

River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128
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Special Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, November 29, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President German.

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 Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Interview Search Firms

Representatives from the Michigan Association of School Boards and the Michigan Leadership Institute gave presentations to the Board outlining the services of these organizations in conducting River Valley's search for a superintendent.

4.1 MASB

Richard W. Dunham, Director of Superintendent Search Services with the Michigan Association of School Boards, outlined the services offered by the MASB to school districts conducting searches for a superintendent. The search process takes approximately twelve weeks and includes input from various community focus groups. Part of the MASB process includes developing profiles of expectations from both the District and the prospective candidates. Cost for MASB services start at \$5,700.00 plus mileage. Dunham stated that mileage would be approximately \$140.00 per trip to the RV district. Board members would have electronic access to all applications immediately after the close of the application deadline.

4.2 Michigan Leadership Institute

Dr. Craig Misner, Regional President, Southwest Michigan, Michigan Leadership Institute presented the services offered by the MLI. The process takes approximately 12 weeks with MLI and also involves the use of community focus groups. Currently, MLI is conducting searches in the local areas of Hartford, Niles, Watervliet, Buchanan, and Bridgman. The base cost for their services is \$4,500.00 plus mileage for the service consultant and special printing costs.

5.0 Other

Following the presentations, open discussion on the services of each group was held. Discussion included both the similarities and differences in the services of both organizations. The final selection of the search organization will be held at the Regular December Board of Education Meeting on December 13, 2010.

Superintendent Schroeder commented on a recent meeting that he had with community member, Leo Jovanovich.

6.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Petro, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education