

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, January 24, 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

The meeting was called to order by President J.C. German 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 Knutel, supported by Hillman, to accept the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Public Comment on Agenda

There was no public comment on the agenda.

5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010, and Work Session Minutes of January 17, 2011

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2010, and the Work Session Minutes of January 17, 2011. All ayes. Motion carried

6.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Schroeder reported that he has received communication from Mr. Hay on the success of several Middle School band members' performances and ratings at the District 6 Solo and Ensemble Festival on December 4, 2010, in Edwardsburg. He also announced that the audience would hear a presentation from a number of elementary school students on their project of "Christmas Around the World".

6.1 Student Recognition Awards

The following students received awards at the District 6 Middle School Solo and Ensemble Festival on December 4, 2010:

Division II Rating—Ramzy Flores

Division I Ratings—Evan Rieth, Dane Wakefield, Keely Williamson, Katjana Smith, Paige Barbour, Shelby Sieler, Laura Donner, and Aryn Foerster

On Saturday, December 4, 2010, Kacie Mercer and Beck Williamson successfully auditioned into the MSVMA State SATB Honor Choir.

6.2 Elementary Report-In Promethean Room

The audience and Board moved to the Promethean Room where they heard a presentation from River Valley Elementary students on their project of Christmas and Holidays Around the World.

7.0 Board Committee Reports

7.1 Personnel Committee Report-January 12, 2011

Personnel Committee Chairman Fred Knutel reported on the agenda items covered at the January 12, 2011 Personnel Committee meeting. The meeting covered the following agenda items:

- a. Recommendation to hire Sue Rubeck for the position of Special Needs Van Driver
- b. Recommendation to hire Caleb Dryden for the position of Girls' Middle School Basketball Coach
- c. Recommendation to hire the following for Head Coaching positions for Spring Sports
Varsity Baseball—Neil Carter
Varsity Track—Pam Kaniuga
Varsity Soccer—Shawn Beach
Varsity Golf—Shawn Gedert
- d. Recommendation to hire Christina Sullivan for the position of part-time Title I Staff Assistant due to the resignation of Marcia Hess
- e. Placement of Student Teacher Jodey Haughey in the Business Education Department
- f. Recommend that the Board not conduct an evaluation of Mr. Schroeder this year
- g. Recommendation to hire Michelle Sykora for the position of Special Education Supervisor/Data Resource person to replace Mrs. Linda Olson who is retiring at the end of the school year

8.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9.0 Old Business

9.1 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Special Needs Van Driver

Motion by Knutel, supported by Wagner, to hire Sue Rubeck for the position of Special Needs Van Driver. All ayes. Motion carried.

9.2 Consider Recommendation to Hire Girls' Middle School Basketball Coach

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Knutel, to hire Caleb Dryden as Girls' Middle School Basketball Coach. All ayes. Motion carried.

9.3 Consider Recommendation to Hire Part-Time Title I Staff Assistant (Replacement)

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Knutel, to hire Christina Sullivan for the position of Title I Staff Assistant. Ayes: German, Ehlert, Pfauth, Knutel. Nays: Wagner. Abstain: Hillman. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding current hiring practices.

Trustee Wagner volunteered to draft a policy regarding future employment hiring practices. Cheryl Capiak will email our present policies to Board members for reference.

9.4 Consider Head Coaching Recommendations for Spring Sports

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to hire the following personnel as head coaches for spring sports: Varsity Baseball—Neil Carter, Varsity Track—Pam Kaniuga, Varsity Soccer—Shawn Beach and Varsity Golf—Shawn Gedert. All ayes. Motion carried.

9.5 Consider Recommendation to Hire Supervisor of Special Education Services/Data Resource Person

Superintendent Schroeder presented Mrs. Sykora's qualifications.

Motion by Pfauth, supported by Hillman, to hire Michelle Sykora for the part-time position of Supervisor of Special Education Services/Data Resource Person. All ayes. Motion carried.

9.6 Superintendent's Evaluation

Motion by Hillman, supported by Knutel, to forgo the process of evaluating the Superintendent of Schools this year because Mr. Schroeder will be retiring during the 2011 year. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for January, 2011, and the Treasurer's Report for December, 2010

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the Accounts Payable for January, 2011, and the Treasurer's Report for December, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.2 Consider Approval of First Quarterly Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2011

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the First Quarterly Budget Update for Fiscal Year 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.3 Accept Donations

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to accept the following donations to the River Valley School District with thanks: copies of The Danger Box from author, Blue Balliett, area rugs for the River Valley Elementary Art Room from the Donner family, \$1,000.00 annual scholarship from an anonymous donor. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.4 Consider a Request to Use the Three Oaks Elementary Grounds for an Antique Show

Mr. Schroeder reported that he has received a request from The Region of Three Oaks Museum to use Three Oaks Elementary School Grounds for an antique show on June 11, 2011. The Board agreed to the request. No action was taken on this item.

11.0 Items for Discussion Only

Wagner reported that applications for The Pokagon Fund Scholarships are due by March 15, 2011. Mr. Goodman said that this year there will be applications from River Valley seniors.

Hillman said that there will also be a scholarship sponsored by the Lions Club.

German reminded the public that a representative from the MASB will be in the district Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in the Middle/High School Library, to receive input from members of the community as to qualifications & characteristics they feel are desirable in a new Superintendent.

12.0 Hearing of Persons Present

None

13.0 Adjournment

Motion by Knutel, supported by Hillman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next meeting: Work Session, February 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education