

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, March 25, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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

Members Absent: John Pawlik

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 March 25, 2019 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2019 (Open & Closed Session)

Approved regular meeting minutes (open & closed session).

3.3 Accept Schools-of-Choice Applications for 2019 First Semester

Approved acceptance of Schools-of-Choice applications for 2019 first semester.

3.4 Adopt Resolution for Public Notice of Hearing on the Proposed 2019-20 Budget

Adopted Resolution for Public Notice on the proposed 2019-20 budget to be held May 20, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., in the River Valley Middle High School Library.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Junior Varsity Softball Coach

Approved the employment of Dave York.

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

4.0 Presentations

4.1 AdvancEd Accreditation Review

Middle High School Principal, Patrick Breen, shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board. River Valley Middle High School was recommended for five more years for accreditation and received an overall score above the global average. We are 1 of only 2 schools in the county that is accredited (1 of 3 in the region).

GOAL AREAS

Improve student and staff culture
Improve student learning

MAJOR INITIATIVES

I.C.E.
(Intervention, Collaboration, Enrichment)
PRIDE Families
PBIS
(Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports)
Standards-Based Grading

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

Implementation of RTI
(Response to Intervention)
MiBlisi/PBIS
Culture
Focus on Student Learning

Mr. Breen noted that the review team has provided staff members with valuable feedback. The findings were based on twenty-one classroom visits.

KEY FINDINGS FROM LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**Highest Areas**

- ✓ How students were treated
- ✓ How they treated each other
- ✓ Follow classroom rules

Lowest Areas

- ✓ Digital learning
- ✓ Collaboration between students
- ✓ Rigor and high quality work

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 highlighted topics published in the recent issue of School Law Notes. He also provided the Board with second marking period student data reports and the District Annual Education Report. Discussion followed.

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:

- MacKenzie Bronson – RE: Letter of Resignation (Teacher Assistant/In-School Suspension Monitor) – February 19, 2019
- Lindsey Shafer – RE: Letter of Resignation (Elementary Teacher) – March 19, 2019

8.0 Items for Board Action**8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for March 2019 and the Treasurer's Report for February 2019**

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

8.2 Approve Bids/Award Contracts for 2019 Improvement Projects

Superintendent Kearney noted that the bids came in \$400,000 over budget. Therefore, the following projects were deferred until next summer: MHS roof (cafeteria and auditorium) and replacing the Chikaming parking lot.

Projects to be completed over summer break:

- ✓ create secured secondary entrances at all buildings
- ✓ relocate the Three Oaks office to the former preschool classroom
- ✓ replace classroom doors at Three Oaks
- ✓ renovate four remaining MHS restrooms

8.2.1 Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to award a contract to Pearson Construction Company, Inc. (in the amount of \$433,690.00) for the general trades bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Consulting LLC Contract Award Recommendations List and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2.2 Moved by Bender, supported by Wagner, to award a contract to Midwest Glass and Mirror (in the amount of \$77,145.00) for the glass and glazing bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Consulting LLC Contract Award Recommendations List and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2.3 Moved by Alderink, supported by Ehlert, to award a contract to Ritsema and Associates, Inc. (in the amount of \$101,626.00) for the drywall, insulation, and acoustical bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Consulting LLC Contract Award Recommendations List and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2.4 Moved by Ehlert, supported by Bender, to award a contract to Central Tile and Terrazzo Company, Inc. (in the amount of \$93,482.00) for the flooring & tile bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Consulting LLC Contract Award Recommendations List and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2.5 Moved by Alderink, supported by Freehling, to award a contract to Edward J. White, Inc. (in the amount of \$263,236.00) for the mechanical bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Consulting LLC Contract Award Recommendations List and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.2.6 Moved by Ehlert, supported by Wagner, to award a contract to Mead and White Electrical Contractors, Inc. (in the amount of \$93,606.00) for the electrical bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Consulting LLC Contract Award Recommendations List and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3 Approve Lawn Care Bid

Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to accept the bid from Byrdak Lawn Care to provide lawn mowing services at Chikaming and Three Oaks Elementary as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion

9.1 Bus Purchase Proposal for 2019-20

The Board reviewed a price comparison report from Hoekstra, Holland, and Midwest Transit for a new 71 passenger gasoline powered school bus. Discussion followed. The Board questioned again why the district is purchasing gasoline powered engines instead of diesel. The Superintendent noted that diesel is no longer economical and that according to the district's mechanic, gasoline powered engines are easier for him to service. Board action will be taken at the next regular meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Alderink, to adjourn the regular meeting for March 25, 2019 at 8:07 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Ehlert, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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