



River Valley Board of Education  
**RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
15480 Three Oaks Road  
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128  
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**Regular Meeting – RV Elementary, Three Oaks Campus Art Room  
Monday, March 23, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

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

Members Absent: Ron Petro, Vickie Wagner

**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 Ehlert, 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 February 23, 2009 and Work Session Minutes of March 16, 2009.** Moved by Knutel, supported by Pfauth. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**6.0 Superintendent's Report:**

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

**6.2 River Valley Website and Promethean Board – Mrs. Carter:** Mr. Schroeder introduced Mrs. Jeanne Carter, the district's Webmaster; who gave an overview of the Promethean Board, how it works, what it can do for our students and teachers. Several of the Board Members and the audience were able to get some hands-on experience by answering questions utilizing the remote handheld mouse. Mrs. Clark, first grade teacher at the Three Oaks campus, who has recently completed the training, reviewed her class lesson on the Promethean Board. Several statements from staff members, who have recently completed the training were posted on the Promethean Board. Mrs. Capiak, Business Manager for the district, informed those in attendance that the district will be purchasing two additional Prometheans Boards, one for the Chikaming campus and one for the Middle/High School campus.

Mrs. Carter reviewed the new district website; all those in attendance agreed it was much more user friendly, and much easier to find the requested information. Mr. Lange, River Valley Elementary Principal, thanked Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Carter for the presentation and their commitment to the new technology.

**7.0 Board Committee Reports: None**

**8.0 Correspondence:** None.

**9.0 Old Business:** None.

**10.0 New Business:**

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

**10.2 Consider Approval of Great Start Readiness Program Participating Resolution 2008-2009:** Moved by Knutel, supported by Ehlert, to adopt resolution. Roll call vote: Knutel, Aye; Farhat, Aye; German, Aye; Ehlert, Aye; Pfauth, Aye. All Ayes. Resolution Adopted 5-0.

**10.3 Accept Donation of Golf Balls.** Mr. Larry Nye donated ten dozen used golf balls to our golf program at River Valley. Moved by Pfauth, supported by Knutel, to accept the donation of golf balls with thanks. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.4 Consider Changing April 27, 2009 Regular Board Meeting Date to April 20, 2009:** Moved by Pfauth, supported by Knutel, to move the April 27th Regular Board Meeting to April 20, 2009. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**10.5 Student Discipline Hearing:** Parents requested a closed session; the Board will go into closed session to handle this matter after Item 12: Hearing of Persons Present. Moved by Knutel, supported by Ehlert. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**11.0 Items for Discussion Only:**

**11.1** Mr. Schroeder reported that River Valley had three students selected into the Western Michigan University's Honor Band. Those students were: Kacie Mercer, Lana Smith, and Deanna Phillips. They will perform on April 2, 2009.

**12.0 Hearing of Persons Present:**

**12.1** Mr. Lange reported that Paula Donner, second grade teacher at River Valley Elementary, recently taught an 8 hour computer class to 12 of our families through the Bridges to Digital Excellence Program, a subsidiary of the Council for World Class Communities. Paula was assisted in the class by eighth grader BJ Clark and principal Lange. River Valley Elementary has offered these classes for the past 6 years, resulting in over 80 of our families receiving a refurbished computer and 6 months of free internet service.

**12.2** Mr. Lange reported that both the Three Oaks campus and the Chikaming campuses will be hosting an Open House on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. The Open House will run from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.; our fourth grade Science Fair projects will be on display and parents will pickup report cards.

**12.3** The Scarlet Macaw in Sawyer Presents the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Mustang Expression Show. Featuring the artwork of all River Valley Kindergarten through fifth grade elementary students. The show runs March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**12.4** Mr. Warner reported that all Middle/High School spring sports are in session, he invited those present to come-out and support the district's students as they participate in spring sports.

**13.0 Motion to Go Into Closed Session to Conduct Student Discipline Hearing:** Moved by Pfauth, supported by Ehlert, to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by German, supported by Pfauth, to reconvene into open session at 9:05 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Pfauth, supported by German, to suspend student #15347 for the remainder of the school year. Roll call vote: Pfauth, Aye; Farhat, Aye; Ehlert, Aye; German, Aye; Knutel, Nay. Motion carried (4-1).

**14.0 Motion to Go Into Closed Session to Conduct the Superintendent’s Year-End Performance Evaluation.** Moved by German, supported by Ehlert, to go into closed session at 9:10 p.m., to conduct the Superintendent’s Year-End Performance Evaluation. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**15.0 Motion to Return to Open Session and Present Public Statement on Superintendents Year-End Performance Evaluation.** Moved by German, supported by Ehlert, to return to Open Session at 9:55 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**15.1** The Board is very satisfied with Mr. Schroeder’s performance and we are looking forward to working with Mr. Schroeder in the coming year.

**16.0 Adjournment:** Moved by Knutel, supported by Pfauth, to adjourn at 9:56 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.