

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, October 25, 2010 @ 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 7:02 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**

President German proposed adding the following revision to the agenda: add item 6.2 to the Agenda – Parent Advisory Council.

Motion by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to approve the revised agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**4.0 Public Comment on Agenda**

There were no public comments on the agenda.

**5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2010, and Work Session Minutes of October 18, 2010**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Hillman, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2010, and the Work Session Minutes of October 18, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

**6.0 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Schroeder introduced junior class member, Heather Rowilson, to deliver the Student Board Representative Report and Mrs. Barb Schuck, the River Valley representative to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

**6.1 Student Board Representative Report**

Junior class member, Heather Rowilson, reported that the Homecoming Float Contest was won by the Sophomores and that there had been enthusiastic support for Homecoming activities. She also reported on the Canned Food Drive being conducted by students and that the Student Congress is raking leaves as a service to the community.

**6.2 Special Education Parent Advisory Committee**

Barb Shuck reported that she has been River Valley's district representative to Berrien County RESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee for four years. She said that one of her responsibilities is to serve as a resource person for parents of special needs children in the Individual Education Plan Committee (IEPC) meetings. Barb also mentioned the Berrien RESA website where parents can get information. The group meets the third Tuesday of the month. She also mentioned the Excellence in Education Award for which any employee (certified or non-certified) working with special needs children, could be nominated. Superintendent Schroeder also recognized Mr. Whitman as being new to the district. Mr. Whitman remarked that he is the parent of a special needs child.

**7.0 Board Committee Reports**

The Board heard no committee reports.

Schroeder announced that the Buildings and Grounds Committee will meet on Thursday, October 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

**8.0 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**9.0 Old Business**

There was no Old Business.

**10.0 New Business**

**10.1 Accept/Receive the 2009-2010 District Audit Report**

At the Work Session, Board members received copies of the 2009-2010 District Audit Report and heard a report presented by Alex Schaeffer of the accounting firm of Schaffer and Layher. Schaeffer reported the District to be in good financial order. Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to accept the 2009-2010 District Audit Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.2 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for October, 2010, and the Treasurer's Report for September, 2010.**

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the Accounts Payable for October, 2010, and the Treasurer's Report for September, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.3 Consider Approval of 2010-2011 Snow Removal Bid**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to accept the snow removal bid from Oldenburg and Sons for 2010-2011 District snow removal. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.4 Consider Authorization to Apply for Title III Grant**

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to continue participation in the consortium to apply for Title III Special Education Grant funds. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.5 Consider Approval of Annual Measurable Achievement Objections (AMOs) for English Language Learners (ELL)**

At the present time, River Valley does not have thirty or more ELL students; therefore, there is not sufficient data to provide AMO status, but students will be screened again in the spring of 2011. Motion by Hillman, supported by Wagner, to approve the Annual Measurable Achievement Objections for English Language Learners. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.6 Accept Donations**

Motion by Wagner, supported by Hillman to accept the following donations to the District:

- A. Anonymous donation for new Middle School football jerseys - \$1,300.00
- B. Donation to River Valley Fine arts Fund through the Berrien Community Foundation of \$500.00 from Harriette Gibson
- C. Donation of school supplies from Lake Michigan Land Sharks
- D. Anonymous donation of school supplies.

All ayes. Motion carried.

**11.0 Items for Discussion Only**

**11.1 Discuss Staff Search Firms**

At the October 18, 2010, Work Session the Board received packets from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). At this meeting, Schroeder distributed packets from the Michigan Leadership Institute (MLI). The Board will use the time until the next meeting to individually review these materials. There will be discussion at the November meeting as to which service will best suit our needs. Schroeder noted that MLI was chosen by Berrien County districts conducting personnel searches in the past year.

**12.0 Hearing of Persons Present**

Mrs. Clark commented that Elementary School students are getting ready to march in the Village of Three Oaks Halloween Parade with the High School and Middle School Bands. Parade will start at 1:45 p.m.

Wagner commented that Board members are invited to attend an open house being hosted by The Pokagon Fund on Thursday, October 28, 2010, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at The Pokagon Fund Offices in New Buffalo. She also noted that attendees should plan to park at Oselka Park. A shuttle bus will be provided.

German commented that the 2010 football season came to a close on Friday, October 22, with the game against Brandywine. There was a fundraiser on Saturday at the American Legion Hall that earned \$1,000.00 for the football program. Also, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball players attended volleyball matches at The University of Notre Dame.

**13.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary  
River Valley Board of Education