

River Valley Board of Education  
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**Regular Meeting-RV Middle/High School Library  
Monday, September 27, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

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

**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 Petro, supported by Knutel, to accept the agenda as presented.  
All ayes. Motion carried.

**4.0 Public Comment on the Agenda**

None

**5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2010, and Work Session Minutes of September 20, 2010**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Petro, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 23, 2010, and the Work Session minutes of September 20, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

**6.0 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Schroeder announced that the Board would hear presentations from Senior Student, Kacie Mercer, and from the Executive Director of The Pokagon Fund, Mary Dunbar.

**6.1 Student Board Representative Report**

Senior Kacie Mercer reported on the success of Homecoming/Spirit Week activities and upcoming athletic and music events.

**6.2 The Pokagon Fund**

Mary Dunbar, Executive Director of The Pokagon Fund reported on new policies regarding applications to The Pokagon Fund. She stated that grant monies will need to be encumbered in a timely way and that monies could be earmarked for specifically-named large future projects. She added that we have \$16,000 in our account and that we could tap \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00 per month. Teachers can fill out new applications for school day (field) trips. Ms. Dunbar stated that no River Valley students had applied for scholarship funds for 2010.

**7.0 Board Committee Reports – None**

The Finance Committee will meet on October 18 regarding the annual audit and the Buildings and Grounds Committee will need to schedule a meeting in the near future.

**8.0 Correspondence**

None

**9.0 Old Business**

None

**10.0 New Business**

**10.1 Consider Participation in Countywide Legislative Committee and Selection of Board Representative**

Superintendent Schroeder reported that the Berrien RESA is seeking input from local districts as to the advantage of having a committee of local representatives meet with legislators to provide them with feedback regarding issues coming before the legislature and issues having an impact on education.

Motion by Hillman, supported by Ehlert, for River Valley to participate in this group. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pfauth volunteered to be the River Valley representative.

**10.2 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for September, 2010, and the Treasurer's Report for August, 2010**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Petro, to approve the Accounts Payable for September and the Treasurer's Report for August, 2010. All ayes. Motion Carried.

**10.3 County Special Education Millage**

Schroeder reported that costs for students attending the Blossomland Learning Center mandate that Berrien RESA seek a county-wide millage or begin billing individual districts for their students attending Blossomland. Funding cutbacks and pursuing the Headlee Rollbacks alone will not cover the increased expenses. Such a millage would be sought in 2012-2013.

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Knutel, to support Berrien RESA in seeking a county-wide special education millage. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.4 Selection of Board Representative to Attend MI Department of Treasury Meeting (finalize preliminary qualification application) – October 26, 2010, @ 10:00 a.m.**

Hillman volunteered to attend the Department of Treasury meeting on October 26, 2010.

**10.5 Consider Approval of Recommendations to Hire two Bus Drivers**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Petro, to hire Cynthia Devenport and Raymond Schedler for the two part-time bus driver positions effective September 27, 2010. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.6 Consider Recommendation to Set Graduation for June 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for the Class of 2011**

Motion by Petro, supported by Hillman, to approve graduation ceremonies to be set for June 3, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. for the Graduating Class of 2011. All ayes. Motion carried.

**10.7 Consider Approval of Overnight Trip Requests**

Motion by Ehlert, supported by Petro, to approve the list of overnight trip requests. All ayes. Motion Carried.

**10.8 Accept Donations**

The District has received the following donations: musical instruments from Jerry Morgan and four copies of the book The Danger Box by the author, Blue Balliett. Motion by Knutel, supported by Petro, to accept the donations of musical instruments and books with thanks. All ayes. Motion carried.

**11.0 Items for Discussion Only**

Petro inquired about available funding and electronic transmission of funds.

**12.0 Hearing of Persons Present**

Athletic Director, Neil Carter, commented on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball program.

Elementary Principal, Heidi Clark, commented on Spirit Week participation at the elementary level and that elementary students are getting ready for Citizenship Week.

**13.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Victoria A. Pfauth, Secretary  
River Valley Board of Education