

River Valley Board of Education
RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
15480 Three Oaks Road
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Regular Meeting – RV Middle/High School Library
Monday, February 25, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Jennifer Alderink, Phillip Bender, Michael Ehlert, Gail Freehling, John Pawlik, Vickie Wagner, David Whitlow

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Superintendent William Kearney, Business Manager Brian Brown, Chikaming Principal Heidi Clark, Three Oaks Principal Patrick Zuccala, 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 Whitlow.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President Whitlow led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Approved the agenda for the February 25, 2019 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2019

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$24.16 for January 11, 2019.

3.4 Adopt Agreement for Collection of Summer Property Taxes

Adopted and entered into an agreement, with the Township of Chikaming, for the Collection of Summer Property Taxes for the year 2019.

3.5 Approve Board Operating Procedures

Approved the Board Operating Procedures with the following changes:

- 1) Updated Mission, Vision, and Belief Statement.
- 2) Added an additional educational/ethical standard to the Code of Ethics:

"I will notify the Board President and Superintendent immediately if concerns are brought to my attention about another Board member's conduct. If the concerns are about the Board President, I will immediately notify the Board Vice-President."

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Level III Cook

Approved the employment of Michelle Nicely.

3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Elementary Staff Assistant

Approved the employment of Brooklynn Lovison.

3.8 Approve Recommendation to Dispose of Old Technology Equipment

Approved the disposal of obsolete technology equipment to a third party re-seller.

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Bender, to approve the consent agenda for February 25, 2019 regular Board meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Vice President Wagner arrived at 7:02 p.m.

4.0 Presentation

4.1 Strategic Plan Report

Jack Temsey, from the Michigan Association of School Boards, presented the Board with the Strategic Plan Summary for 2018-2023:

MISSION

Provide a quality education for all students.

VISION

All River Valley Students will demonstrate Mustang PRIDE.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We believe . . . Do Our Best, Care for Others, Love Our School

Preparation, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**ependability, **E**ffort

STRATEGIC GOAL AREAS

✓ Academics/Programs

We will engage all learners by expanding programs for every student.

First Year Objectives

Further develop Math Curriculum, while implementing STEM and advancing CTE.

✓ Learning Environment/Culture

Foster a diverse learning environment that supports healthy living, family involvement and social/emotional needs.

First Year Objectives

Shift to a focus on whole child education, including social/emotional learning, physical wellness and expand counseling abilities.

✓ Communications/Community Engagement

Focus on communication to improve the visibility of extra-curricular programs as a means to increase community pride.

First Year Objectives

Expand Communication Plan, develop Social Media Plan, implement a Perception Survey and create a Healthy Families task force.

✓ Personnel/Leadership

Develop a climate and culture that fosters staff retention, where the Administration listens to staff and supports continuous education.

First Year Objectives

Create a Teacher Cadet Program for those students interested in teaching.

Create a New Staff Academy with mentors and expand PD exposure staff wide.

✓ **Operations**

Ensure that district facilities are properly maintained and upgraded as funding permits.

First Year Objectives

Create a Building Depreciation Plan, District Emergency Plan, School Safety Survey to be conducted and address bussing system.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principals

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

5.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on topics discussed in the recent issue of School Law Notes.

He also informed the Board that he is working on incorporating the following into the 2019-20 budget: a new clock/bell system, being able to control the heat more effectively in the classrooms, and contracting out the lawn care service at the elementary campuses while still retaining the Groundskeeper for the middle high school campus.

5.3 Finance Committee

Phillip Bender, Finance Committee Chairperson, reported that the Committee met on Monday, February 11, 2019. The Committee established budget parameters for 2019-20 school year and reviewed a preliminary draft budget.

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:

- Melissa DeRosa RE: Letter of Resignation (Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach) – January 25, 2019
- Kelly McCarty RE: Letter of Resignation (Girls' Middle School Volleyball Coach) – February 8, 2019

8.0 Items for Board Action

8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for February 2019 and the Treasurer's Report for January 2019

Moved by Wagner, supported by Pawlik, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for February 2019 and the Treasurer's Report for January 2019 as presented by the Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2 Approve Head Varsity Coaching Assignments for Spring Sports

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Wagner, to approve the following individuals for head varsity coaching assignments for 2019 spring sports as recommended by the Superintendent and Athletic Director:

Baseball	David Sokolowski,
Golf	Shawn Gedert
Softball	Daniel Schaser
Track	Matthew Dague

All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3 Approve Recommendation to Add a School Resource Officer Position

The Board discussed whether or not it was essential for the district to add a school resource officer position. They also discussed the benefits of a full-time resource officer opposed to an officer with a satellite office on campus.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to approve a recommendation to add a School Resource Officer position as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.4 Approve 2018-2023 Strategic Plan Report

Moved by Alderink, supported by Pawlik, to approve the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.5 Adopt Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy District Revisions

Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to adopt the proposed district revisions to Board Policy 3131 and 6610, and Guideline 5830, 6610A, and 6610B as recommended by the Superintendent and the Curricula/Policy Committee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.6 Selection of Candidate for MASB Region 6 Board of Directors

The Board discussed nominees and selected Dorothy Dilsaver.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to cast a vote for Dorothy Dilsaver to represent Region 6 for a two-year term on the MASB Board of Directors. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion

There were no items for Board discussion.

10.0 Closed Session to Discuss Attorney-Client Privileged Communication and Complaint Against Board Member

Moved by Alderink, supported by Ehlert, to convene in closed session at 8:07 p.m., pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consider a written legal opinion from our attorney dated February 12, 2019, for the reason that this written legal opinion is exempt from disclosure under the Michigan Freedom of Information Act as an attorney-client privileged communication AND to consider a complaint against a Board Member, as requested in writing by the named Board Member, in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (7-0).

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to return to open session at 8:52 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (7-0).

10.1 Present Public Statement in Open Session

Moved by Alderink, supported by Freehling, that the Board of Education admonish Board member John Pawlik as an expression of its disappointment in the actions of Mr. Pawlik on October 27, 2018. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Pawlik – Abstain, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

11.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the regular meeting for February 25, 2019 at 8:53 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.