

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
Wednesday, May 4, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: J.C. German, Michael Ehlert, Victoria Pfauth, Ronald Petro (Petro arrived at 6:37 p.m.), Blane Hillman, Fred Knutel, Vickie Wagner

Members Absent: None

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by President J.C. 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 Knutel, supported by Hillman, to add the selection of the second-round candidates chosen to interview for the position of River Valley Superintendent to the agenda. Selection will be designated by roll call votes. All ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Public Comment on Agenda

There was no public comment on the agenda.

5.0 New Business

Two candidates were interviewed for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

5.1 Interview Superintendent Candidates

A. Dr. Ruth Kotler

At 6:08 p.m. Ruth Kotler, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Achieve Career Preparatory Academy, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed for the position of Superintendent of River Valley Schools.

B. Dr. Roger Prosis

At 7:30 p.m. Dr. Roger Prosis, Superintendent, Diamond Lake School District 76, Mundelein, Illinois, was interviewed for the position of Superintendent of River Valley Schools.

6.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Following the interviews, the audience commented on the candidates. Phil Bender Commented on high stakes testing as a means of evaluating school success. Leo Jovanovic commented on the professional strengths of three of the candidates.

Following visitor comments, Board of Education discussed the strengths of the candidates.

Following the comments, roll call votes were taken on each of the five candidates.

Kristine Simons—Hillman-No; Pfauth-Yes; Petro-No; Ehlert-No; German-No, Wagner-No; Knutel-No

William Kearney—Hillman-No; Pfauth-No; Petro-Yes; Ehlert-Yes; German-Yes; Wagner-Yes; Knutel-Yes

Scott Millen—Hillman-No; Pfauth-No; Petro-No; Ehlert-No; German-No; Wagner-No; Knutel-Yes

Ruth Kotler—Hillman-Yes; Pfauth-Yes; Petro-Yes; Ehlert-Yes; German-Yes, Wagner-Yes; Knutel-No

Roger Prorise—Hillman-Yes; Pfauth-Yes; Petro-Yes; Ehlert-Yes; German-No; Wagner-Yes; Knutel-Yes

Motion by Petro, supported by Ehlert, to contact William Kearney, Ruth Kotler, and Roger Prorise for second-round interviews to be conducted at a Special Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. Ayes: Pfauth, Petro, Ehlert, German, Knutel. Nays: Hillman, Wagner. Motion carried (5-2). Dr. Richard Dunham will contact the candidates and notify German.

7.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, support by Ehlert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary,
River Valley Board of Education