



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, February 23, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Ron Petro, Michael Ehlert

**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 Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

**5.0 Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2009 and Work Session Minutes of February 16, 2009.** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**6.0 Superintendent's Report:**

**6.1 Student Board Representative Report:** None.

**6.2 Speed Stacking:** Mr. Schroeder introduced Middle/High School Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Sullivan, who gave the Board a presentation on a "Non-Traditional" P.E. event. Several of Mr. Sullivan's students were on hand to demonstrate Speed Stacking, utilizing the stacking and un-stacking of plastic cups, which requires the students to learn to use both hands in a timed event. Those students in attendance worked with the Board members as they tried their hand at Speed Stacking. The Board and Mr. Schroeder thanked the students and Mr. Sullivan for their presentation. Mr. Sullivan thanked the present and previous administration for allowing the district teachers to explore non-traditional classroom instruction.

**7.0 Board Committee Reports:**

**7.1 Buildings & Grounds Committee:** Mr. German, Committee Chairperson, reported that Hebard & Hebard Architects and Wolgast Corporation had concluded the pricing for comparison of building new and the cost of remodeling all three of the district's campuses. Mr. German introduced Ken Hebard from Hebard & Hebard Architects who presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board and those in attendance on the price comparison. Mr. Hebard answered questions from the Board. Mr. German thanked the Buildings & Grounds Committee, Mr. Schroeder, Mrs. Capiak, and Mr. Hebard for the time they spent putting together the pricing.

**7.2 Finance Committee Report:** President Farhat presented the Board with a summary of the Finance Committee meeting from February 11, 2009.

**8.0 Correspondence:** None.

**9.0 Old Business:** None.

**10.0 New Business:**

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

**10.2 Consider Approval of Proposed Revisions to the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education as Presented:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the revisions as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.3 Accept Resignation of Boys' Soccer Coach:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to accept the resignation of Mr. Shawn Beach as the Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach, with thanks for his service to the district. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.4 Consider Approval of 2008-2009 MSBO/MAPT Bus Purchasing Program Resolution.** This is necessary in order for the district to participate in this bus purchasing plan (this is the same as last year). Moved by Knutel, supported by Pfauth. Roll Call Vote: Pfauth, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Farhat, Aye; Knutel, Aye; German, Aye. Resolution declared adopted (5-0)

**11.0 Items for Discussion Only:** None.

**12.0 Announcements:**

**12.1 Preschool Funding.** Notification has been received regarding an increase in our funding.

**12.2 Reminder of Headlee Vote.** Mr. Schroeder reminded those in attendance to be sure and vote tomorrow (February 24<sup>th</sup>). Results will be gathered and Board members will be notified Tuesday evening.

**12.3 RV Wrestlers Win District Championship.** The River Valley Varsity Wrestling Team won the District Wrestling Championship last week. They will be competing in Regional's this Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in Bangor; four (4) individual wrestlers have also qualified for Regional's.

**12.4 Doug Anstey to Represent Michigan in TEAM USA Football in Japan.** One of the district's graduating seniors, Doug Anstey, has earned a once in a lifetime opportunity. He has been selected to join Team USA, a group of high school seniors, to compete against Team Japan in Tokyo. Doug is the only student athlete from Michigan who has been selected based on academics, leadership, and character.

**12.5 NCA Information.** Mr. Warner, Middle/High School Principal presented each Board member with a Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team for River Valley High School, from NCA. Mr. Warner also presented Board members with WorkKeys (ACT) report on River Valley students.

**12.6** Senior Student, Steve Laborn, has been nominated by Congressman Fred Upton to attend the United States Naval Academy. This is the first step towards acceptance.

**13.0** Hearing of Persons Present:

**13.1** Mr. Warner reported that Monday's Chilly Night Chili Night was a big success.

**13.2** Mr. Warner reminded the Board and those in attendance that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be this Wednesday and Thursday at all three campuses.

**13.3** Board member, Fred Knutel, asked Middle/High School Principal, Wayne Warner, how plans are coming along of reinstating the Auto Shop Program.

**14.0** **Adjournment:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Pfauth, to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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J.C. German, Secretary  
River Valley Board of Education