

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

February 13, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on February 13, 2017, at the River Bend District Office.

Chris Barnett was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Nick Crosthwaite, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: Eric Fish, Joe Holmbo, and Jane Orman-Luker. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Jaime Frausto, Michele James, Robin Paulline, Steve Paulline, Tyler Paulline, and Mary Simmons. Principals: Elizabeth Clark and Chris Tennyson. Assistant Principal/AD: Josh Knuth. RBEA: None. Media: Nick Moffitt, Clinton Herald. Jerry Lindsey, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

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

There was no communication from the RBEA.

Mr. Tennyson introduced Steamer of the Month, Tyler Paulline. One of the teachers who nominated Tyler said this, "Tyler is a valuable member of Fulton High School's student body and is a standout student in the classroom and the athletic field. His preparation for his classes and his extra-curricular goes unmatched. He takes pride in his performance regardless of the learning environment. Although a quiet natured kid, Tyler pushes himself to be the best in all that he does at FHS. Tyler is a great role model for our underclassman and has worked hard to earn the overall Steamer of the Month recognition."

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

Principal's reports. Mrs. Clark informed the Board that recent donations has allowed some elementary school teachers to purchase alternative seating. The seating allows the students to move while being seated and has proven to increase attention/focus, reduce restlessness, and increase participation. Mr. Hogue reported on behalf of the Middle School at which a reception for the Chinese students was held. This opportunity has been very well received by everyone involved. Mr. Tennyson informed the Board that Senator Neil Anderson has chosen Fulton High School for his annual principal for a day function on February 21, 2017.

Mr. Hogue reported on the February 13, 2017, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Chris Barnett, Liz Clark, Jay Ritchie, Chris Tennyson, Gary Wolfe, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. The scope of work for the CTS phase II construction projects was reviewed. Gary suggested using the condensers from rooms 103 and 104 so that the condensers in rooms 111 and 120 can be replaced. The 2017-18 projects list was reviewed and will be prioritized at future meetings.

(Member Fish entered at 7:05 P.M.)

Mr. Hogue reported on the February 13, 2017, Finance Committee meeting. Nick Crosthwaite and Brenda Sheckler were in attendance. Mr. Hogue reviewed the end of the year summaries from the audit report. Mr. Hogue discussed the impact of decreasing ADA. The district has not received \$238,000 in categorical payments from the state. Mr. Hogue discussed options for purchasing two vans. The current treasurer's report was reviewed.

Mr. Hogue reminded the board of the Northwest Division Dinner meeting on March 2, 2017, in Lanark and the River Bend Educational Foundation Academic Excellence Dinner is March 4, 2017, at Fulton High School.

Mr. Hogue asked if the Board had any questions regarding the reports generated by the new financial software. The Board was comfortable with the new format.

Mr. Hogue presented a cost sharing proposal for students attending Morrison Institute of Technology (MIT) dual credit Engineering program. This past year, the district paid the cost for students to attend this program. Mr. Hogue recommended students that attend MIT pay the same amount as students who receive dual credit from Sauk Valley Community College. MIT charges \$500 for a three hour dual credit course which would mean the family would pay \$275 and the district \$225. Families on reduced lunch would pay \$185 and the district \$315. Families on free lunch would pay \$100 and the district \$400. Prices would double if the student attends the entire year. The Board would like Mr. Hogue to be sure the district is fiscally capable of absorbing this cost, determine the number of students that would attend MIT, and determine if families feel \$500 is affordable if they were to pay the cost themselves.

Mr. Hogue updated the Board on the Bond sales process. Mr. Hogue originally planned to approve the resolution to sell bonds at this meeting, however, the bond attorneys informed First Midstate this could not be done at this meeting since the meeting date was changed from what was originally scheduled and falls on a Holiday (Lincoln's Birthday). This means approval of the resolution and hearing will occur at the March Board meeting with the petition period ending in April.

Mr. Hogue reviewed the River Bend Educational Technology Goals for 2017-2020. The document outlines technology goals, expectations, and scope and sequence.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is holding steady at 933. The estimated Average Daily Attendance (ADA) was calculated at 883.42 which is a decrease of 18.63 from the previous year. The decrease in ADA will mean a loss of \$50,000 in General State Aid.

Mr. Hogue reviewed the February 17, 2017, Teacher Institute Day. The day will focus on 21st Century Learning, Robotics, Personalized/Blended Learning, and other miscellaneous technology training.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that State Senator Neil Anderson will spend the day at Fulton High School on February 21, 2017. The Senator will visit Media Publishing, US History, AP Chemistry and meet with administration and class officers.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that Fulton High School will be hosting area manufacturers Timken Drives and Fulton Corporation in an effort to provide jobs to high school seniors. The two companies are a part of the Multicraft Internship Advisory Board who along with Sauk Valley Community College and area manufacturers are working to fill open internships and jobs.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the consent agenda including the January 18, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; January Treasurer’s Report; and the February Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$131,520.05, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the Fulton High School Baseball Team Trip to Tennessee during spring break 2017, at no cost to the district. Member Ritchie has concerns regarding the trip such as liability, discipline, and safety of the students.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the Fulton High School Baseball trip to Tennessee during spring break 2017, at no cost to the district. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, nay

Member Fish, yea

Motion Carried.

(Mrs. Schipper entered at 8:00 P.M.)

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the construction/energy saving contract with Control Technology Solutions for phase II construction projects to include the following:

Fulton Elementary School

1. Replace nine (9) heating and cooling systems in rooms that the systems are aging out of working service.
2. Repair and replace dangerous sidewalks that are currently uneven and cracking.

River Bend Middle School

1. Computer lab upgrade- renovate the technology lab space to make it into a Maker/STEM technology space. This space update requires abating asbestos, removing existing carpet and tile floors, upgrade the lighting and renovate the room.
2. Replace original heating systems and add cooling so that all the classrooms in the school will be cooled.

Fulton High School

1. Address drainage issue on the north side of the HS. Water flows into the cafeteria, gym and hall ways/rooms during periods of heavy rain. Water will be diverted away from the building and into city storm drains.

- 2. Renovate the library/media center- A collaboration room will be created for both students and staff. Removal of asbestos tile, and replacing existing carpeting, replace lighting, replace old heating and cooling systems and renovate the space so that it is technology and student ready.
- 3. Renovate the industrial arts space by adding new venting and putting a door that will allow projects to be completed inside and outside the building.
- 4. Sidewalk work around the HS will also be considered, but final planning has not taken place.

Miscellaneous:

\$170,000 dollars will be set aside for projects that were removed from the original list as well as provide a budget for the middle school, high school and elementary technology/STEM spaces.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the construction/energy saving contract with Control Technology as it was in Phase I with the amount changed to 1.5 million dollars and the scope of work listed above, pending bond approval. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Tennyson presented onsite dual credit classes offered through Sauk Valley Community College to be included in the curriculum guide beginning the 2017-18 school year. Western Illinois University is offering online dual credit classes similar to Sauk Valley Community College which would allow students to get a head start on their college classes through Western Illinois University. The credit earned will also transfer to other Illinois Universities. Students are advised to inquire at out of state universities ahead of time to see if the credit will be accepted.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the onsite dual credit courses of Statistics, College Algebra, Electricity, and Chemistry through Sauk Valley Community College and online dual credit course through Western Illinois University. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Tennyson presented course descriptions for two new classes the high school would like to offer beginning the 2017-18 school year. The English department felt they could better prepare students for AP Language and AP Literature during the student’s junior and senior years by adding content to English I and English II and creating an Honors English I for accelerated freshman and Honors English II for accelerated sophomores.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to approve Honors English I and Honors English II beginning the 2017-18 school year. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approving the bid for a three-year lease of a 2017 Micro Bird 29 passenger bus from Central Bus Sales. The current lease is expiring and this vehicle is needed to transport pre-school students.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Portz, to accept Central State Bus Sales bid to lease a 2017 Micro Bird 29 passenger bus with an annual payment of \$8,996.69 per year for three years. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the purchase of two 2017 Ford eight-passenger vans per Illinois State purchase contract. Several of the vans are aging and need to be replaced.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the purchase of two 2017 Ford eight-passenger vans per the Illinois State purchase contract at a cost of \$24,021. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

(Member Holmbo entered at 8:30 P.M.)

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, 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 8:31 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, 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; 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 9:20 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the January 18, 2017, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

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

- Approve the transfer of Michelle Kummerer from Cook’s Helper to Baker at Fulton High School, effective January 4, 2017.
- Approve Deb Cossman as Cook’s Helper at Fulton High School, effective immediately.
- Approve the resignation of Rachel Diedrich as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, effective immediately.
- Approve Rachel Diedrich as Sophomore Volleyball Coach at Fulton High School for the 2017-18 school year.
- Approve Ashley Schuerr, Amanda Smith, and Brooke Russell as Volunteer Assistant Softball Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve DJ Fulton, Eric Fish, Matt Sanderson, Andrew Crause and Zach Ryder as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Jerry Sikkema and Craig Faulkner as Volunteer Assistant Track Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve the resignation, with the intent to retire, of Carol Snyder, Special Education Teacher, at Fulton Elementary School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.3 of the collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the River Bend Middle School Principal 2017-2021 Employment Contract as it relates to Kathleen Schipper. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Holmbo, yea</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, nay</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the Fulton Elementary School Principal 2017-2021 Employment Contract as it relates to Elizabeth Clark. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Holmbo, nay</i>
<i>Member Crosthwaite, nay</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 20, 2017, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

*It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Holmbo, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 P.M.
Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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