

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, November 15, 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 7:00 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 Ehlert, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Public Comment on Agenda

Mr. Leo Jovanovich asked the Board not to approve Item 10.4 – Consider Approval of Preliminary Bond Qualification Application.

5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2010

Motion by Knutel, supported by Hillman, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

6.0 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Schroeder noted that there was no one present to deliver a Student Board Representative Report and that the Athletics Report would be given by Athletic Director, Neil Carter.

6.1 Student Board Representative Report

None.

6.2 Athletics Report

Mr. Carter reported on the number of students participating in the Winter Sports Program. He noted that the number of students involved is up from last year. He also commented on the two students who were injured. He mentioned the need for a replacement for himself as Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach.

Trustee Wagner arrived at 7:04 p.m.

7.0 Board Committee Reports

7.1 Buildings & Grounds Committee Report

Vice President Ehlert reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee met on October 28, 2010. It was decided to seek bids for the removal of the portable classroom. The meeting with Treasury was discussed along with the possibility of obtaining a QSAC loan. Also, the Committee discussed the actual voter list as compared to the number of known "Yes" votes in the last Bond election. The Citizens Committee met November 4, 2010, at 6:30 p.m.

8.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9.0 Old Business

There was no old business.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for November, 2010, and the Treasurer's Report for October, 2010

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the Accounts Payable for November, 2010, and the Treasurer's report for October, 2010 as presented by Business Manager, Cheryl Capiak. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.2 Consider Approval of Resolution for 2011 Annual Summer Property Tax Collection

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the Resolution for 2011 Annual Summer Property Tax Collection. Roll call vote. Hillman-aye, Pfauth-aye, Ehlert-aye, German-aye, Wagner-aye, Knutel-yes. Motion carried (6-0).

10.3 Consider Approval of Participating Resolution for 2010-2011 Michigan School Readiness Grant Program

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Knutel, to approve the Participating Resolution for 2010-2011 Michigan School Readiness Grant Program. Roll call vote. Hillman-aye, Pfauth-aye, Ehlert-aye, German-aye, Wagner-aye, Knutel-yes. Motion carried (6-0).

10.4 Consider Approval of Preliminary Bond Qualification Application

Motion by Hillman, supported by Knutel, to approve the Preliminary Bond Qualification Application. Roll call vote. Hillman-aye, Pfauth-aye, Ehlert-aye, German-aye, Wagner-aye, Knutel-yes. Motion carried (6-0).

10.5 Consider Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Coach

Motion by Hillman, supported by Ehlert, to hire Mr. Caleb Dryden as Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2010-2011 basketball season. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.6 Consider a Firm to Conduct the Search for a Superintendent

Motion by German, supported by Wagner, to use the services of the Michigan Leadership Institute to conduct a search for a new Superintendent. Mr. Knutel stated that he thought it best to have both the Michigan Leadership Institute and the Michigan Association of School Boards give presentations to the Board regarding their services before making a decision. German rescinded the motion. Mr. Schroeder said that he would contact both organizations and try to set a Special Board meeting for November 29, 2010.

10.7 Consider Nomination to Parent Advisory Committee

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Hillman, to nominate Mr. Jason Whitman as our alternate member of the Berrien County RESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

10.8 Accept Donation of Automated External Defibrillator

Principal Warner reported that he has received confirmation that the district will be receiving an Automated External Defibrillator from the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation and that he is in the process of ensuring that the required training will take place in order for staff to properly use the equipment. Provisions of the gift require that five staff members receive CPR/AED certification and that a short AED in-service presentation be

held at River Valley High School in front of faculty and staff. The equipment will be located in the High School Gym.

Motion by Wagner, supported by Hillman, to accept the gift of the Automated External Defibrillator, from the Kimberly Anne Gillary Foundation, with appreciation. All ayes. Motion carried.

11.0 Items for Discussion Only

Trustee Wagner announced that there are funds available through The Pokagon Fund, distributed through the New Buffalo Service League, for Meijer gift cards available to those in need to be used for gas, groceries, and other store merchandise. There was also an announcement regarding the availability of funds for field trips. PTO money is also available for admission fees.

11.1 Resident Wishing to Speak to the Board

Community member, Leo Jovanovich, asked in advance to be placed on the agenda. He addressed the Board about what was discussed at a recent Citizens Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. Mr. Jovanovich expressed concerns regarding the election campaign and his perception that he was told to leave the meeting because of inappropriate conduct.

12.0 Hearing of Persons Present

13.0 Adjournment

Motion by Hillman, supported by Knutel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education