

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

August 15, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on August 15, 2016, in the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, and Dan Portz. Absent: Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the agenda. Mr. Hogue added discussion of Athletic Co-op fees to Superintendent's reports.

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

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Mike Ankrom, Claudia Gossard, Rod Gossard, Rodney Gossard, and Jeff Hoese. Principals: Kathleen Schipper and Chris Tennyson. Assistant Principal/AD: Josh Knuth. RBEA: Lionel McCallister. Media: Alexandra Byson, Clinton Herald.

Mr. McCallister reported on behalf of the RBEA. There is a concern that the Middle School Library Paraprofessional was not replaced and what the students will miss from the lack of staff. Mr. Hogue indicated he met with the library staff, created a schedule and would like to see how this arrangement works out before considering replacement.

Mr. Knuth recognized Rodney Gossard, one of the track team members that qualified and competed at the state track meet that was not able to attend the June Board meeting. Mr. Tennyson added that Mr. Ankrom has done a great job coaching track.

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

(Member Ritchie entered at 6:58 P.M.)

Principal's reports. Mr. Tennyson reviewed the zero credit policy recommended by the School Improvement Team. The team recommended that sophomores, juniors, and seniors who fail to turn in work will be encouraged to complete the late work for a minimum of fifty percent credit. A teacher could opt to give more than fifty percent credit, but if so it must be clearly spelled out in their syllabus. The Board would like a report at the end of the semester and would also like the team to consider a more uniform method to assign credit.

Board Communications. Mr. Hogue reminded the Board the Northwest Division Dinner Meeting is on October 6, 2016, at Maxon Riverside Restaurant in Oregon IL.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the opening day activities went well this morning. The Principals introduced their new employees. Mr. Hogue recognized employees for their years of service in Education. Dr. Richard Voltz, IASA Associate Director, presented on Technology. His message included using technology to connect to students and how most jobs now require this skill set. Technology also provides the opportunity for students to have ownership in their learning. Thank you to CTS for providing lunch.

Mr. Hogue presented a Power Point developed by CTS showing before and after pictures of the building projects. The projects are complete except for the punch list items.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the first day enrollment is estimated at 922 which is down from the end of last year. Online registration went well. Mr. Hogue will be sending a survey for feedback on the process.

Mr. Hogue indicated he has been able to secure more money to fund expenses if the District were to join Illinois Elementary Sports Association (IESA). Middle School athletes would be given the opportunity to participate in a state level series. There is a school membership fee of \$75, a wrestling fee of \$55 and track fee of \$220. The other expense would be for travel to attend the state event, estimated at \$415 for 4 participants in track and \$1,210 for twelve participants in wrestling. The IKW Wrestling association will commit to \$500, the Athletic Booster will commit to \$1000, a \$400 donation from Ustick Township will be designated to IESA expenses and Mrs. Schipper will be contacting the Kennel Club for \$300 to \$500 contribution.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the Illinois Elementary Sports Association (IESA) wrestling and track proposal. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Holmbo, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented the Professional Development Plan for 2016-17. The focus this year will be on technology, student growth, PARCC, and new curriculum.

Mr. Hogue presented Board of Education Committee meeting dates and times for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board he has been approached by a parent regarding the fees to participate in swimming which is a co-op with Morrison. The family has four children participating and between the extra-curricular fee for River Bend and the extra-curricular fee for Morrison, they are paying over \$2,000 in fees. Mr. Hogue will check with other schools on their process and present a proposal at the next board meeting.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the June 20, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; July Treasurer's Report; August Bills recommended for payment, subject to audit; and authorization to dispose of the following closed session audio tapes of August 18, 2014, September 22, 2014, October 20, 2014, November 17, 2014, December 15, 2014, January 20, 2015, and January 26, 2015. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented the FY 17 tentative budget. The Education Fund is still a concern. The Equalized Assessed Valuation is projected to go up again next year which means the General State Aid will go down. The overall projected difference in revenues and expenses is a negative \$26,704.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the tentative FY 17 budget for public review with total revenues in the amount of \$11,055,623 and total expenditures in the amount of \$11,082,327 and set the budget hearing for September 19, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. in the River Bend District Office. Roll Call:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hoese presented the new Computer Science Curriculum to pilot this school year. Mr. Hoese attended five days of training on this curriculum. The curriculum uses inquiry, equity, and gives the students the ability to create final projects and can be used at all grade levels.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to approve piloting Computer Science Curriculum at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that new state law requires Board approval of a Concussion Oversight Team to manage concussion protocols. Mr. Knuth is recommending the following to serve as volunteers on the committee: Linda Rogis, Dr. Harrison, Josh Knuth, Ryan Bradshaw, Chris Tennyson, RJ Coffey, Patrick Lower, Jessie Rosenow, Jean Wilkin, and Joe Holmbo.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve members of the Concussion Oversight Team as follows: Linda Rogis, Dr. Harrison, Josh Knuth, Ryan Bradshaw, Chris Tennyson, RJ Coffey, Patrick Lower, Jessie Rosenow, Jean Wilkin, and Joe Holmbo. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that in lieu of being paid directly by Blue/Cross Blue Shield, the Dungan Group is offering a contract with them directly as the district's insurance broker. This will save the district \$10,500.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Holmbo, to approve employee benefits/health insurance consulting agreement for a period of one year (9-1 to 8-31) with Dungan Group Limited in the amount of \$24,900 annually. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board two bids for replacement and repair of the entryway doors of the east gym were received. Hartz Lock provided a bid of \$65,012 and G-MAC Doors and Hardware provided a bid of \$44,235.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the apparent low bid submitted by G-MAC Doors and Hardware, East Moline IL, in the amount of \$44,235 and not to exceed \$55,000 to include rust prevention. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue requested permission to seek bids for snow removal for the 2016-2017 school year.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to direct the superintendent to seek bids for snow removal for the 2016-2017 school year. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.

Mr. Hogue and President Portz reviewed the closed session minutes and recommend release of closed session minutes dated: January 6, 2016, and April 18, 2016.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to retain closed session minutes dated February 17, 2016, March 14, 2016, May 16, 2016, and June 20, 2016, at this time due to the need for confidentiality to still exist to all or part of the minutes. Roll Call:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the district received a grant from Timken Foundation of Canton Trustees in the amount of \$47,034 to be used to update science classrooms and laboratories. Stacy Gates was awarded a grant from Monsanto in the amount of \$10,000 to be used in the science departments. Mr. Knuth indicated the Athletic Boosters would like to donate \$3,300 for sports wish list, \$750 for Volleyball Uniforms, and \$1,400 for Football Hudl.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Holmbo, to accept the gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Ritchie, 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; and 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; at 8:54 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Holmbo, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, 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; and 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 at 9:04 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Holmbo, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Holmbo, to approve the June 20, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as printed. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Holmbo, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the following personnel items:

- Approved Renee Kuehl transferring from the Elementary School to the High School as Cook’s Helper for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved Amber Cook transferring from Fulton High School to Fulton Elementary School as Para-Pro for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved Sue Carlson transferring from Para-Pro to Para-Pro/Parent Educator at the Fulton Blended Pre-School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Jason Snyder as Strength and Conditioning Coach funded by the Athletic Boosters at Fulton High School, effective July 29, 2016.
Recommendation to approve the resignation of Cinda Wolfe, Cook’s Helper at Fulton High School, effective August 4, 2016.
- Approved the resignation of Patrick Sanchez, Bus Driver, effective July 15, 2016.
- Approved the resignation of Ashley Bruggenwirth as Head Cheerleading Coach, effective August 1, 2016.
- Approved Tonja Wiest as Para-Pro at Fulton Blended Pre-School beginning the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved Mari Sanders as Para-Pro at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved Michelle Kummerer as Cook’s Helper at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved Shane Phillips as Night Cleaner at River Bend Middle School and Fulton Elementary School beginning immediately.
- Approved Art Kilburg as Bus Driver beginning the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved Ben Baudler as 8th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2016-17 school year.

- Approved Stephanie Evensen for the Fall Head Cheerleading Coach effective the 2016-17 school year (stipend to be determined)
- Approved Jessica Arellano as Freshman Class Sponsor at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.

Member Barnett, yea

Member Holmbo, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 19, 2016, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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