

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, August 22, 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, Business Manager Brian Brown, Elementary Principal Heidi Clark, and Middle/High School Principal Cynthia Ursprung

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

The Board approved the revised agenda for the August 22, 2016 regular Board meeting with the following changes:

- **REMOVE Item 3.3** – *Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Middle School Volleyball Coach*
- **ADD Item 3.12** – *Approve Recommendation to Transfer Terry Bronson to Elementary Secretary*
- **ADD Item 7.2** – *Approve Signatories on District Credit Card Applications*

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Middle School Volleyball Coach

This item was removed from the consent agenda. Cori Walter withdrew her application.

3.4 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Middle School Volleyball Coach

Approved the employment of Morgan Adkins pending background checks and drug test results.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach

Approved the employment of Kalla Shearer pending background checks and drug test results.

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Cross Country Coach

Approved the employment of Matthew Dague.

3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach

Approved the employment of Melissa DeRosa pending background checks and drug test results.

3.8 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Approved the employment of Jason Alexander.

3.9 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Approved the employment of Jordon Meyer pending background checks and drug test results.

3.10 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Football Coach

Approved the employment of Eric Robinson pending background checks and drug test results.

3.11 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Groundskeeper

Approved the employment of Christian Hoch pending background checks, physical, and drug test results.

3.12 Approve Recommendation to Transfer Terry Bronson to Elementary Secretary

This item was added to the consent agenda. Approved transfer of Terry Bronson from Title I Staff Assistant to an Elementary Secretary position at Three Oaks Elementary.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the revised consent agenda for August 22, 2016 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Reports**4.1 Principals**

Each principal updated the Board on various activities/events occurring in their buildings.

4.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on the following: School Equity Caucus, School Law Notes, and Berrien Community Foundation. He also provided the Board with an update regarding the renovations (to the restrooms and gym floor) at Three Oaks Elementary.

4.2.1 Fourth Marking Period Student Data Reports

The fourth marking period student data reports were shared with the Board.

4.3 Personnel Committee – August 22, 2016

Fred Knutel, Personnel Committee Member, reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting on Monday, August 22, 2016. The Committee reviewed employment recommendations.

5.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Superintendent Kearney wished Mr. and Mrs. Ursprung a happy wedding anniversary.

6.0 Correspondence

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

- Donna Palen RE: Letter of Resignation – August 1, 2016
- DCI Corps Housing Manager RE: Letter of Thanks – August 5, 2016

7.0 Items for Board Action**7.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for August 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for July 2016**

Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for August 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for July 2016 as presented by the Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

- 7.2 Approve Signatories on District Cred Card Applications**
Moved by Ehlert, supported by Whitlow, to approve Superintendent William Kearney and Business Manager Brian Brown as signatories on district credit card applications. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.3 Adopt Revisions to Board Policy #5460 – Graduation Requirements**
Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to adopt revisions to Board Policy #5460 – Graduation Requirements as recommended by the Superintendent and Curriculum/Policy Committee. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.4 Approve 2017 Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip Request**
Moved by Knutel, supported by Whitlow, to approve the 2017 eighth grade Washington D.C. trip request for June 21, 2017 through June 25, 2017. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.5 Adopt 2016-17 BCS (Berrien/Branch, Cass, St. Joe County) Membership Resolution**
Moved by German, supported by Ehlert, to adopt the 2016-17 BCS Membership Resolution. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, German – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Resolution adopted (7-0).
- 7.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Math Teacher**
Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to approve the employment of Melissa DeRosa as Middle/High School Math Teacher pending background checks, physical, and drug test results as recommended by the Middle/High School Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a (.83 FTE) Social Studies Teacher**
Moved by Knutel, supported by Wagner, to approve the employment of Elise Von Koenig as (.83 FTE) Middle/High School Social Studies Teacher pending background checks, physical, and drug test results as recommended by the Middle/High School Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.8 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Preschool Teacher**
Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to approve the employment of Rose Montie as Preschool Teacher pending background checks, physical, and drug test results as recommended by the Elementary Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 7.9 Approve Recommendation to Hire a MS ELA/Title I Teacher**
Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to approve the employment of Anne Hawkinson as Middle School English Language Arts/Title I Teacher pending background checks, physical, and drug test results as recommended by the Middle/High School Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 8.0 Items for Board Discussion**
President Pawlik announced that a federal judge has blocked the President's order to open public school restrooms and shower rooms according to "gender identity."

On behalf of the Board of Education, Trustee Wagner thanked Mrs. Donna Palen for her service and her dedication as Elementary Secretary.

The Board held a follow-up discussion on exit interviews.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the regular meeting for August 22, 2016 at 7:37 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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