



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
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**Regular Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, September 21, 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, Trustee Knutel, Trustee Pfauth, Trustee Wagner, and Secretary Farhat. Treasurer Petro arrived at 7:13 P.M. (the Board was on agenda Item 10.8).
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President German.
- 3.0 Consider Approval of Agenda as Presented
The agenda was amended to add acceptance of a donation of school supplies from the Lake Michigan Land Sharks (Item 10.6) and to accept the resignation of the Girls' Middle School Basketball Coach (Item 10.9). Motion made by Wagner, supported by Pfauth, to approve the amended 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 August 24, 2009 and Work Session Minutes of September 14, 2009
Motion made by Knutel, supported by Pfauth, to approve the meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 6.0 Superintendent's Report
 - 6.1 Student Board Representative Report
The Student Board Representative Report was presented by Jessica Zeiger, who offered a report which included sports highlights, a fine arts overview, and a list of current student activities.
 - 6.2 Athletics Report – Neil Carter
Mr. Carter reported on the Fall Sports participation numbers. The total number is roughly 120 at this time, which is about 50% of our student body; while he is positive, he'd like to see more student participation. Part of this issue was the lack of a Soccer program due to low interest.
- 7.0 Board Committee Reports
No committee reports were presented.
- 8.0 Correspondence
There was no correspondence for the Board.
- 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 September 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for August 2009
Both reports were presented at the last Board meeting. Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to accept the reports as presented at the last meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.2 Accept/Receive 2008-2009 District Audit Report
The District Audit Report was presented in draft form at the last Board meeting. This report is the final copy and has no changes in it. Motion by Pfauth, supported by Ehlert, to accept the District Audit Report. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.3 Consider Cooperative Education Program Agreement
Mr. Schroeder stated that while the Board does not need a resolution on this issue, it does need to be in our meeting minutes and needs to be reflected in the Galien School Board's minutes as well. Motion by Knutel, supported by Wagner, to enter into the Cooperative Education Agreement with the understanding that the Galien School Board must approve it as well. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.4 Accept Donation of a Used Refrigerator to the Transportation Department
Motion by Pfauth, supported by Ehlert, to accept a used refrigerator from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dawson with thanks. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.5 Accept Donation of Used Fitness Equipment to the Athletics Department
Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to accept the donation of used fitness equipment from Ron and Janel Groth with thanks. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.6 Lake Michigan Land Sharks School Supplies Donation
The Lake Michigan Land Sharks had been looking to donate school supplies to a local school and River Valley Middle/High School was chosen. These materials will be given to students in need of assistance. Motion by Pfauth, supported by Kuntel, to accept the donation with thanks. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.7 Set Special Work Session to Hear Citizens Committee Report
Motion by Wagner, supported by Farhat, to set the date of October 12, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. in the Middle/High School Auditorium for the Citizens Committee Report. Architects Hebard and Hebard along with representatives of construction managers Wolgast Corporation will be present. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.8 Approve Graduation Date for 2010
The Committee chaired by Mr. Warner has recommended June 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. as the date for the High School Class of 2010 graduation. Motion by Ehlert, supported by Petro, to accept the recommendation. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 10.9 Accept Resignation of 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
As Shawn Gedert is both the Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach and Girls' 7th Grade Basketball Coach, he feels that he is unable to do both well and has resigned from the 7th Grade position. Motion by Wagner, supported by Pfauth, to accept Mr. Gedert's resignation as Girls' 7th Grade Basketball Coach. **Motion carried unanimously.**

11.0 Items for Discussion Only

- 11.1 Legislative Breakfast – October 12, 2009
Mr. Schroeder announced that Board members should contact the Superintendent's Office as soon as possible if they are interested in attending the breakfast on October 12 at 8 A.M. at Berrien RESA.

11.2 Announcement – Congratulations to Beck Williamson

Mr. Schroeder announced that Beck Williamson had just played in the Western Michigan University Freshman Convocation for his third year in a row.

12.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Trustee Wagner distributed and discussed suggested Mission Statements and presented ideas for Vision Statements and Core Values for the District's students. The material is to be reviewed by Board members and action will be taken in October 2009.

Elementary School Principal, Garry Lange, briefed the Board on elementary school activities including safety drill participation, student testing, the upcoming Apple Cider Century Bicycle Tour, Three Oaks Campus Walk-a-Thon, and bringing the elementary children to the Pep Assembly on the Thursday before the Homecoming game. The cheerleaders will be working with the elementary children so they can be prepared to cheer. President German commented on how he liked how this would bring the District as a whole together.

13.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn at 7:30 P.M. **Motion carried unanimously.**

William G. Farhat, Secretary
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