

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, September 24, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Phillip Bender, Cheryl Capiak, Fred Knutel, John Pawlik, Vickie Wagner, David Whitlow

Members Absent: Michael Ehlert

Administrators Present: Superintendent William Kearney, Business Manager Brian Brown, Chikaming 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 Pawlik.

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

President Pawlik led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Agenda as Presented

Approved the agenda for the September 24, 2018 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2018

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Level III Cook

Approved the employment of Candise Baiz.

Moved by Bender, supported by Capiak, to approve the consent agenda for September 24, 2018 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Recognition of Staff Retirement

The Board recognized Walt Yeske for his 8 years of service to the district.

5.0 Presentation – Costa Rica Trip Proposal

Middle High School Spanish Teacher, Eric Munyon, presented a proposed trip request (put together by Middle High School Assistant Principal, Jim Wiseley) to Costa Rica, for March 28, 2019 – April 7, 2019, through Explorica. River Valley students that are interested in participating, will be combining with the history club students at Gobles Public School. The cost is \$2,721 per student. Fundraisers will be held to absorb part of the expenses. The trip is open to any junior or senior. Mr. Munyon expressed that a half a dozen students, from River Valley, have shown interest in this trip.

Discussion followed.

6.0 Reports

6.1 Principals

Each elementary principal updated the Board on various activities/events occurring in their buildings. They also provided a report on their analysis of the State assessments.

6.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on School Law Notes. Topics included the following: New Child Care Center Staff Comprehensive Background Check Requirements, Full-Time Presence at Work Not Necessarily Essential Employment Function, and Schools May Regulate Firearm Possession on Premises, but Issues Still Remain.

Discussion followed.

The Superintendent tentatively scheduled a Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting for October 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the Superintendent's Conference Room. Plans are to begin looking at building improvement projects for next year.

He also reminded members of the Finance Committee that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., to review the district audit report.

The Superintendent provided the Board with an update on Patrick Breen's medical condition.

The fitness center equipment is scheduled to be installed October 4-5, 2018. An Open House is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Board members were encouraged to attend if their schedule allows.

7.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Vice President Wagner announced that Blessings in a Backpack will be celebrating their sixth year at River Valley School District. The week of September 24th is National Blessings in a Backpack week. Chikaming Supervisor, David Bunte, will be joining River Valley volunteers on Thursday to pack backpacks of easy-to-prepare/ready-to-eat foods for students to take home on Friday.

8.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

9.0 Items for Board Action

9.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for September 2018 and the Treasurer's Report for August 2018

Moved by Wagner, supported by Whitlow, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for September 2018 and the Treasurer's Report for August 2018 as presented by the Business Manager. All Ayes. Motion carried.

10.0 Items for Board Discussion

There were no items for Board discussion.

11.0 Adjournment

Moved by Capiak, supported by Whitlow, to adjourn the regular meeting for September 24, 2018 at 7:56 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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