

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, June 24, 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, 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 June 24, 2019 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2019

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Special Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2019 (Open & Closed Session)

Approved special meeting minutes.

3.4 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$24.36 for June 3, 2019.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Coach

Approved the employment of Tyler Haske.

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a High School Cheerleading Coach

Approved the employment of MacKenzie Bronson.

3.7 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Strength Coach

Approved the employment of Colby Caid.

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to approve the consent agenda for June 24, 2019 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentations

4.1 Special Education Report

Due to the absence of the Special Education Coordinator, Superintendent Kearney presented the Board with Mrs. Sykora's overall status update of the River Valley School District special education program.

- ✓ Twenty-three percent of the students at River Valley were eligible for special education programs & services.
- ✓ Fourteen students met special education goals and were exited. An additional 21 students moved out of the district.
- ✓ Thirty-one students were evaluated and found eligible for special education (initial IEPs). Four students were evaluated and were not eligible for services.
- ✓ Thirteen students moved into the district with active IEPs from their previous districts and twenty-six students are placed in other specialized programs in Berrien County.

Mr. Kearney highlighted graphs showing a 5-year trend, count by disability, and program & services offered. He also shared a Michigan Department of Education report with the Board.

The Board questioned why there is an increase of students requiring speech therapy services. Discussion followed.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principals

Three Oaks Principal, Patrick Zuccala, provided the Board with an end of the year update.

5.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on School Law Notes. He also provided a written progress update on the following strategic goal areas: Academic/Programs, Learning Environment/Culture, Communications/Community Engagement, Personnel/Leadership, and Operations.

Discussion followed.

6.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Vice President Wagner announced that Blessings in a Backpack has been helping students, in the River Valley School District, for six years. Appreciation goes out to The Pokagon Fund and the community volunteers. President Whitlow thanked Mrs. Wagner for her leadership and all of her dedicated time to the Blessings in a Backpack program.

7.0 Correspondence

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

- Ellen Cassidy RE: Letter of Resignation (MHS Teacher Assistant) – June 7, 2019
- Diana Myers RE: Letter of Resignation (Elementary Staff Assistant) – June 10, 2019

8.0 Items for Board Action

8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for June 2019 and the Treasurer's Report for May 2019

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

8.2 Adopt Fourth Quarter Budget Resolution

Moved by Wagner, supported by Alderink, to adopt the Fourth Quarter 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).

8.3 Approve Administrative/Supervisor Contract Changes for 2019-20**8.3.1 Superintendent**

Moved by Alderink, supported by Bender, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for William Kearney, Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.2 Chikaming Principal

Moved by Bender, supported by Freehling, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Heidi Clark, Chikaming Elementary Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.3 Three Oaks Principal

Moved by Freehling, supported by Wagner, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Patrick Zuccala, Three Oaks Elementary Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.4 Middle High School Principal

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Patrick Breen, Middle High School Principal, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.5 Assistant Middle High School Principal and Athletic Director

Moved by Bender, supported by Freehling, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for James Wiseley, Assistant Middle High School Principal and Athletic Director, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.6 Business Manager

Moved by Alderink, supported by Ehlert, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Brian Brown, Business Manager, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.7 District Technology Director

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Curtis Newton, District Technology Director, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.8 Buildings & Grounds Supervisor

Moved by Freehling, supported by Alderink, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Robert Payne, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.9 Working Food Service Supervisor

Moved by Alderink, supported by Bender, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Jennifer Jones, Working Food Service Supervisor, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3.10 Transportation Supervisor

Moved by Freehling, supported by Alderink, to approve the changes to the 2019-20 employment contract for Jennifer Templeton, Transportation Supervisor, as recommended by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.4 Approve Student Handbook Changes for 2019-20

Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to approve the student handbook changes for 2019-20 as recommended by the Building Principals and Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.5 Adopt Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy Revisions

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to adopt Volume 33, No. 2 Administrative Guidelines and Board Policy revisions as recommended by NEOLA, Superintendent, and Curricula/Policy Committee. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.6 Approve Support Staff Wage Scale and Administrative Salary Index

Moved by Freehling, supported by Bender, to approve the support staff wage scale and administrative salary index for the 2019-20 school year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.7 Approve Merit Pay Plan for Teachers and Support Staff for 2019-20

Moved by Ehlert, supported by Wagner, to approve the 2019-20 Merit Pay Plan for Teachers and Support Staff. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.8 Approve 2019-20 RVEA 5-CEA/MEA Master Agreement

Moved by Bender, supported by Wagner, to approve the 2019-20 RVEA 5-CEA/MEA Master Agreement as recommended by the Superintendent. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

8.9 Approve Milk Bid for 2019-20

Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to award a one-year contract to Scholl Dairy of Michigan City, Indiana, to supply milk for the 2019-20 school year as recommended by the Food Service Supervisor and Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.10 Approve Increase of Meal Prices

Moved by Alderink, supported by Bender, to approve a \$.10 increase to the 2019-20 school lunch program prices for students, a \$.25 increase for adults, and no additional increase to milk prices as recommended by the Food Service Supervisor and Business Manager.

Meal Prices for 2019-20 as follows:

Lunch K – 5th Grade = \$2.60
Lunch 6th – 12th Grade = \$2.85
Lunch Adult Prices = \$4.00
Milk Prices = \$.50

All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.11 Approve 2019-20 Proposed Budget for Activity Accounts (Fund 29)

Moved by Wagner, supported by Ehlert, to approve the 2019-20 proposed budget, for Activity Accounts, as presented by the Business Manager. Roll Call Vote: Alderink – Aye, Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Freehling – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

9.0 Items for Board Discussion**9.1 MHSAA Membership Resolution**

The Board reviewed Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

9.2 Administrative Guideline 3160A Physical Examination – district revision

The Board reviewed the recommended changes proposed by the Superintendent. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

Moved by Wagner, supported by Freehling, to adjourn the regular meeting for June 24, 2019 at 7:55 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Michael Ehlert, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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