

**RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2**  
**1110 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**  
**FULTON, IL 61252**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH LIFE SAFETY AND LEVY HEARING**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

December 19, 2016

The Public Hearing to consider spending Health Life Safety Funds for sidewalks and concrete work was held on December 19, 2016, at the River Bend Middle School.

Jane Orman-Luker was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Hearing to order at 6:35 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present. Nick Crosthwaite, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: Chris Barnett and Eric Fish.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Portz read the resolution.

*It was moved by Member Holmbo, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to adopt a resolution to spend Health Life Safety funds for sidewalk work at Fulton Elementary School and River Bend Middle School and concrete drainage work at Fulton High School at an estimated cost of \$199,000. Roll Call:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Joe Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Holmbo, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:40 P.M. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.*

The Truth in Taxation Levy Hearing of the Board of Education of River Bend Unit District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois was held on December 19, 2016, at the River Bend Middle School.

Jane Orman-Luker was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Truth In Taxation Levy Hearing to order at 6:41 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: Chris Barnett and Eric Fish. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

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

Mr. Hogue indicated he increased the Estimated Assessed Valuation (EAV) figure by 7.63% in order to capture all the dollars the district is entitled to in case the EAV goes up in March from the figure he was given in October.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:44 P.M. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.*

(Member Fish entered at 6:45 P.M.)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on December 19, 2016, at the River Bend Middle School.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: Chris Barnett. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Cole McClary, Jennifer McClary, and Michael McClary. Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper, and Chris Tennyson. Media: Nick Moffitt, Clinton Herald.

Additions to the agenda. None.

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

There was no communication from the RBEA.

Mr. Tennyson introduced Steamer of the Month, Cole McClary. One of the teachers who nominated Cole said this, "Cole is a model student. He has it all. Good grades, involved in many extracurricular, he is very well behaved, and he displays respect for authority. He has really developed into a leader both in the classroom and on the field. He makes everyone around him better. I am extremely proud of the person he is."

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

Principal's reports. Mrs. Schipper added that the River Bend Middle School Wrestling numbers are up this year. The students are looking forward to the etiquette luncheon tomorrow. A robotics assembly will follow the luncheon. Mr. Tennyson informed the board the school improvement team is looking at dismissing honor roll students fourth hour at 2:35 P.M. Only seniors on the A-B honor roll with no discipline issues would qualify. Students would remain in school if they are involved in clubs or school events or an assembly is held. Mr. Tennyson will contact other schools and provide preliminary numbers in January. The Board would also like the school improvement team to consider gifted types of activities instead of early release. Mr. Tennyson also added the Robotics Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Peoria and are sixteenth in the state.

Mr. Hogue updated the Board on Control Technology Solutions Phase II construction projects. Mr. Hogue highlighted projects that can be paid for out of the Health Life Safety fund. The final list of projects will be submitted in January along with the Health Life Safety Amendments.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is holding steady at 930 in November.

Mr. Hogue presented the 2017-18 school calendar. The administration considered having a weekly early release, but after further review determined this would not be feasible due to the teacher’s schedules. Highlights include:

1. Start date Aug 14th with students starting on the 16th.
2. Sept. 13th is the first early release.
3. Since Veteran’s Day on November 11, 2017, falls on Saturday, there will not be a scheduled day off for Veteran's Day.
4. The holiday break begins at the end of the day on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, and school resumes on Thursday, January 4, 2018.
5. Spring Break will begin after school on Friday, March 23, 2018, and school will resume on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. Easter lines up with the spring break.
6. School will end for students on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, and May 23, 2018, will be a full day teacher institute.
7. Make-up days will be assigned to the Martin Luther King holiday, Casimir Pulaski holiday and the Monday following Easter, as well as, the end of the school year if needed.

Mr. Hogue shared the State of the Schools Power Point presentation. The presentation included comparisons with fifteen school districts in Whiteside County.

Mr. Tennyson updated the Board on the Board on the athletic conference meetings with TRAC schools. Mr. Tennyson indicated the future is unknown at this point in time, however, the TRAC conference is locked in, as it is, for the next two years. Options for future conferences are being looked at and the hope is the choice made will be the best one for all schools involved.

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the November 21, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; November Treasurer’s Report; and December Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$250,614.62, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue indicated the Policy Committee recommends approval of the second reading of select policy updates.

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the second reading of and adopt as policy select policy updates 2:30, 2:120, 2:125, 2:125-E3, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220-E2, 2:250, 3:40, 3:50, 4:10, 4:55, 4:60, 4:80, 4:110, 4:130, 4:150, 4:170, 4:175, 5:10, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:60, 5:100, 5:125, 5:125-E1, 5:185, 5:190, 5:250, 5:260, 5:280, 5:330, 6:15, 6:60, 6:140, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:310, 6:340, 7:15, 7:30, 7:50, 7:60, 7:60-AP2, 7:70, 7:190, 7:250, 7:260, 7:270, 7:305, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 8:30, 8:70, and 8:100. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the 2016 Tax Levy with a 7.63% increase. This will allow the district to receive funds if the Estimated Assessed Valuation were to increase from the predicted value given in October.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the 2016 Tax Levy as presented with estimated total levy extension, without bonds, of \$4,853,000 and direct the Board President and Secretary to sign, and authorize the recording secretary to process the required documents with the County Clerk. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue presented a proposal for three years for audit services and fees from Benning Group, LLC, in the amount of \$12,850 for FY17, \$12,950 for FY18, and \$13,100 for FY19. Mr. Hogue was able to negotiate a five-year proposal with Benning Group, LLC in the amount of \$12,950 per year. Mr. Hogue recommends approval of the five-year proposal.

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the proposal submitted by Benning Group, LLC, in the amount of \$12,950 per year for five years. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue indicated that Fulton High School has been added as a host school for the Route 84 Tournament and recommends establishing a Route 84 activity account to collect and disperse funds for this event.

*It was moved Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Portz, to establish a Route 84 Tournament Activity Account at Fulton High School. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, nay*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue recommends approval of up to eighty-four (84) hours of painting time in the buildings over the winter break at an approximate cost of \$1,000.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve up to eighty-four (84) hours of painting time in the buildings over winter break. Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

President Portz recommended establishing a Special Meeting time to conduct the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

*It was moved by Member Portz, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to set a special meeting date for January 9, 2017, at 6:30 P.M. to conduct the Superintendent’s Evaluation. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, 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 8:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Holmbo, to come 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 8:50 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Holmbo, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the following personnel items:*

- Approved the transfer of Lori Rose from Baker at Fulton High School to Night Cleaner at River Bend Middle School and Fulton Elementary School to begin immediately.
- Approved Lynn Schipper as Volunteer Assistant Girls’ Basketball Coach at River Bend Middle School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Hired the following coaches for the 2017-18 school year

**COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS**

**LEVEL I**

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| VARSITY FOOTBALL .....  | Patrick Lower |
| VARSITY VOLLEYBALL..... | Stacy Germann |

**LEVEL III**

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| GOLF.....                | Kevin VerHoeven   |
| ASSISTANT FOOTBALL.....  | Derek Germann     |
| SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL.....  | Jesse Abbott      |
| FRESHMEN FOOTBALL.....   | Nathan Vandermyde |
| FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL..... | Sheila Huizenga   |

**LEVEL IV**

7 <sup>th</sup> GRADE VOLLEYBALL .....	Rachel Diedrich
8 <sup>th</sup> GRADE VOLLEYBALL .....	Lydia Schaver

*Roll Call Vote:*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Ritchie, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

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Dan Portz, President  
Board of Education  
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Eric Fish, Secretary  
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