



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, January 26, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

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

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Farhat called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Farhat led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 Approval of Agenda as Presented**

Moved by Petro, supported by Knutel, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Item 10.8 Distribution of Revised Bylaws and Policies to Board Members. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**4.0 Public Comment on Agenda:** None.

Vice President Ehlert arrived at 7:34 p.m.

**5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2008 and Work Session Minutes of January 19, 2009.** Moved by Wagner, supported by Petro. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**6.0 Superintendent's Report:**

**6.1 Student Board Representative Report:** Due to a Girls' Varsity Basketball game, the Student Board Representative was unable to attend the Board meeting. No report was filed.

**6.2 Mr. Nevil's report on the River Valley B.P.A.** River Valley Superintendent Schroeder introduced River Valley B.P.A. Advisor, Mr. Jim Nevil, who gave a brief overview of what Business Professionals of America represents and what they hope to accomplish for the students evolved; Mr. Nevil introduced B.P.A. members, Rachael Conley and Kyle Totzke. Mr. Nevil reported that four members of the River Valley High School Chapter of Business Professionals of America won awards at the 2009 Regional Leadership Conference, held January 6, 2009 at Southwestern Michigan College in Dowagiac. Rachael Conley took fifth place in Keyboarding Production, Chelsea Baker placed third in Accounting, Tera Koebel received first place in Advanced Job Interview with Portfolio and Kyle Totzke finished first in Advanced Word Processing. The students will represent River Valley at the 2009 State Leadership Conference from March 10-22, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they will compete with other students from across Michigan and attend workshops designed to aid in professional development.

**7.0 Board Committee Reports:**

**7.1 Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Committee Member Petro informed the Board that several members of the Board and Superintendent Schroeder met with representatives from Wolgast Corporation and Hebard & Hebard Architects, Inc. to review pricing to remodel all three of the district's campuses. This pricing will be broken down by a "complete" remodel and by an "as needed" remodel. Wolgast Corporation and Hebard & Hebard were asked to give additional pricing on needed classroom space and the elementary gymnasium to be a full court. The Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet prior to the next Work Session to develop a full report for the Board.

**8.0 Correspondence:** None.

**9.0 Old Business:** None.

**10.0 New Business:**

**10.1 Consider Approval of Accounts Payable for January 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for December 2008:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.2 Accept Recycling Grant:** The River Valley School District has received \$850.00 from the Berrien County School Recycling Grant. This is a reimbursement basis grant. Moved by Ehlert, supported by Petro, to accept the grant. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.3 Consider Approval of Resolution for May 5, 2009 Election:** Moved by Petro, supported by Pfauth, to adopt the resolution for the May 5, 2009 election. Roll call vote: Pfauth, Aye; Petro, Aye; Ehlert, Aye; Knutel, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Farhat, Aye; German, Aye. Motion carried. The resolution was declared adopted (7-0).

**10.4 Consider Approval of Recommendation to Hire a Bus Driver:** The Administration has recommended Merle (Lyn) Macias-Rolph to be hired as a Bus Driver. Moved by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to accept the recommendation. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.5 Consider Approval of Recommendation to Hire a Middle School Wrestling Coach:** The Administration has recommended Mr. Kyle Gordon to be hired as the Middle School Wrestling Coach. Moved by Ehlert, supported by Knutel, to hire Kyle Gordon as the Middle School Wrestling Coach. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.6 Accept Donation of Golf Clubs:** Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith have donated a set of golf clubs to the district. Moved by Wagner, supported by Pfauth, to accept the donation. All Ayes. Donation accepted.

**10.7 Accept Resignation of Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to accept the resignation, with thanks from the District, of Mr. Jim Ragosta as the Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach. All Ayes. Resignation accepted.

**10.8 Distribution of By-Laws and Policy Changes to Board Members:** Superintendent Schroeder distributed copies of the bylaws and policy changes for each Board member to review.

**11.0 Items for Discussion Only:**

**11.1** Mr. Schroeder informed the Board that there is the need to hire a Special Education driver.

**11.2** Mrs. Wagner commented that the district website is great, easy to work with and wanted to thank the district's webmaster. Mr. Schroeder informed the Board that Jeanne Carter has spent

many hours perfecting the districts website. Mr. Lange asked that a future Board meeting possibly take place at the Three Oaks elementary campus; this would allow Mrs. Carter to present the district's website utilizing the new permethian board.

**12.0 Hearing of Persons Present:** None

**13.0 Adjournment:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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J.C. German, Secretary  
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