

River Valley Board of Education  
**RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library**  
**Monday, January 17, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

Members Present: J.C. German, Michael Ehlert, Victoria Pfauth, Blane Hillman, Fred Knutel, Vickie Wagner  
Members Absent: Ronald Petro

**1.0 Call to Order**

President German called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

President German led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Consider Approval of Agenda as Presented**

Motion by Hillman, supported by Knutel, to table action and discussion on the items in Section 11 (Personnel) until the next meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Hillman, supported by Knutel, to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

**4.0 Recognition of School Board Members**

January is School Board recognition month. Superintendent Schroeder read an article of recognition of service, to Board of Education members, and presented Board members with Certificates of Recognition.

**5.0 Review Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010**

The minutes of the Regular meeting of December 13, 2010, were reviewed and will be approved at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**6.0 Consider Revisions to Work Session Minutes of October 18, 2010**

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Hillman, to approve the following corrections to the October 18, 2010 Work Session minutes: Item 12.0 - Capiak announced that she learned, from The Pokagon Fund, that there **are funds** available for field trips. Information on how to apply has been released. Each application will be evaluated. All ayes. Motion carried.

**7.0 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**8.0 Buildings and Grounds**

Buildings and Grounds Chairman Ehlert reported that the Buildings & Grounds Citizens Committee met on January 4, 2011. "Thank You" and "Reminder" cards have been sent out to previous "yes" voters on earlier school bond issues. The Committee will meet again on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

**9.0 Curriculum/Policy**

Superintendent Schroeder reported that we are waiting for NEOLA to transmit the River Valley Board of Education policy updates.

**10.0 Finance**

Board Trustee Wagner arrived at 7:07 p.m.

**10.1 Review Accounts Payable for January, 2011, and the Treasurer’s Report for December, 2010.** The reports will be reviewed and approved at the next Regular Board Meeting.

**10.2 Review First Quarterly Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2011**

The Budget Update shows that revenues have increased by \$216,295 and expenditures have increased by \$180,156. This resulted in a net increase of revenues minus expenses of \$36,138. Projected fund equity for June 30, 2011, is \$1,717,034.

Cheryl Capiak also reported that River Valley will receive \$133,853 in Federal money from EDU JOB Funds. This will be reflected in the next budget update.

**11.0 Personnel**

**11.1 Consider Recommendation to Hire Special Needs Van Driver**

**11.2 Consider Recommendation to Hire Girls’ Middle School Basketball Coach**

**11.3 Consider Recommendation to Hire Part-Time Title I Staff Assistant**

**11.4 Head Coaching Recommendations for Spring Sports**

**11.5 Special Education Supervisor/Data Resource Person**

**11.6 Evaluation**

The preceding agenda items were tabled for consideration at the next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for January 24, 2011.

**12.0 Other**

**12.1 Review Anonymous Scholarship Donation - \$1,000**

Superintendent Schroeder announced that a donor, who wants to remain anonymous, wishes to establish a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to be awarded annually to a graduating River Valley Senior. Funds would be deposited in the District Scholarship Account.

**12.2 Review Donation of Carpeting for Elementary Art Room**

Schroeder announced that the Donner Family has donated area rugs to be used in the Elementary Art Room.

Schroeder also announced that we have received word from author Blue Balliett that the District will receive 150 copies of her book, The Danger Box, to be given to students who have not received a copy and for the school library.

**12.3 Superintendent Search Report**

The Board received updated information on timelines for the Superintendent Search. A representative from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Superintendent Search Department will be in the district Tuesday, January 25, 2011 to receive input from staff members and the community as to qualifications and characteristics they feel are desirable in a new Superintendent. The schedule is as follows: staff members (2:45 p.m. & 4:15 p.m.), public meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the River Valley Middle/High School Library. Online surveys will also be available on the district’s website. Notices will be posted in the local papers, Hoofbeats, website, and at each campus.

**13.0 Items for Discussion Only**

Wagner announced that The Pokagon Fund Scholarship applications are due by March 15, 2011.

Community member and past Chikaming PTO Treasurer, Beth Farhat, addressed the audience to apologize for the theft of money from the PTO and to announce that all of the money had been paid back.

**14.0 Announcement**

Mrs. Clark spoke to the audience regarding the MiBLSi program presently used at the elementary and middle school level at River Valley. The program tracks student behavior and reading progress. It has been used at the elementary level for three years and at the middle school for one year.

Schroeder reported that Mrs. Jody Haughey is doing her student teaching in the River Valley Business Education Department with Instructor, Mr. Nevil. Mr. Schroeder also commented on activities of River Valley Business Professionals of America.

**15.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Monday, January 24, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary  
River Valley Board of Education