

River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128
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Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, August 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

1.0 Call to Order

President, J. C. German, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President German led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Ehlert joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

3.0 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Moved by Wagner, supported by Hillman, to take action on agenda Items 8.4 through 9.6 tonight because of time constraints. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

4.0 Review Regular Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2010 (Open and Closed Sessions)

5.0 Correspondence

A letter from Louise Stine, Berrien County Clerk, was reviewed regarding the August 3, 2010 School Election Count and apologizing for the confusion regarding the voter count tally. The letter also stated that a manual count was taken, and the number of voters who voted matched the number of ballots tabulated in the manual poll book, the electronic poll book and the tabulator vote results. The letter also stated that the unofficial results from the August 3, 2010 bond issue election results are:

Total YES votes:	892
Total NO votes:	949

6.0 Buildings and Grounds

6.1 Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – August 12, 2010

Mike Ehlert, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, reported that the Committee met on August 12 following the bond election and felt that the vote results were close enough to try again to pass a bond issue for a new building.

7.0 Curriculum/Policy

7.1 Review Board Policy Revisions (second reading)

8.0 Finance

8.1 Review Accounts Payable for August 2010 and Treasurer's Report for July 2010

Since Cheryl Capiak was not present, these reports will be reviewed at the August 23 meeting.

8.2 Review Request to Form a River Valley School District Jelinek Leadership Scholarship

The District has received a request to form a River Valley School District Jelinek Leadership Scholarship. Senator Jelinek has donated \$20,000.00 to establish this scholarship.

8.3 Review Donation to River Valley Special Activities Fund—Berrien Community Foundation

Mark and Kris Harrington donated \$200.00 to the capital improvement fund.

8.4 Review Request to Purchase a Special Needs Vehicle

Due to the enrollment of special education students and the number of miles on one of the transportation vans (150,000 miles), the administration has requested a new van for the daily trip to Niles. The old van will be kept to use as a spare.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to purchase a new Dodge Caravan from Tyler Automotive for \$20,990. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9.0 Personnel

9.1 Review Recommendation to Hire Middle/High School Custodian

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Hillman, to add an additional 1 ½ hours to Kim Sampson's schedule per day to fill this position. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9.2 Review Recommendation to Hire Varsity Cheerleading Coach

Moved by Wagner, supported by Hillman, to hire Brittany Bundy as the Varsity Cheerleading Coach. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9.3 Review Recommendation to Hire Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Hillman, to hire Shawn McLaughlin for the position of Assistant Varsity Football Coach. Shawn has served as a volunteer assistant in the past. All Ayes. Motion Carried (4-0). Mr. German abstained from voting.

9.4 Review Recommendation to Hire Part-Time Title I Staff Assistant (Two positions)

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Hillman, to hire Amy Vollman for a part-time Title I Staff Assistant position. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hillman, supported by Ehlert, to hire Marcia Hess for a part-time Title I Staff Assistant position. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9.5 Review Recommendation to Hire Part-Time Elementary K-5 Learning Disability Teacher

Moved by Hillman, supported by Ehlert, to hire Caleb Dryden as a part-time Elementary K-5 Learning Disability Teacher. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

9.6 Review Recommendation to Hire Part-Time Kindergarten Staff Assistant

Moved by Wagner, supported by Hillman, to hire Carrie Ehlert for a part-time Kindergarten Staff Assistant position. All Ayes. Motion Carried (4-0). Mr. Ehlert abstained from voting.

10.0 Other

10.1 Review of Candidates for the MASB Region 6 Board of Directors Election

Wagner urged consideration of candidate Renny R. Ransbottom.

10.2 Review Nomination to the Berrien County RESA Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

This is a volunteer committee; Barb Schuck wishes to continue to serve on this committee.

10.3 Annual Reports

Superintendent Schroeder reported that annual reports are due two weeks before school starts and will be posted on our district website. All schools in the River Valley District meet AYP standards.

11.0 Items for discussion only.

11.1 Summer Art Fair

Superintendent Schroeder has received notice from Thomas Blackman that the art fair, previously scheduled on the Three Oaks Elementary School grounds, has been canceled.

12.0 Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted

Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education