

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, July 25, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Phillip Bender, Michael Ehlert, J.C. German, Fred Knutel, John Pawlik, Vickie Wagner, David Whitlow

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Superintendent William Kearney

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 July 25, 2016 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursements of \$249.48 for July 6, 2016.

3.4 Approved Student Tuition Rates for 2016-17

Approved \$1.00 per student (with a request for release of resident district) for in-state tuition and \$2,500 per student for out-of-state.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Transfer Employee from Level III to a Level II Cook Position

Approved transfer of position for Nathaniel Will.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the consent agenda for July 25, 2016 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentation – 2016 Washington D.C. Trip

Middle/High School Teacher, Pam Kaniuga, shared highlights and a collection of photos from her recent middle school class trip to Washington D.C.

Mrs. Kaniuga thanked the Board for allowing her this educational opportunity.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on a recent publication of School Law Notes which included articles of anti-harassment policies and changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act regarding overtime pay for non-academic administrators.

He also reviewed Board Policy 0167.1, Robert's Rules of Order, and the Board Operating Procedures regarding abstention votes. Discussion followed.

An update was provided to the Board regarding an electrical fire that happened this past weekend at Three Oaks Elementary.

6.0 Hearing of Persons Present

No public comment was offered.

7.0 Correspondence

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

- Heather Caid RE: Letter of Resignation – July 22, 2016

8.0 Items for Board Action

8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for July 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for June 2016

A discussion was held regarding Galien non-homestead property taxes.

Moved by German, supported by Ehlert, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for July 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for June 2016 as presented by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion

9.1 Review Revisions to Board Policy #5460 – Graduation Requirements

The Board was asked to review the recommended district revisions to Board Policy #5460 before next month's meeting. There was a simple language change to the policy to accommodate the Early Middle College program. Seniors that are participating in this program who are one credit or less from completing graduation requirements will be permitted to participate in their high school graduation ceremony. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

The Board reviewed a 2017 Washington D.C. trip request from Middle/High School Teacher Pam Kaniuga. Mrs. Kaniuga distributed a proposed 2017 itinerary. Board action will be taken at the next regular meeting.

Vice-President Ehlert asked the Superintendent to examine why some staff members are reaching out to other school districts for job opportunities. He asked the Superintendent to bring back ideas to the Board for improvement in this area. Superintendent Kearney noted that he holds exit interviews with staff members during the school year but has a hard time connecting with individuals during the summer. Trustee Wagner said that our current Superintendent has high expectations and that we do demand a lot from our staff members; our staff members work very hard and sometimes it is easier for an employee to go to another district. Discussion followed.

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on open positions that need to be filled.

On behalf of the Three Oaks American Legion Baseball, J.C. German thanked Mr. Kearney, the administration and the district for their support and for allowing them to use the facilities this summer. He noted that eight of the fourteen kids are furthering their career and going on to play college baseball.

President Pawlik reminded the Board that the Michigan Association of School Boards has several online courses available and encouraged Board members to take advantage of this opportunity.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by Bender, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the regular meeting for July 25, 2016 at 7:34 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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