

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, December 17, 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, 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 Pawlik.

President Pawlik presented Trustee Fred Knutel with a clock, in appreciation for his 18 years of service as a member of the River Valley Board of Education.

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 December 17, 2018 regular Board meeting.

3.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2018

Approved regular meeting minutes.

3.3 Approve Superintendent's Monthly Travel Reimbursement Request

Approved Superintendent Kearney's travel reimbursement total of \$48.50 for October 30, 2018 – November 9, 2018.

3.4 Approve Transfer of Amy Vollman to Level III Secretary at Middle High School

Approved transfer of Amy Vollman from Aide to Level III Secretary. Mrs. Vollman will serve as secretary to the Middle High School Athletics Department and Media Center.

3.5 Approve Recommendation to Hire a Level III Cook

Approved the employment of Kayla Berk.

Moved by Bender, supported by Knutel, to approve the consent agenda for December 17, 2018 regular Board meeting as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

4.0 Presentation – Middle High School Counselor Report

Mary Casteel reviewed the areas of focus for River Valley. Her overall goals included the following:

- ✓ Improve college-going culture for all students
- ✓ Expand the use of educational development plans
- ✓ Expand the Career/Technical Education options
- ✓ Increase four-year college readiness

5.0 Reports**5.1 Principals**

Each principal updated the Board on various activities/events occurring in their buildings.

Discussion followed.

5.2 Superintendent

Superintendent Kearney updated the Board on School Law Notes and First Marking Period Data Reports.

5.3 Curricula/Policy Committee – December 17, 2018

Vickie Wagner, Curricula/Policy Committee Chairperson, reported that the Committee met prior to the Board meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018. The Committee reviewed the policy/guideline revisions and recommended approval at the next regular scheduled meeting.

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:

- Cheryl Capiak RE: Effective Date of Resignation – November 23, 2018

8.0 Items for Board Action**8.1 Approve the Accounts Payable Report for December 2018 and the Treasurer's Report for November 2018**

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

8.2 Approve the Nomination of John Pawlik as a Candidate for the MASB Board of Directors

Moved by Whitlow, supported by Bender, to nominate John Pawlik as a candidate for the MASB Board of Directors. Motion carried (5-0) – Pawlik abstained.

9.0 Items for Board Discussion**9.1 NEOLA Policy Revisions/Updates**

The Board was asked to review the policy and guideline revisions (recommended by NEOLA) and additional district revisions (recommended by the Superintendent) before next month's meeting. Board action will be taken at the next regular scheduled meeting.

The Board took a four-minute recess before going into closed session.

10.0 Closed Session to Conduct Superintendent's Performance Evaluation

Moved by Wagner, supported by Knutel, to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m., as requested in writing per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the Superintendent's Performance Evaluation. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

Moved by Wagner, supported by Whitlow, to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

10.1 Present Public Statement on Superintendent’s Performance Evaluation (Open Session)

Moved by Wagner, supported by Bender, to adopt the Public Statement on the Superintendent’s yearly performance evaluation as follows:

“The Board commends Superintendent Kearney for his continued involvement and leadership in the District. The Board acknowledges student achievement and improvement, physical plant improvements, community spirit and student pride. Effective.”

Roll Call Vote: Bender – Aye, Ehlert – Aye, Knutel – Aye, Pawlik – Aye, Wagner – Aye, and Whitlow – Aye. Motion carried (6-0).

11.0 Adjournment

Motion by Wagner, supported by Bender, to adjourn the regular meeting for December 17, 2018 at 8:37 p.m. All Ayes. Motion carried.

David Whitlow, Secretary
River Valley Board of Education

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