

River Valley Board of Education  
**RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**Regular Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library**  
**Monday, March 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Phillip Bender, Cheryl Capiak, Michael Ehlert, Fred Knutel, Vickie Wagner, David Whitlow

**Members Absent:** John Pawlik

**Administrators Present:** Superintendent William Kearney, Business Manager Brian Brown, Elementary Principal Heidi Clark, and Middle/High School Principal Patrick Breen

**1.0 Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice President Wagner.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice President Wagner led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented**

Approved the agenda for the March 27, 2017 regular Board meeting.

**3.2 Approve Workshop Minutes of March 13, 2017**

Approved workshop minutes.

**3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request**

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$126.26 for March 8-10, 2017.

**3.4 Accept Schools-of-Choice Applications for 2017 First Semester**

Approved accepting Schools-of-Choice applications for 2017 first semester.

**3.5 Adopt Resolution for Public Notice of Hearing on the Proposed 2017-18 Budget**

Adopted Resolution for Public Notice on the proposed 2017-18 budget to be held May 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the River Valley Middle/High School Library.

**3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Groundskeeper**

Approved the employment of David Sokolowski.

**3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Junior Varsity Baseball Coach**

Approved the employment of Matthew Hendricks pending background checks and drug test results.

**3.8 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Football Coach**

Approved the employment of Daniel Schaser.

**3.9 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Junior Varsity Football Coach**

Approved the employment of Richard Jasso.

**3.10 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Junior Varsity Football Coach**

Approved the employment of Sawyer Reynolds pending background checks and drug test results.

**3.11 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle School Football Coach**

Approved the employment of Kody Martin pending background checks.

**3.12 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Boys' Middle School Track Coach**

Approved the employment of Kyle Gordon.

Moved by Bender, supported by Ehlert, to approve the consent agenda for March 27, 2017 regular Board meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Capiak – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

**4.0 Reports****4.1 Principals**

Each principal updated the Board on various activities/events occurring in their buildings. They also provided an update on student achievement.

Discussion followed.

**4.2 Superintendent**

Superintendent Kearney highlighted topics published in the recent issue of School Equity Caucus and School Law Notes.

Superintendent Kearney informed the Board that the sinking fund is able to pay off the "due to/due from" balance owed to the general fund, during this fiscal year. *The general fund had loaned money to the sinking fund to initially fund projects. The Board wanted the sinking fund to be self-reliant so they approved a fund modification from the general fund to the sinking fund last June. The initial plan was to a pay back some of the general fund during the 2016-17 fiscal year and the remainder during the 2017-18 fiscal year. During this time, the district would place a 'pause' on our sinking fund projects. Since the district is able to pay back the general fund the "due to/due from" balance this fiscal year, the district would be in a position to resume sinking fund projects for the summer of 2018.*

The Superintendent asked the Board to consider what he proposed and reach consensus at the next regular scheduled meeting.

There was some discussion on House Bill 4163 (excluding the school calendar from collective bargaining), Senate Bill 271 (starting school before Labor Day), and using BoardBook for Board packets.

**5.0 Hearing of Persons Present**

No public comment was offered.

**6.0 Correspondence**

Superintendent Kearney announced that the Board received correspondence from the following:

- Mark Foreman – RE: Letter of Resignation – March 12, 2017

**7.0 Items for Board Action**

**7.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for March 2017 and the Treasurer’s Report for February 2017**

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Knutel, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for March 2017 and the Treasurer’s Report for February 2017 as presented by the Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**8.0 Items for Board Discussion**

**8.1 Berrien County 5<sup>th</sup> Year Early/Middle College Program**

The Board discussed the Berrien County Early Middle College program. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

**9.0 Adjournment**

Motion by Whitlow, supported by Capiak, to adjourn the regular meeting for March 27, 2017 at 7:49 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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David Whitlow, Secretary  
River Valley Board of Education

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