

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, October 22, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present: Phillip Bender, Michael Ehlert, Fred Knutel, John Pawlik, Vickie Wagner, David Whitlow

Members Absent: Cheryl Capiak

Administrators Present: Superintendent William Kearney, 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 October 22, 2018 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2018

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$286.67 for September 18, 2018 – October 12, 2018.

3.4 Accept Snow Removal Quote for 2018-19

Accepted quote from Oldenburg & Sons Excavating, Inc.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle High School Teacher Assistant

Approved the employment of Ellen Cassidy.

3.6 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Middle High School Head Custodian

Approved the employment of Paul Zielke.

Moved by Bender, supported by Ehlert, to approve the consent agenda for October 22, 2018 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentations

4.1 District Audit Report for 2017-18

Alex Schaeffer, CPA/Senior Manager of Kruggel Lawton Certified Public Accountants presented the 2017-18 District Audit Report. The district was issued an "unmodified opinion." This is the highest audit rating you can receive from an independent CPA.

4.2 Student Athletes

On behalf of the Student Leadership Committee and the student body, Emma Springer and Madison Vollman thanked the Board of Education and Administration for the renovations and the improvements that took place this past summer (including the

transformation of the auto shop into a fitness center). Because of the improvements, students have a greater sense of pride and motivation. Students thanked the Board for their investment in their school and the community.

5.0 Reports

5.1 Principals

The elementary principals updated the Board on various activities/events occurring in their buildings and they provided an update on student achievement.

Due to the absence of the Middle High School Principal, Superintendent Kearney presented Mr. Breen's written report.

5.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on some articles in the recent issue of School Law Notes. Topics included: hard cap limits for medical benefit plans and the summer tax resolution.

The Board determined that the public survey components, regarding the Superintendent's performance, be structured the same as last year and made available to the public on the district's website.

5.3 Buildings and Grounds Committee – October 16, 2018

Fred Knutel, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, October 16, 2018. The Committee identified and prioritized facility improvement projects for next summer and discussed setting aside additional general funds for facility improvements.

5.4 Finance Committee – October 15, 2018

Phillip Bender, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Committee met on Monday, October 15, 2018. The Committee reviewed the district audit report and also discussed setting aside additional general funds for facility improvements.

6.0 Hearing of Persons Present

Ian Haight, Democrat running for the 21st District State Senate Seat, introduced himself to the Board of Education.

7.0 Correspondence

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

- Jeff Williams RE: Scholarship Donation – September 19, 2018
- The Region of Three Oaks Museum RE: Scholarship Donation – September 20, 2018
- Rachel Fambro RE: Letter of Resignation (Varsity Track Coach) – September 27, 2018
- Linda Flick RE: Letter of Resignation/Retirement (Athletics/Media Secretary) – September 28, 2018

8.0 Items for Board Action

8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for October 2018 and the Treasurer's Report for September 2018

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the Accounts Payable Report for October 2018 and the Treasurer's Report for September 2018 as presented by the Superintendent. All Ayes. Motion carried.

President Pawlik requested that the Business Manager also include a bar graph with his monthly reports that will include a three-month history and data from previous years.

8.2 Accept District Audit Report for 2017-18

Moved by Bender, supported by Ehlert, to accept the District Audit Report for 2017-18 as presented by Kruggel Lawton Certified Public Accountants. All Ayes. Motion carried.

8.3 Approve 2019 Costa Rica Trip Request

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to approve the Costa Rica trip request for March 28, 2019 – April 7, 2019. All Ayes. Motion carried.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion**9.1 2019 Annual Summer Property Tax Collection Resolution**

Superintendent Kearney reviewed a resolution that allows the district to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of the annual school property taxes of property located within Chikaming Township. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

President Pawlik requested that the Business Manager also look into the cost to include the other townships in the summer tax levy.

The Superintendent reviewed the proposed 2019 summer improvement projects:

1. Renovate four (4) remaining Middle High School restrooms
2. Replace inside doors at Three Oaks Elementary
3. Create secured secondary entrances at all buildings and relocate the Three Oaks office to the former preschool classroom
4. Replace roofing (cafeteria and auditorium) at the Middle High School
5. Replace Chikaming parking lot

Discussion followed.

There was consensus from the Board to transfer another million dollars from the general fund to the facility improvement fund for facility improvement projects. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

President Pawlik addressed the Superintendent and insisted that the Michigan Association of School Boards (facilitating the Work Session) provide the Board with the data notebook prior to the Strategic Planning Work Session scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018. Board Members agreed that the Board should be able to review the material in advance.

10.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to adjourn the regular meeting for October 22, 2018 at 7:55 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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