

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, June 26, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Superintendent William Kearney and Business Manager Brian Brown

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Pawlik.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President Pawlik led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Approved the agenda for the June 26, 2017 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Special Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2017 (Open & Closed Session)

Approved special meeting minutes (open and closed session).

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$27.28 for May 16, 2017.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the consent agenda for June 26, 2017 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Special Education Report

Special Education Services Coordinator, Michelle Sykora, provided an overall status update.

- Currently we have 160 students in our Special Education Program (*24 of those students have greater needs and were referred to other programs in the county*)
- We have 60 students in resource rooms (*Students receive help half of the school day from Special Education Teachers that centers primarily around math, reading, writing, and some behavioral problems*)
- The largest number of students we serve are in the Speech and Language program (*109 students qualify for services – there is some overlap of students who also qualify from the resource rooms*)
- We had 19 Special Education students move into the district this year that already qualified for services at their previous district (*15 last year*). We tested 32 students who qualified this year (*37 qualified last year*).

4.2 Second Step Elementary Counseling Program

Elementary Counselor, Matt Cook, provided an overview of the Second Step Program that he would like to implement to the elementary counseling curriculum next school year.

The Second Step program promotes school success, school connectedness, and safe/respectful school climate by directly teaching students the skills that strengthen their ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions, and solve problems.

The program prevents problem behaviors, peer rejection, impulsivity, antisocial behavior, and low academic achievement by developing their self-regulation skills, social-emotional competencies, and school connectedness.

The cost for 1 classroom kit (per grade level) is \$2,629.00. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

4.3 Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Report

Middle/High School Teacher, Pam Kaniuga, and Eighth Grade Student, Hailey Hauch, shared highlights from the recent middle school class trip to Washington D.C.

Mrs. Kaniuga thanked the Board for allowing her this educational opportunity and asked the Board to consider another trip request to Washington D.C. for 2018. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principals

Principals were not present. The Board of Education was provided with a written report.

5.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on the following: School Equity Caucus, School Law Notes, Strategic Plan Progress Update, and a Superintendent Evaluation Calendar/Timelines draft.

6.0 Hearing of Persons Present

No public comment was offered.

7.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8.0 Items for Board Action

8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for June 2017 and the Treasurer's Report for May 2017

Moved by Bender, supported by Ehlert, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for June 2017 and the Treasurer's Report for May 2017 as presented by the Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2 Adopt Fourth Quarter Budget Resolution

Moved by Capiak, supported by Ehlert, to adopt the Fourth Quarter Budget Resolution as presented by the Business Manager. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Capiak – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Resolution adopted (7-0).

8.3 Approve K-12 Non-Core Curriculum

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the K-12 Non-Core Curriculum (Art, Music, Business, and Physical Education) not to exceed \$98,950.00 as recommended by the Non-Core Curriculum Team and the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.4 Adopt Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy Revisions

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to adopt Volume 31, No. 2 Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy revisions as recommended by NEOLA, Superintendent, and the Curriculum/Policy Committee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.5 Approve Support Staff Pay Scale

Moved by Capiak, supported by Ehlert, to approve the support staff pay scale for the 2017-18 school year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.6 Approve Administrative Salary Index

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the administrative salary index for the 2017-18 school year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion**9.1 MHSAA Membership Resolution**

The Board reviewed the MHSAA Membership Resolution. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

9.2 Board Policy 5630.01 – Student Seclusion and Restraint

The Board was asked to review the policy and guideline revisions recommended by the Superintendent. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Superintendent provided the Board with an update on the following: auxiliary gym, auto shop, and parking lots. Discussion followed. The Board directed the Superintendent to survey the parking lots and address the specific areas that need to be repaired, hold off on an auxiliary gym, and look at possibly renovating the middle/high school locker rooms.

10.0 Adjournment

Moved by Capiak, supported by Whitlow, to adjourn the regular meeting for June 26, 2017 at 7:54 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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