Valley staff has poured the cement pad for its foundation.

7.0 Buildings & Grounds

7.1 A small group of administrators and the Buildings and Grounds Committee met with the architects and the construction managers regarding the options available. A survey will be conducted during school registration; other information is being gathered as well. The Citizens Advisory Committee will be meeting on September 10th to go over the options and review information gathered to make a recommendation to the Board.

8.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to the Board.

9.0 Old Business

There was no old business brought before the Board.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Review Accounts Payable for August 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for July 2009
The Board reviewed these documents during the August 17, 2009 Work Session. Motioned by Treasurer Petro, supported by Trustee Knutel, to approve the reports as submitted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.2 Review Resolution for QSCB Loan
The QSCB Loan request was reviewed and explained during the August 17, 2009 Work Session; resolution was read aloud by Secretary Farhat. Motioned by Trustee Knutel, supported by Vice President Ehlert, to have a role call vote to adopt the resolution. **Role Call: Pfauth-Aye, Farhat-Aye, Petro-Aye, Ehlert-Aye, German-Aye, Wagner-Absent, Knutel-Yes. Resolution adopted unanimously (6-0).**

10.3 MASB Board Candidate Selection
The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) board of directors candidate was discussed and the general consensus was that Heidi Elizabeth Pfannes of the Mattawan Consolidated School District would probably best represent the interests of this area at the MASB. Motioned by Trustee Pfauth, supported by Trustee Knutel, to select Pfannes as RV School Board's choice for the MASB board. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.4 Board Policy Revision Approval
Board policy revisions were distributed to Board members during the July 20, 2009 meeting with the instruction to contact Trustee Wagner or Superintendent Schroeder with any questions or revisions. As of this date, no questions or revisions have been raised. Moved by Trustee Knutel, supported by Trustee Pfauth, to approve the policy revisions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10.5 Public Hearing Regarding Internet Safety Policy
Superintendent Schroeder stated that per the District's attorneys, it is debatable if it is really required for the Board to have a public hearing regarding the District's already existing Internet Safety Policy. In order to preserve the District's E-Rate (which provides approximately an additional \$6000 to the District a year), it is recommended that the District hold a public hearing for record. This too has already been done as the policy was adopted publically in 1999 and has been reaffirmed annually via the student handbook approvals. Moved by Treasurer Petro, supported by Secretary Farhat, that the Internet Safety Policy be adopted, reflecting that it has been in force since 1999. **Role Call: Pfauth-Aye, Farhat-Aye, Petro-Aye, Ehlert-Aye, German-Aye, Wagner-Absent, Knutel-Yes. Resolution adopted unanimously (6-0).**

11.0 Items for Discussion Only

- 11.1 Currently we do not have a staff recommendation for a new Middle School Volleyball Coach due to a candidate withdrawing their application. Another candidate is being considered and screened. The administration should have a recommendation to bring before the Board for consideration at the next scheduled Board Work Session.
 - 11.2 Superintendent Schroeder suggested, and the general concession was, that a District mission statement be discussed at the next Work Session.
 - 11.3 As of right now, there are only 7 boys signed up for Soccer, which is not enough for a team. The deadline was 8:00 A.M. on August 24, 2009, but there will be continued advertising during registration in order to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to play. Regardless, the first 3-4 games will be forfeited due to the team not having a chance to practice and to allow for students to signed up and have their physicals.
- 12.0 Hearing of Persons Present
There was no one who wished to speak before the Board.
- 13.0 Adjournment
Moved by Secretary Farhat, supported by Treasurer Petro, to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

William G. Farhat, Secretary
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