

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, May 20, 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 May 20, 2019 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2019

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$179.80 for April 18 – May 10, 2019.

3.4 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach

Approved the employment of Heidi Michaels.

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

Approved the employment of James Michaels.

Moved by Bender, supported by Wagner, to approve the consent agenda for May 20, 2019 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Recognize Class of 2019 Top Graduating Seniors

The Board recognized the Class of 2019 Top Graduating Seniors (3.5 GPA or above): Joshua Clark (Valedictorian), Jessie Rieth (Salutatorian), Madison Vollman, Delayna Morrow, Jared Brown, Dalton Noftsgger, and Chase Ehlert.

5.0 Presentations

5.1 Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for 2019-20

Scott Knoll, Director of Business and Finance, provided an overview of activities, services, and programs that Berrien RESA offers to the students and staff members at River Valley. Discussion followed.

Sharon Kalling, Berrien RESA Board President, introduced herself to the River Valley Board of Education. Ms. Kalling is seeking re-election for a six-year term.

5.2 District Wellness Plan

Jenny Jones, Food Service Supervisor, provided an overview of the District Wellness Action Plan that included the following:

- ✓ Acquire age appropriate nutrition posters.
- ✓ Wellness needs to be encouraged as a culture at River Valley (staff setting prime examples).
- ✓ Refrain from eliminating recess and gym class as a punishment. Assign laps or sitting on a bench as an alternative.
- ✓ Lunch tables need to be thoroughly cleaned.
- ✓ Lunch period should never be shortened.
- ✓ During lunch meetings, students will be given ample time to eat and provided with disposable trays.
- ✓ MHS breakfast is open until 9:00 a.m. Encourage MHS students to eat breakfast with grab/go items such as bars.
- ✓ PTO groups need to provide a balance of nutritious snacks/treats at parties.
- ✓ Staff need to avoid using food as a reward.
- ✓ Include more protein options for elementary breakfast menus.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Principals

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

Discussion followed.

6.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on the following: School Law Notes and Third Marking Period Student Data Reports.

6.3 Finance Committee

Phillip Bender, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. The Committee reviewed the proposed budget for 2019-20.

7.0 Hearing of Persons Present

No public comment was offered.

8.0 Correspondence

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

- Kyle Gordon – Letter of Resignation (Middle School Wrestling Coach) – April 26, 2019
- Heather Pruett – Letter of Resignation (Preschool Staff Assistant) – May 9, 2019
- Richard Jasso – Letter of Resignation (MHS Science Teacher) – May 10, 2019

9.0 Items for Board Action

9.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for May 2019 and the Treasurer's Report for April 2019

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

- 9.2 Adopt 2019-20 District Budget Resolution**
Moved by Alderink, supported by Bender, to adopt the 2019-20 District Budget Resolution as presented by the Business Manager. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Resolution adopted (6-0).
- 9.3 Adopt Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget Resolution for 2019-20**
Moved by Freehling, supported by Alderink, to adopt the Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget Resolution for 2019-20. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Resolution adopted (6-0).
- 9.4 Approve Head Coaching Recommendations for 2019-20 Fall/Winter Sports Season**
Moved by Alderink, supported by Wagner, to approve the following individuals for head coaching assignments for the 2019-20 fall/winter sports season: Football – Jason McDonnough, Cross Country – Matthew Dague, Volleyball – Heidi Michaels, Boys’ Basketball – Jason Heckathorn, Girls’ Basketball – Jason Alexander, and Wrestling – James Hein. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 9.5 Approve Merit Pay Plan for Administrators/Supervisors for 2019-20**
Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to approve the 2019-20 Merit Pay Plan for Administrators/Supervisors. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 9.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Title I Teacher**
Moved by Bender, supported by Ehlert, to approve the employment of Lynn Stover as recommended by the Three Oaks Elementary Principal and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 9.7 Approve K-12 Math Curriculum**
Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the K-12 Math Curriculum proposal (not to exceed \$174,244) as recommended by the Math Curriculum Team and the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 9.8 Adopt Berrien RESA Board Election Resolution**
Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to designate Phillip Bender as River Valley’s representative to serve on the 2019 electoral body responsible for electing members to the Berrien RESA Board of Education and Michael Ehlert as alternate representative. In addition, the Board supports candidate Sharon Kalling and Jon Martin for a position on the Berrien RESA Board of Education for a term of six years and directs our representative to vote for the candidates at the June 3, 2019 election. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Resolution adopted (6-0).
- 9.9 Approve Bid/Award Painting Contract for 2019 Improvement Projects**
Moved by Alderink, supported by Bender, to award a contract to Benson Painting, LLC in the amount of \$34,850.00 for the painting bid division, as indicated on the JP Barnes Contract Award Recommendation and recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 10.0 Items for Board Discussion**
Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.
- 10.1 Administrative/Supervisor Contracts**
The Board reviewed the recommended contract changes proposed by the administration.

10.2 Student Handbook Changes

The Principals reviewed the proposed student handbook changes for 2019-20.

10.3 NEOLA Policy Revisions/Updates

The Board was asked to review the policy and guideline revisions, recommended by NEOLA, before next month's meeting.

10.4 Support Staff Wage Scale and Administrative Salary Index

The Board reviewed the Administrative Salary Index and Support Staff Wage Schedule for 2019-20 school year.

10.5 Teacher and Support Staff Merit Pay Plan

The Board reviewed the Merit Pay Plans.

10.6 Hiring Practices

Superintendent Kearney made a recommendation to eliminate Non-DOT new hire physicals and drug tests. Discussion followed. The Board supports the Superintendent's recommendation. Guidelines will be revised accordingly and presented to the Board.

11.0 Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to adjourn the regular meeting for May 20, 2019 at 9:00 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Ehlert, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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