

River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128

Special Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, July 12, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

1.0 Call to Order

President J. C. German called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President German led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Appoint Acting Secretary

Vicky Pfauth was appointed acting secretary

4.0 Oath of Office to Re-Elected and Newly-Elected Board Members

The Oath of Office was administered to re-elected Board member Ronald Petro and newly-elected member Blane Hillman.

5.0 Approval of Agenda as Presented

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

6.0 Public Comment on Agenda

None.

7.0 Board Committee Report

7.1 Personnel Committee: Personnel Committee Chairman Knutel reported that the Personnel Committee met on Friday, June 25, 2010, regarding recommendations for Secondary Math/Biology Teacher, two Elementary Teachers, Middle School Volleyball Coach, and Elementary School Principal.

The Committee approved the following recommendations from Superintendent Schroeder:

Elementary Teachers, Rhonda Geisler and Shelly Reese; Secondary Math/Biology—Phillip Whitelaw; Middle School Volleyball Coach—Krista Wilkey. It was decided to postpone the decision on the recommendation for Elementary Principal until July 7. On that date, the recommendation was approved.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Consider Recommendation to Hire Two Elementary Teachers.

After a brief report by Lange, it was moved by Ehlert and seconded by Knutel to hire Rhonda Geisler and Shelly Reese to fill teaching vacancies in the Elementary School. All ayes. Motion carried.

8.2 Consider Recommendation to Hire 7-12 Math/Biology Teacher.

After a brief report by Warner, it was moved by Petro and seconded by Knutel to hire Phillip Whitelaw for this teaching position. All ayes. Motion carried.

8.3 Consider the Recommendation to hire Middle School Volleyball Coach.

After a brief report by Carter, it was moved by Hillman and seconded by Knutel to hire Krista Wilkey to fill the coaching position. All ayes. Motion carried.

8.4 Consider Recommendation to Hire Elementary Principal.

Schroeder made a brief report on the recommendation to hire Heidi Clark for this position. Wagner commented that it might be better if a more experienced candidate had been recommended. Moved by Knutel and seconded by Ehlert to hire Heidi Clark for the administrative position. Six ayes, one nay (Wagner). Motion carried.

8.5 Consider Municipal Grant Proposal (The Pokagon Fund)

Cheryl Capiak reported on two grants written for The Pokagon Funds. One grant requests \$7,017.17 to be used for books and resources for the Middle School/High School Library. The other grant requests \$35,014 to purchase ten promethean boards and laptop computers to be used in the Elementary School at the fourth and fifth grade levels to assist teachers in presenting science and math curricula to students.

Moved by Ehlert and seconded by Knutel to approve submission of these grant applications for The Pokagon Fund monies. All ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Hearing of Persons Present.

Garry Lange commented on our use of Promethean board technology.

Carrie Ehlert expressed concerns about there being sufficient Promethean boards available in the 7-12 program.

Superintendent Schroeder reported that there is a Tentative Agreement with the SEIU. Members will take their vote next Monday afternoon. The tentative agreement will then be presented to the whole Board in closed session rather than only the Finance Committee at the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting. The Board will then move to open session for a vote.

Lange commented on last Saturday's Lakeside Association Garden Walk. The Lakeside Association designates a portion of the proceeds from this fundraiser to the River Valley Scholarship Fund.

President German announced that standing Board committees will be assigned at the next regular meeting.

10.0 Adjournment. Moved by Petro and seconded by Ehlert to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Vicky Pfauth, Acting Secretary