

RIVER BEND CUSD # 2  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
**RIVER BEND DISTRICT OFFICE**  
1110 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fulton, IL 61252 - 815-589-2711  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order *School Board Meeting Procedure*
- II. Roll Call *School Board Meeting Procedure*
- III. Pledge of Allegiance *Local Board Practice*
- IV. Introduction of Guests *Local Board Practice*
- V. Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda *School Board Meeting Procedure*
- VI. Public Comment
  - A. RBEA *Communication with River Bend Education Association*
  - B. General Public Comment *Opportunity for public comment*
- VII. Information and Discussion Items
  - A. Principal Reports and Dialogue *Summary of monthly activities and opportunity for Board Member and Principal conversation*
  - B. Board Member Communications
    1. River Bend Educational Foundation meeting report *Review of the October 10, 2023 meeting*
    2. Citizens Advisory Committee meeting report *Review of the October 18, 2023 meeting*
    3. Finance Committee meeting report *Review of the October 18, 2023 meeting*
    4. Establish Board Leader Recognition – Mary Simmons *Informational item*
  - C. Superintendent’s Report
    1. Enrollment Report *Update on current enrollment*
    2. Benning Group, LLC: Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit Report *A comprehensive preview was provided to the Finance Committee and a summary of the report will be shared with the Board*
    3. 2024 Levy Preview
    4. LEA Special Education Determination
    5. Construction Update
    6. Alternative High School Diploma
    7. Update on Thomson
- VIII. Action Items
  - A. Consent Agenda: Approve September 20, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; September Treasurer’s Report; and October Bills Recommended for Payment subject to audit. *School Board meeting procedure and mandated Roll Call Vote for finances.*
  - B. Approve Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit Report *After review of the audit by Benning Group and the Finance Committee the Board will approve the findings and results.*
  - C. Approve Preschool HighScope Curriculum *The Preschool for All Grant required a curriculum upgrade; Mr. Hoese presented the new curriculum at the September Board Meeting.*
  - D. Approve estimated Board Member expenses for the Triple I Conference *Estimated Board Member expenses require pre-approval and are included in the packet.*
  - E. Approve Bus Lease *American Capital has provided two five-year lease options.*
  - F. Approve Activity Fund Surety Bonds for designated employees *Annual renewal*
  - G. Approve the first reading of the Alternative High School Diploma
  - H. Direct the Superintendent to seek Audit Request for Proposal
  - I. Approve the first reading of an update on policy 5:220
  - J. Approve second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy
  - K. Approve HLS Amendments for MGT Window Film *Dr. Hogue is recommending Amendment #5 for the Early Step Preschool, Amendment #18 for Fulton Elementary School, Amendment #24 for River Bend Middle School, and Amendment #28 for Fulton High School to install safety shields on doors and windows to the buildings for a total of \$60,000.*
  - L. Direct the Superintendent to send a letter of interest, pending the feasibility study, to the Thomson annexation group to submit with their petition to their ROE.

- M. Approve the license use agreement between River Bend CUSD #2 and a local business, Steamer Stop LLC. *A new local business would like to use the FES Lil' Steamers steamboat design for their store sign.*
- N. Declare the following items as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner from Fulton High School: 19 sewing machines, 1 electric skillet, 3 small totes of thread, 3 irons, 2 ironing boards, 12 cutting mats, 4 boxes of miscellaneous sewing equipment.
- O. Accept Gifts to the District *\$561 from Fulton Kiwanis to Key Club, \$950 from the Martha Cruz Memorial for Bass Fishing, \$500 from Central Bank for Robotics, \$500 from Connie Decker for BLIND, \$500 from Local Community Grants Team and Facility #7024 for BLIND*
- P. Personnel items included on separate personnel report
- IX. Closed session for the purpose(s) of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body.
- X. Action following and related to closed session including possible personnel items
- XI. Adjourn (Next Regular Board of Education Meeting Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the River Bend District Office)