



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128
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Regular Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, October 27, 2008 @ 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: William Farhat

1.0 Call to Order

Vice-President Ehlert called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Ehlert led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Moved by Wagner, supported by Petro, to approve the agenda with the following additions: Item 10.11: Recommendation to hire Matthew Pugh as a Math/English Teacher, and Item 11.5: Discussion on adding visitor parking in front of the school. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Public Comment on Agenda: None.

5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2008 and Work Session Minutes of October 20, 2008. Moved by Knutel, supported by Petro. All Ayes. Motion carried.

6.0 Superintendent's Report:

6.1 Mr. Schroeder introduced Samantha Lee, who gave the Student Activity Report.

6.2 Mr. Schroeder introduced Ms. Linda Weigel, the District Transportation Director; Ms. Weigel gave the Board an overview on the new buses, mileage, fuel usage/cost and presented the Drivers' Handbook to each Board member.

7.0 Board Committee Reports: No committee reports.

8.0 Correspondence:

8.1 Consider Resignation of Middle School Volleyball Coach Richard Sullivan: Moved by Wagner, supported by Pfauth, to accept resignation. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Old Business: None.

10.0 New Business:

- 10.1 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for October 2008 and the Treasurer's Report for September 2008:** Moved by Petro, supported by Wagner. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.2 Consider Approval of First Quarterly Budget for FY 2009.** Moved by Pfauth, supported by Petro. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.3 Consider Approval of Recommendation to hire Joni Rochman for the Position of Least Restrictive Environment Aid:** Moved by Pfauth, supported by Petro. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.4 Consider Approval of Recommendation to hire Jeanne Carter as the District Webmaster:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Wagner suggested that the Administration look into developing a password protected Intranet site to allow Board Members to access their Board material electronically.
- 10.5 Consider Approval of Head Coaching Recommendations for 2009 Spring Sports Season – Varsity Baseball-Neil Carter, Varsity Softball-Dave York, Varsity Boys/Girls Track-Pam Kaniuga, Varsity Girls Soccer-Shawn Beach and Varsity Golf-Shawn Gedert:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.6 Consider Approval of 2007-2008 District Annual Education Report:** Moved by Pfauth, supported by Wagner. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.7 Consider Approval of Overnight Trip Request; BPA students to attend BPA State Convention March 19 through March 22, 2009; BPA Nationals held on May 6 through May 10, 2009; FFA to attend the FFA State Convention from March 11 through March 13, 2009; Choir to attend the State Honor Choir January 21 through January 23, 2009; The SWMVF Honor Choir on March 11, 2009, the Middle School Choir to attend the State Choral Festival during the week of May 4, 2009; Senior Band Members for an overnight stay in Chicago sometime in May of 2009:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.8 Consider Approval of Artist in Residence; Mrs. Kelly Moore:** Moved by Pfauth, supported by Petro. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.9 Consider Approval of Resolution for Reduction in Personnel – Layoff of Transportation Worker; The Special Ed Route that Mr. Carter was driving for is no longer needed:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Petro, to accept the Resolution. Roll call vote: Ehlert, Aye; German, Aye; Pfauth, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Petro, Aye; Knutel, Aye; Farhat-Absent (All Ayes). Motion carried. The resolution was declared adopted (6-0).
- 10.10 Consider Approval of Lakeland Conference Membership Resolution for 2008-2009:** Moved by Petro, supported by Knutel, to accept the Resolution. Roll call vote: Ehlert, Aye; German, Aye; Pfauth, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Petro, Aye; Knutel, Aye; Farhat-Absent (All Ayes). Motion carried. The resolution was declared adopted (6-0).
- 10.11 Consider Approval of Recommendation to hire Matthew Pugh as a 7-12 Math/English Teacher:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, pending background check. All Ayes. Motion carried.

11.0 Items for Discussion Only:

- 11.1 Announcement – Next Public Forum** – November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle/High School Media Center. Wolgast Corporation will be on hand to give a Power-Point presentation of the feasibility of remodeling verse building new.
- 11.2 Band Fundraiser Information:** Mr. Schroeder reported the Band is about \$5,000.00 short of their goal raising the necessary funds for their Liberty Bowl Trip.
- 11.3 Headlee Rollback + 18 Mill Renewal:** The district’s Business Manager, Cheryl Capiak, reported that the District will have the Headlee Rollback on the February 2009 ballot; the Board will receive more information on this at the November Board Meeting.
- 11.4 The Pokagon Fund:** Will host a lunch in November to review their awarded grants for the past year and give an overview of the coming year. Cheryl Capiak, Mr. Schroeder and Vickie Wagner will be attending; any other Board members wishing to attend will need to contact Mr. Schroeder in the next week.
- 11.5 Angle Parking for Visitors:** Mr. Schroeder discussed the possibility of adding some angle parking in front of the MS/HS building. All too often visitors have to park in the student lot and then walk to the front of our building to get in. It is estimated that we can do this project for approximately \$1,500.00. We would use our own staff and equipment and put down either crushed cement or slag that would compact well. In the future we could pave if necessary. Mr. Schroeder suggested somewhere between 10 and 15 spaces could be added.
- 12.0 Hearing of Persons Present:**
- Knutel inquired about the letter to the Village of Three Oaks from the Michigan Department of Treasury regarding taxes owed by the Village of Three Oaks Downtown Development Authorities.
 - Regarding a question that was asked at a previous Board meeting, Superintendent Schroeder informed the Board that 141 students (K-12) live in Weesaw Township.
 - Personnel Committee scheduled a meeting for Monday, November 10 at 4:30 p.m., in the Superintendent’s Conference Room.
- 13.0 Adjournment:** Moved by Petro, supported by Wagner to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.