

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, April 22, 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, Elementary Principal Heidi Clark, and Three Oaks Principal Patrick Zuccala

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 April 22, 2019 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2019

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$48.72 for February 27, 2019 – April 12, 2019.

3.4 Adopt Resolution to Participate in MSBO Bus Purchasing Program for 2019-20

Adopted resolution.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle High School Teacher Assistant/In-School Suspension Monitor

Approved the employment of Gregory Lawton.

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle High School Teacher Assistant

Approved the employment of Natasha Hesser.

3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Level III Cook

Approved the employment of Leigha Mathewson.

3.8 Approve Recommendation to Hire an Assistant Varsity Track Coach

Approved the employment of Trisha Dague.

3.9 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Middle School Volleyball Coach

Approved the employment of Melissa DeRosa.

3.10 Approve Pokagon Fund Application for Summer Camp

Approved application request.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to approve the consent agenda for April 22, 2019 regular Board meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (7-0).

4.0 Presentation

4.1 Math Curriculum Proposal

Math Department Chair, Melissa DeRosa, presented a new Math Curriculum proposal. The program/materials were presented to the Board of Education at an overall cost of \$174,244. Discussion followed. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Vice President Wagner thanked Mrs. DeRosa and the Committee for their hard work.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principals

Each elementary 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 an informal progress update on the following district goals: Academics/Programs, Learning Environment/Culture, Communication/Community Engagement, Personnel/Leadership, and Operations.

A Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019, to review the proposed budget for 2019-20.

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:

- Cynthia Devenport – Letter of Resignation (Bus Driver) – March 24, 2019
- William Korbel – Letter of Resignation (Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Coach) – March 26, 2019
- Mary Casteel – Letter of Resignation (Guidance Counselor) – April 11, 2019

8.0 Items for Board Action

8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for April 2019 and the Treasurer's Report for March 2019

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

8.2 Adopt Third Quarter Budget Resolution

Moved by Freehling, supported by Ehlert, to adopt the Third Quarter Budget Resolution as presented by the Business Manager. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Resolution adopted (7-0).

8.3 Approve Recommendation for 2019 Alumni Distinction Award

Moved by Bender, supported by Freehling, to approve the recommendation that Kevin Harrington (Class of 1983), Ann Good-Hibert (Class of 1986), Jason Honeycutt (Class of 1994), and Zack East (Class of 2002) be recognized as "Alumni of Distinction" honorees for 2019. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.4 Approve the Purchase of a New Bus for the 2019-20 School Year

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to authorize the administration to proceed with the purchase of a 71 passenger bus for \$81,227.00, from Holland Bus Company, as recommended by the Transportation Supervisor and the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion

9.1 Merit Pay Plan for Administrators/Supervisors for 2019-20

The Board reviewed the Merit Pay Plan. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

9.2 Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for 2019-20

The Board reviewed Berrien RESA's general fund operating budget. Superintendent Kearney announced that Berrien RESA will be presenting their budget to River Valley and answering questions at the next regular scheduled meeting. Board action will be taken at that time.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by Alderink, supported by Ehlert, to adjourn the regular meeting for April 22, 2019 at 8:08 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Ehlert, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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