



River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Work Session – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, March 16, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: 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 Pfauth, supported by Knutel, to accept the agenda with the following addition: Wagner requested to add discussion on the Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team for River Valley High School under 8.0 Other. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Review Regular Meeting Minutes of February 23, 2009. The Board reviewed the regular meeting minutes of February 23, 2009. The Board will approve these minutes at their next regular meeting.

5.0 Buildings & Grounds:

5.1 Mr. Schroeder informed the Board that the administration has recommended fourteen community leaders for a committee to recommend the direction the River Valley School District should proceed on with our facilities; fourteen invitations have been sent out, thus far there has been eight responses. A second invitation asking for their input and for them to serve on the committee will be re-sent.

6.0 Finance

6.1 Review Accounts Payable for March 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for February 2009: Mrs. Capiak, District Business Manager, reviewed the Accounts Payable from March 2009 and the Treasurer's Report from February 2009. The Board will approve the Accounts Payable for March 2009 and the Treasurer's Report for February 2009 at the next Board meeting.

7.0 Personnel

7.1 Schedule Superintendent's Year-End Evaluation and Discuss Process: Mr. Knutel and Mr. Schroeder will meet prior to next week's Regular Board Meeting; the Board will meet in closed session at the end of next week's Board Meeting to discuss Mr. Schroeder's Year-End Evaluation.

7.2 Consider Approval of Resolution for a Reduction in Personnel. This is due to the recall of several staff that has seniority. Moved by Petro, supported by Wagner, to approve resolution. Roll Call Vote: Pfauth, Aye; Petro, Aye; Farhat, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Knutel, Aye; German, Aye; Motion carried 6-0.

- 7.3 Consider Approval of Resolution for a Staff Recall:** Two staff members rejected recall last year but remained on the recall list. By doing this early, we can determine our staffing for next year. Moved by Pfauth, supported by Petro, to approve resolution. Roll Call Vote: Pfauth, Aye; Petro, Aye; Farhat, Aye; Wagner, Aye; Knutel, Aye; German, Aye. Motion carried 6-0.

8.0 Other

- 8.1 Discussion on the “Report of the Quality Assurance Review Team for River Valley High School”:** Wagner asked that Board members thoroughly review the report. She noted the review team complimented the Business and Science Departments. Wagner asked if the Curriculum Committee would be the appropriate venue for the Board and the administration team to address challenges indicated by the review team. All agreed and the committee will schedule a date to begin in April. Wagner asked the Board to consider a standing agenda item for every work session and Board meeting to address the identified challenges and the progress or accomplishments to date.

9.0 Items for Discussion Only

- 9.1 Discuss Next Meeting Location:** The Board agreed to meet at the River Valley Elementary Three Oaks Campus for the next regular schedule Board meeting on March 23rd; Mrs. Carter will give the Board a preview of some new technology and review the districts website.

10.0 Announcements

- 10.1** Mustang Roundup (Kindergarten) – April 20th, at Chikaming, Three Oaks, and the New Troy Community Center, 6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. All will be done in one day with walk-ins after the 20th.
- 10.2** Preschool Registration – April 23 at Three Oaks Campus-6:00 p.m. and April 24 at the Three Oaks Campus at 9:00 a.m. Current preschool children will be enrolled prior to this date.
- 10.3** Middle School Choir received an exceptional rating at the most recent competition and High School Band received a “2”. The “2” is really a good score, even though they were disappointed.
- 10.4** Mr. Schroeder thanked River Valley Staff and Athletic Director Neil Carter for the recently completed District Basketball Tournament played last week at River Valley High School. The Band Boosters did well at the concession stands and good crowds were on hand for all the games.
- 10.5** Mr. Warner reported that Tera Koebel received a Number 1 rating at the recent State FFA Conference and will be heading to Nationals.
- 10.6** Mr. Warner briefed the Board on the recently completed WorkKeys testing & scores from the High School. Fifty-nine (59) students took the test; all but one received a score of 3 or better.
- 10.7** Mr. Warner informed the Board that all 8th graders will take the ACT Explorer Test, all 10th graders will be taking the ACT Plan; these are both designed to help prepare the students for their junior year and the ACT test.

- 11.0 Adjournment:** Moved by Wagner, supported by Petro, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.