

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, September 26, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

Members Absent: David Whitlow

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.

President Pawlik announced that Secretary Whitlow had a personal conflict and could not attend the meeting. Trustee Bender was appointed Acting Secretary.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Approved the agenda for the September 26, 2016 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 22, 2016

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Teacher Assistant/In-School Suspension Monitor

Approved the employment of Eric Milton pending background checks.

3.4 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Bus Driver

Approved the employment of Suzanne Sessions.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Bus Driver

Approved the employment of Angela Portt pending background checks, physical, and drug test results.

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Level III Cook

Approved the employment of Kymberly Klute-Will pending background checks, physical, and drug test results.

3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Part-Time Title I Staff Assistant

Approved the employment of Autumn Leidolf pending background checks, physical, and drug test results.

Moved by German, supported by Knutel, to approve the consent agenda for September 26, 2016 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Board Recognition – 50th Anniversary (Superintendent, Principal, Secretary in 1966)

The Board recognized the following individuals that helped form the first Mustangs fifty years ago: former Superintendent Harold Sauser, former Principal Duane Ongstad, and former Secretary Geraldine Wooley. Individuals were unable to attend the meeting.

Trustee Knutel said that he was fortunate to work under both Superintendent Sauser's and Principal Ongstad's leadership. He considered both individuals good people to work for.

5.0 Presentation – 2016 Puerto Rico Trip

Middle/High School Teacher, Eric Munyon, shared highlights from his recent Spanish Club trip to Puerto Rico. Board members were encouraged to visit his classroom website to view pictures of the trip.

Mr. Munyon thanked the Board for allowing them to experience this educational opportunity.

6.0 Reports**6.1 Principals**

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

President Pawlik congratulated Cynthia Ursprung, Middle/High School Principal, on her new position at Berrien RESA.

6.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on the following: School Equity Caucus, School Law Notes, and Legislative Breakfast.

He also scheduled a Board/Superintendent Work Session for Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The Board will be reviewing purchasing protocols, Board Operating Procedures, and policies.

6.3 Personnel Committee – September 26, 2016

Fred Knutel, Personnel Committee Member, reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting on Monday, September 26, 2016. The Committee reviewed a recommendation to hire Josette Kubaszyk as Middle/High School English Teacher and the termination of Lindsey Shafer for failure to maintain certification.

7.0 Hearing of Persons Present

No public comment was offered.

8.0 Correspondence

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

- Cynthia Ursprung RE: Letter of Resignation – September 21, 2016
- Raelynn Roman RE: Letter of Thanks – August 18, 2016
- Wayne Spiekhout & B.J. Truhn RE: Letter of Thanks – September 1, 2016
- MHSAA RE: Congratulations Letter – August 23, 2016
- Mark Keel RE: Letter of Resignation – September 9, 2016
- Tabitha Caid RE: Letter of Resignation – September 13, 2016

9.0 Items for Board Action**9.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for September 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for August 2016**

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

- 9.2 Approve Recommendation to a Middle/High School English Teacher**
Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to approve the employment of Josette Kubaszyk as Middle/High School English Teacher as recommended by the Middle/High School Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 9.3 Approve Termination of Teacher Contract for Failure to Maintain Certification**
Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the termination of contract and discontinue services of Elementary Teacher, Lindsey Shafer, for failure to maintain certification as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, German – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Absent. Motion carried (6-0).
- 10.0 Items for Board Discussion**
- 10.1 Review Board Operating Procedures**
Superintendent Kearney asked the Board to review the Board Operating Procedures. Additional discussion will take place at the Work Session scheduled for October 3, 2016.
- 10.2 Purchasing Protocols**
Superintendent Kearney noted that the same would apply for the Purchasing Protocols; additional discussion will take place at the Work Session.
- 10.3 State Board of Education Guidance Regarding LGBT Students**
Superintendent Kearney shared non-mandated guidance from the State Board of Education regarding LGBT students. Discussion followed.
- 10.4 Support Staff Handbook**
Brian Brown, Business Manager, shared his recommended changes to the Support Staff Handbook that correlate to the NEOLA Board Policies. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.
- 11.0 Adjournment**
Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the regular meeting for September 26, 2016 at 7:51 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Phillip Bender, Acting Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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