

**RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2**  
**1110 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**  
**FULTON, IL 61252**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE FINAL MEETING, REORGANIZATION MEETING AND**  
**REGULAR APRIL BOARD MEETING**

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

April 25, 2017

President Portz called the Final Meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. Member Jane Orman-Luker was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, and Joe Holmbo. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance were those listed below under introduction of guests.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board acknowledged the canvassing results of the ballots as presented by the County Clerk for the April 4, 2017, election.

Board of Education / 4 year term (* elected)	
Eric Fish	795*
Dan Portz	744*
Jane Orman-Luker	626*
Joe Holmbo	567
Board of Education / 2 year term (* elected)	
Mary Simmons	396*
Matt Sanderson	76
Larry St. Ores	39

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. No one spoke as part of public forum.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to adjourn this Board of Education of the River Bend CUSD #2 "Sine die" (per definition – without a day for future action) at 6:33 P.M. Voice Vote, all year, motion carried*

President Portz acknowledged that reelected Board Members Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, and Dan Portz would remain at their seats and invited newly elected Member Mary Simmons to join the board at the table. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett and Eric Fish.

On behalf of the Board, Superintendent Hogue took nominations for president and secretary pro-tem.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Ritchie, to nominate Member Portz as President Pro-Tem. There being no other nominations, Member Portz was elected President Pro-Tem by proclamation.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Ritchie, to nominate Member Orman-Luker as Secretary Pro-Tem. There being no other nominations, Member Orman-Luker was elected Secretary Pro-Tem by proclamation.

The nomination and election of officers for a two-year term was as follows:

*It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to elect Dan Portz for the Office of President of the Board of Education for a two year term. Roll Call:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea  
Member Orman-Luker, yea                  Member Simmons, yea  
Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Member Dan Portz was declared President.

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Ritchie, to elect Jane Orman-Luker for the Office of Vice President of the Board of Education for a two year term. Roll Call:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea  
Member Orman-Luker, yea                  Member Simmons, yea  
Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Member Orman-Luker was declared Vice President.

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Ritchie, to elect Eric Fish for the Office of Secretary for a two-year term. Roll Call:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea  
Member Orman-Luker, yea                  Member Simmons, yea  
Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Member Fish was declared Secretary.

The School Board Members Orman-Luker, Portz and Simmons, took the Oath of Office for School Board Members.

Regular School Board meetings shall be held on the third Monday of every month at 6:30 P.M., except for the months where holidays conflict shall be held on Wednesday.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to schedule the River Bend CUSD #2 Regular School Board Meetings at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office located at 1110 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Fulton, IL 61252 as follows: July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 17, February 21, March 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18, 2016. Roll Call:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea  
Member Orman-Luker, yea                  Member Simmons, yea  
Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

President Portz established the following committees:

Finance – Orman-Luker, Portz, Fish, and Simmons

Negotiations – Crosthwaite, Orman-Luker, Portz, and Fish (Member Simmons was invited to attend)

Transportation – Portz, Crosthwaite, and Simmons

- Policy – Crosthwaite, Orman-Luker, and Ritchie
- Buildings and Grounds: Barnett and Ritchie
- Insurance – Fish
- Wellness - Portz
- Foundation – Orman-Luker
- Citizen’s Advisory – Barnett and Simmons
- District Improvement Team – Barnett and Simmons

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Ritchie, to designate Central Bank, Fulton, IL; Community State Bank; Fulton, IL; and First Trust and Savings Bank, Albany, IL as the depositories for the River Bend CUSD #2 funds. Roll Call:*

- Member Crosthwaite, yea*                      *Member Ritchie, yea*
- Member Orman-Luker, yea*                *Member Simmons, yea*
- Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Simmons, to designate Benning Group, LLC, as the auditor for River Bend CUSD #2. Roll Call:*

- Member Crosthwaite, yea*                      *Member Ritchie, yea*
- Member Orman-Luker, yea*                *Member Simmons, yea*
- Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Portz, to appoint Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick, and Kohn as Legal Counsel for River Bend CUSD #2. Roll Call:*

- Member Crosthwaite, nay*                      *Member Ritchie, yea*
- Member Orman-Luker, yea*                *Member Simmons, yea*
- Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

The Board asked Mr. Hogue to explore other options for legal counsel.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Portz to appoint Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc. as architect for River Bend CUSD #2. Roll Call:*

- Member Crosthwaite, yea*                      *Member Ritchie, yea*
- Member Orman-Luker, yea*                *Member Simmons, yea*
- Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Portz, to accept all policies, acts, and deeds of the previous Board of Education. Roll Call:*

- Member Crosthwaite, yea*                      *Member Ritchie, yea*
- Member Orman-Luker, yea*                *Member Simmons, yea*
- Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to adjourn the reorganization meeting at 6:55 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:55 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett and Eric Fish. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

Additions to the agenda: Mr. Hogue added "Pass Illinois' Budget!" initiative.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the agenda as amended. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Tyler Fleetwood, Taylor Fleetwood, Pat Foster, Chris Grant, Cole Grant, Tony Heinitz, Dan Mahoney, and Andy Simmons, Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper, and Chris Tennyson. Assistant Principal/AD Josh Knuth. RBEA Representative: Jeff Hoese.

Jeff Hoese informed the Board that the RBEA had nothing to report.

Mr. Tennyson introduced Pat Foster, employee of the month for April. Pat is a very dedicated, hard-working employee. She takes a great deal of pride in her work and goes the extra step to make certain that the job is done well. She has a positive attitude and does her job well.

Mr. Knuth introduced the wrestlers in attendance who qualified for the state tournament and their coaches. Congratulations to Tyler Fleetwood, Taylor Fleetwood, Cole Grant, and Tony Heinitz.

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. There was no public comment.

Principal's reports. Mr. Tennyson announced the spring musical will take place this coming weekend. Mr. Hogue announced the high school will be hosting a job fair on May 10, 2017.

Mr. Hogue reported on the April 25, 2017, Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Liz Clark, Jay Ritchie, Chris Tennyson, and Gary Wolfe were in attendance. Mr. Hogue reviewed the CTS phase II construction projects scope of work with the construction kick-off meeting to be held on May 2, 2017. Mr. Hogue reviewed the summer project list and recommended hiring painters and one person to help Gary during the construction projects this summer.

Mr. Hogue reported on the April 25, 2017, Finance Committee meeting. Nick Crosthwaite and Jane Orman-Luker were in attendance. Mr. Hogue informed the group the district is missing \$287,245 in categorical payments from the state. The tax levy was reviewed and the final levy was right on target with what was anticipated and will generate \$11,000 more revenue. Mr. Hogue reviewed the treasurer's report and is looking for a better way to track expenses that would compare equal amounts when the budget changes from year to year.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment increased by four from 936 to 940.

Mr. Hogue presented the General State Aid Projection worksheet. General State Aid will be decreasing in FY 18 due to the increase in the Estimated Assessed Valuation.

Mr. Hogue recommended submitting a waiver for non-resident student tuition. If the waiver is

approved students of non-district resident employees could attend River Bend Schools without paying tuition. There is no higher recommendation for a school and the quality of staff than when its employees choose to have their own children educated in the district. The Board agreed to have Mr. Hogue proceed with the waiver process.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the IASB is accepting resolution for consideration by the Delegate Assembly held in conjunction with the Triple I conference in November. If any Board Members would like to submit resolutions, this is the opportunity to do so.

Mr. Hogue reminded the Board the River Bend Middle School Promotion is May 18, 2017, and Members Portz, Fish and Simmons will be in attendance. Fulton High School Graduation is May 28, 2017, and Members Portz and Orman-Luker will be in attendance.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that 389 Illinois school district superintendents, including himself, representing 1.3 million students, have signed on to support a grassroots statewide initiative called, simply enough, "Pass Illinois' Budget!" Mr. Hogue is doing everything he can do to get the budget passed.

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the March 20, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented; March Treasurer's Report; and April Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$132,977.20, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:*

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| <i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i> | <i>Member Simmons, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Portz, yea</i>       |                            |

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue presented the 2017-18 student registration, extra-curricular, meals, fees, and prices. Included in the fees and prices for next year will be the cost for dual credit classes. Lunch prices will need to be increased .10 to conform to USDA calculation for assuring free/reduced meal reimbursements do not support paid meals. Mr. Hogue is also recommending a cap on the amount one family would pay for extra-curricular participation. The Board would like Mr. Hogue to continue to monitor the number of students attending Morrison Institute of Technology to insure the added expense to the district does not become too large.

*It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the 2017-18 student registration, extra-curricular, meals, fees, and prices including a .10 lunch price increase, extra-curricular multiple student and co-op cap per family, and dual credit tuition rates. Roll Call Vote:*

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| <i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i> | <i>Member Simmons, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Portz, yea</i>       |                            |

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue recommended approving summer painters and summer worker to help Gary. Summer painting staff will be assigned to paint the FES gym, RBMS halls, and halls at FHS. A total of two people, nine weeks, at six hours per day for four days a week will be utilized at a cost of \$5,000 from the Operations and Maintenance budget. A summer assistant for Mr. Wolfe will provide nine weeks of work for six hours four days a week for a total cost of \$2,500 out of the Operations and Maintenance budget.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve two summer painters and one summer worker as presented. Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the board only one bid for lawn care was received from the current company providing lawn care. The bid increased \$58 over last year.

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the bid for lawn care submitted by Spring-Green in the amount of \$886 for treatment of the high school football field and \$999.90 for treatment of the school lawns. Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, nay</i>	

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the following gifts have been made to the District: July Geyer received a \$500 donation sponsored by Meemic to be used at Office Max. The River Bend Athletic Boosters donated \$1,200 for coaching clinic and tacking rings, \$300 for a volleyball cart, and \$800 for new speakers at the football field.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to accept the Gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

*Motion Carried.*

Action on personnel items included on a separate personnel report will be after closed session.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing matter concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation; discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, and discuss collective negotiating matters between the Board and its employees or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees at 8:08 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to move out of closed session for the purpose of discussing matter concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation; discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes, and discuss collective negotiating*

*matters between the Board and its employees or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees at 9:00 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea*  
*Member Orman-Luker, yea                    Member Simmons, yea*  
*Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Action following and related to closed session:

*It was moved by member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the March 20, 2017, regular meeting closed session minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea*  
*Member Orman-Luker, yea                    Member Simmons, yea*  
*Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the following personnel items:*

- *Approved the resignation of Morgan Burn, Kindergarten Teacher, at Fulton Elementary School, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.*
- *Approved the resignation of Lauren White, Speech Pathologist, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.*
- *Approved the resignation of Amy Oudekerk as Night Cleaner at Fulton High School effective immediately.*
- *Hired Larry Blair as four-hour Night Cleaner at Fulton High School beginning immediately.*
- *Hired Jim Clanin as Math Teacher at Fulton High School beginning the 2017-18 school year.*
- *Approved with regret the resignation of Jessie Abbott, Fulton High School English Teacher, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.*

*Roll Call:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea                      Member Ritchie, yea*  
*Member Orman-Luker, yea                    Member Simmons, yea*  
*Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, June 19, 2017, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Portz, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

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Dan Portz, President  
Board of Education  
River Bend Unit District #2  
Whiteside County

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Eric Fish, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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