

River Valley Board of Education  
**RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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**Regular Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library**  
**Monday, December 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Phillip Bender, Fred Knutel, J.C. German, John Pawlik, David Whitlow

**Members Absent:** Michael Ehlert, Vickie Wagner

**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 7:00 p.m. by President Pawlik.

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

President Pawlik led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that Vice-President Michael Ehlert and Trustee Vickie Wagner were unable to attend the meeting.

**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

**3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented**

Approved the agenda for the December 19, 2016 regular Board meeting.

**3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2016**

Approved regular meeting minutes.

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

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$59.94 for October 26 2016 – November 11, 2016.

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

Acceptance of Schools-of-Choice applications for second semester.

**3.5 Adopt Resolution to Participate in MSBO Bus Purchasing Program for 2017-18**

Adopted resolution.

**3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Computer Technician**

Approved the employment of Patrick Conley.

**3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Part-Time Preschool Staff Assistant**

Approved the employment of Heather Pruett pending background checks, physical, TB Test, drug test, and certification.

**3.8 Approve Revised Support Staff Pay Schedule**

A new position (Computer Technician) was created and added to the support staff pay schedule. The Board approved the revised pay scale.

Moved by German, supported by Knutel, to approve the consent agenda for December 19, 2016 regular Board meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Absent, German – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Absent, and Whitlow – Aye. All Ayes. Motion carried (5-0).

**4.0 Recognition of Retirement**

The Board recognized Middle/High School Student Services Secretary, Connie Klann for her 25 ½ years of service to the district. Mrs. Klann was not in attendance.

**5.0 Reports****5.1 Principals**

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

**5.2 Superintendent**

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on School Law Notes and First Marking Period Data Reports.

Discussion followed.

The Superintendent thanked Treasurer J.C. German for his support and his 9 ½ years of service on the Board.

**5.3 Personnel Committee – December 19, 2016**

Fred Knutel, Personnel Committee Member, reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting on Monday, December 19, 2016. The Committee reviewed a recommendation to hire a Middle/High School Math Teacher and Middle/High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. The Committee also reviewed a recommendation to rehire First Grade Teacher, Lindsey Shafer.

**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 December 2016 and the Treasurer's Report for November 2016**

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

**8.2 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle/High School Math Teacher**

Moved by Knutel, supported by German, to approve the employment of Jamie Goering pending certification as recommended by the Middle/High School Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**8.3 Approve Recommendation to Rehire Lindsey Shafer as First Grade Teacher**

Superintendent Kearney noted that Lindsey Shafer had a lapsed certificate and has now received her Provisional Teaching Certificate.

Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to rehire Lindsey Shafer as First Grade Teacher effective November 18, 2016 as recommended by the Elementary Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**8.4 Approve the Purchase of a New Bus for the 2017-18 School Year**

Moved by Whitlow, supported by Bender, to authorize the administration to proceed with the purchase of a 71 passenger bus for \$76,914.00 as recommended by the Transportation Supervisor and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**8.5 Adopt Peer to Peer Program for the 2016-17 School Year**

Moved by Whitlow, supported by German, to adopt the Peer to Peer Program for the 2016-17 school year effective immediately as recommended by the Middle/High School Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion adopted.

**8.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle/High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director**

James Wiseley and his family were present in the audience. Superintendent Kearney introduced Mr. Wiseley to the Board of Education.

Moved by Knutel, supported by Bender, to approve the employment of James Wiseley as Middle/High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director pending background checks, physical, and drug test results as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**9.0 Items for Board Discussion**

There were no items for Board discussion.

**10.0 Closed Session to Conduct Superintendent's Performance Evaluation**

Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to go into closed session at 7:24 p.m., as requested in writing per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Absent, German – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Absent, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to return to open session at 7:59 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Absent, German – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Absent, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

**10.1 Present Public Statement on Superintendent's Performance Evaluation (Open Session)**

Moved by Whitlow, supported by German, to adopt the Public Statement on the Superintendent's yearly performance evaluation as follows:

"The Superintendent was deemed 'effective' by the Board in its evaluation, and the Board expressed confidence in the Superintendent's leadership."

Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Absent, German – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Absent, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion adopted (5-0).

**11.0 Adjournment**

Motion by German, supported by Whitlow, to adjourn the regular meeting for December 19, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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David Whitlow, Secretary  
River Valley Board of Education

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