

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, February 27, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Phillip Bender, Cheryl Capiak, Michael Ehlert, John Pawlik, David Whitlow

Members Absent: Fred Knutel, Vickie Wagner

Administrators Present: Superintendent William Kearney, Business Manager Brian Brown, and Elementary Principal Heidi Clark

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 Vickie Wagner and Trustee Fred Knutel were both absent.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Approved the agenda for the February 27, 2017 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Special Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2017

Approved open and closed session meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$197.95 for January 6, 2017 – February 15, 2017.

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 2017.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Computer Technician

Approved the employment of Carole Ross.

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Level I Cook

Approved the employment of Elizabeth Hettig.

3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Varsity Baseball Coach

Approved the employment of David Sokolowski pending background checks.

3.8 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Varsity Football Coach

Approved the employment of Jason McDonough pending background checks.

3.9 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Track Coach

Approved the employment of Rachel Fambro.

3.10 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Middle School Track Coach

Approved the employment of Amy Coleman.

3.11 Approve Head Coaching Assignments for Spring Sports

Approved the following individuals for head coaching assignments for 2017 spring sports:

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

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Bender, to approve the consent agenda for February 27, 2017 regular Board meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Capiak – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (5-0).

4.0 Reports**4.1 Principals**

Heidi Clark, Elementary Principal, updated the Board on various activities/events occurring in her building. She also provided an update on student achievement.

Middle/High School Principal, Patrick Breen, was absent. In his absence, Superintendent Kearney reviewed Mr. Breen's written report with the Board.

4.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on the following: School Law Notes, Berrien Community Foundation, Annual Education Report, and Second Marking Period Data Reports.

4.3 Buildings & Grounds Committee – February 20, 2017

David Whitlow, Buildings & Grounds Committee Member, reported that the Committee met on Monday, February 20, 2017. The Committee identified and prioritized projects to be funded by excess fund equity.

4.4 Finance Committee – February 6, 2017

Phillip Bender, Finance Committee Member, reported that the Committee met on Monday, February 6, 2017. The Committee discussed budget parameters for 2017-18 school year and a budget for projects paid by excess fund equity.

5.0 Hearing of Persons Present

No public comment was offered.

6.0 Correspondence

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

- Patrick Conley – RE: Letter of Resignation – January 19, 2017
- Dana Carmody – RE: Letter of Resignation – January 28, 2017
- Paula Donner – RE: Letter of Retirement – February 5, 2017
- Autumn Leidolf – RE: Letter of Resignation – February 9, 2017

7.0 Items for Board Action**7.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for February 2017 and the Treasurer's Report for January 2017**

Moved by Bender, supported by Capiak, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for February 2017 and the Treasurer's Report for January 2017 as presented by the Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

7.2 Adopt Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy Revisions

Moved by Whitlow, supported by Ehlert, to adopt Volume 31, No. 1 Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy revisions as recommended by NEOLA, Superintendent, and Curriculum/Policy Committee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

7.3 Nominate a Candidate for 2017 MASB Board of Directors

The Board discussed nominees and selected Robert Anderson.

Moved by Capiak, supported by Whitlow, to cast a vote for Robert Anderson to represent Region 6 for a three-year term on the MASB Board of Directors. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.0 Items for Board Discussion**8.1 Possible Improvement Projects**

The Board discussed some possible projects funded by excess fund equity. Approximately \$450,000 has been earmarked by the Finance Committee.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee prioritized the following projects:

1. Resurrect the auto shop program
Auxiliary gym
2. Parking lots (one per year beginning with Three Oaks)
3. Locker room renovations
4. Weight room/fitness center renovation

Before making a decision on any possible improvement projects, the Board asked the Superintendent to provide them with costs for the following: *restarting the auto shop program and getting it certified, adding an auxiliary gym at the middle/high school, and paving the parking lots at all campuses.*

9.0 Adjournment

Motion by Capiak, supported by Bender, to adjourn the regular meeting for February 27, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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