

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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FULTON, IL 61252
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MAY BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

May 15, 2017

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, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. 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 Fulton High School gym sound system.

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: Julie Bielema, Lara Bielema, Chris Mahoney, Dan Mahoney, Lauren Mahoney, Jennifer Pepper, Cheryl Piercy, Lynn Schipper, Alyjah Struckman, Abbi Thyne, and Rachel Thyne. 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.

Mrs. Schipper introduced the IESA State Track Champions in the 4 X 100 relay. Congratulations to Lara Bielema, Lauren Mahoney, Alyjah Struckman, and Abbi Thyne and their coaches Lynn Schipper and Jennifer Pepper.

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 Mr. Hoese received a \$1,150 grant from the Illinois Press Foundation to purchase software. Mrs. Schipper would like to move 8th grade promotion from May 17, 2018, to May 22, 2018. The earlier date has too many conflicts and the eighth graders would be done with school too early. Mrs. Clark announced the PTO is donating \$10,000 to be used to purchase STEM supplies. Member Fish requested a report on Reading Recovery be provided at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Hogue reported on the April 26, 2017, Wellness Committee meeting. Physical Education verified they were meeting the standards. Test results from Fitness gram, which has been used for years, now have to be reported to the state. Nutrition Education is meeting current guidelines. Mr. Hogue is participating in "Let's Live Healthy in Clinton" which is an initiative to make Clinton a healthy and educated environment. Food service is trying different ideas to promote fruits and vegetables. One suggestion was to engage Jewel-Osco and Hy-Vee in promotions. Students suggested a weight lifting class be offered at the high school. Mr. Tennyson said there was a class but not enough students signed up for it. The students also suggested peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, crackers and cheese, and yogurt be placed in vending machines and a vending machine in the weight room would be a nice addition. A parent had concerns regarding unhealthy foods given as rewards. The teachers feel birthday treats and candy in small amounts is

a good incentive. Stacey Collachia recommended changing the negative balance of \$25 to five meals not paid for before a student is given a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, salad and milk instead of a reimbursable meal. At the June Board meeting Stacey Collachia will provide a cafeteria report and documentation regarding the negative balance lunch accounts.

Mr. Hogue reported on the May 15, 2017, Citizen's Advisory meeting. Liz Clark, Chris Mahoney, Chris Tennyson, and Jessica Winkel were in attendance. Mr. Hogue reviewed calendar options. The group preferred a monthly view calendar with a separate sports calendar. Mr. Hogue reviewed 1:1 Chromebook Procedure changes. There will no longer be a third incident covered under the policy. If damage occurs after the second incident, the student is responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement. Mr. Hogue reviewed the Parent/Student Handbook changes. Policies referenced in the handbook will now have a link to the actual policy. Mr. Hogue reviewed the benefits from changing the Title I status from Targeted Assistance to Schoolwide. Parents were fine with this change as long as there is not a negative impact to the current reading and math intervention program. Mr. Hogue reviewed Mr. Tennyson's recommendation to allow seniors, who meet certain criteria, to leave early from school.

Mr. Hogue reported on the May 15, 2017, Finance Committee meeting. Nick Crosthwaite Jeff Hoes, Jane Orman-Luker, Brenda Sheckler, and Mary Simmons were in attendance. Mr. Hogue informed the group he is concerned about the negative fund balance in the Education Fund. This is primarily due to the missing \$300,000 in categorical payments from the state. Mr. Hogue presented pros and cons of private placement verses standard bond sales. He feels cash flow would be better if standard bond sales occurred. Mr. Hogue noted that changing from Targeted Assistance to Schoolwide Title I would allow the district to keep more Title I funds. Mr. Hogue reviewed the treasurer's report.

Cheryl Piercy presented changes to the 1:1 Chromebook Procedures. There will no longer be a third incident covered under the policy. If damage occurs after the second incident, the student is responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement. The board would like the replacement cost of \$150-\$180 included in the document.

Mr. Hogue updated the Board regarding the on-line registration process. PushCoin is able to invoice parents the registration fee. Additional items can then be added if necessary. The invoice system will insure that registration fee is paid first before additional items can be purchased.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the Chinese exchange students will be visiting this summer. Teachers have been asked to teach classes to six or seven freshman age students for seven days. The Chinese Exchange Program will pay a stipend of \$1000 per class taught.

Mr. Hogue has been communicating with David Pistorius from First Midstate regarding the bond sales. Through their discussion, Mr. Hogue recommends going with the standard sale of bonds, rather than pursuing private placement, in order to maintain the district's cash flow.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is down two students from 940 to 938.

Mr. Hogue met with a representative from Ward, Murray, Pace, and Johnson, P.C. law firm in Sterling. There is a potential savings in using this firm, however, they do not handle Special Education law. Mr. Hogue will continue to gather input and have a recommendation at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Hogue informed the board the registration information for the Triple I Conference in Chicago in November will be available in early June. Board members are to contact Virginia if they plan to attend.

Mr. Hogue reminded the Board that the River Bend Middle School Promotion ceremony 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, Orman-Luker, and Fish will be in attendance.

Mr. Hogue is looking into a new sound system for the new gym at the high school that will match the quality of the video score boards. 1% funds may be used for this purchase which will be approximately \$15,000. Members Crosthwaite and Orman-Luker are not ready to spend 1% funds on a sound system. Building projects need to be prioritized and those with the top priority completed first. Mr. Hogue will obtain bids in order to place the project on the list of priorities.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the consent agenda including the April 25, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as presented; April Treasurer’s Report; and May Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$102,793.71, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Tennyson and the School Improvement Team are recommending that seniors be allowed to leave early and not report to RtI (next year this will be called fifth hour) if they meet all the requirements presented. Mr. Tennyson has checked with Riverdale and Mendota which are two schools that allow this and they both say it works well and students are inspired to work harder to meet the requirements of this incentive. Students must qualify on a week to week basis and parents can increase the grade necessary from a C to higher if they so choose.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Portz, to approve allowing seniors to leave early and not attend RtI (fifth hour) if they meet all the necessary requirements. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion defeated.

After more discussion a motion was made to resend the original motion.

It was moved by Member Barnet, seconded by Member Portz, to rescind the motion to approve allowing seniors to leave early and not attend RtI (fifth hour) if they meet all the necessary requirements. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Portz, to approve allowing seniors to leave early and not attend RtI (fifth hour) if they meet all the necessary requirements. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approving the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) 2017-18 membership for middle school track and wrestling at an annual cost of \$350. Middle School students qualified for the state tournament and the funds received from the Kennel Club (\$500), Athletic Boosters (\$1000) and the Township (\$400) covered the expense for food and lodging.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) 2017-18 membership for Middle School track and wrestling at an annual cost of \$350. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommending approving the District Title I plan as presented. The District is required to submit a Title I plan developed in consultation with stakeholders in order to receive Title I funds. Schoolwide or Targeted Assistance status will be determined based on approval of the Schoolwide waiver. Schoolwide status has the possibility of providing the district \$20,000 more to use for students.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the District Title I plan as presented, pending Schoolwide or Targeted Assistance status. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented updates to the Parent/Student handbook for 2017-18 school year. The most significant change will be links to board policy instead of copying the entire policy into the handbook.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the 2017-18 Parent/Student Handbook updates as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented changes to the 1:1 Chromebook Procedures and Information. There will no longer be a third incident covered under the policy. If damage occurs after the second incident, the student is responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement (replacement cost will be between \$150 and \$180).

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the changes to the 1:1 Chromebook Procedures and Information as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

The Policy Committee recommends approval of the first reading of select policy updates. Mr. Hogue and the principals will amend policy 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff and 6:185 Remote Educational Program is new to the district.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the first reading of select policy updates 2:100, 3:70, 4:15, 4:180, 5:70, 5:80, 5:110, 5:120, 5:140, 5:210, 5:230, 5:285, 5:320, 6:70, 6:185, and 7:100. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the Three Rivers Cafeteria Cooperative including Erie, Morrison, Prophetstown/Lyndon/Tampico, River Bend, Riverdale, and West Carroll had their bread and milk bid opening on May 10, 2017. The Three Rivers Cooperative recommended accepting the apparent low bid from Enyeart Distributing for milk and Bimbo Bakeries for bread. There is always an escalator clause in the contracts so the prices may go up.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to accept Enyeart Distributing as apparent low bidder for milk products and Bimbo Bakeries as apparent low bidder for bread products. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the Treasurer is required to have a surety bond in the amount of 25% of the bonds sold until the money is spent.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve a Treasurer’s Surety Bond for Health Life Safety and Working Cash Bonds, pending the sale of bonds, with Travelers Insurance provided by Nixon Insurance Agency, Inc. in the amount of \$400,000 with an annual premium of \$416. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Due to the remodeling of the computer labs and libraries in all three buildings there are approximately seventy computers that are no longer needed. Cheryl would like to offer these excess computers to area schools for \$60, which includes the computer, monitor, keyboard, and mouse. Any left will be offered to parents.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to declare approximately 70 HP Compaq 6000 Pro SFF computers as surplus goods and sell to interested school districts and then to parents for \$60 or recycle. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the PTO donated \$10,000 for STEM equipment at the Fulton Elementary School and the Athletic Boosters is donating \$1000 for Middle School track.

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

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the April 25, 2017, regular meeting closed session minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

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

- Approved the resignation with the intent to retire of Gail Drolema, Technology Support Specialist at Fulton High School, effective June 23, 2017.
- Approved the resignation of Julie Charneski, Library Paraprofessional at Fulton High School, effective May 24, 2017.
- Approved the resignation of Devan Fernandes, 3rd Grade Teacher, at Fulton Elementary School, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Stephanie Evensen, English Teacher at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Emily Beveroth, Language Arts Teacher at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved the recommendation to hire Rachel Snyder as Fulton Elementary and River Bend Middle School Lunch Cashier beginning immediately.
- Approved the recommendation to hire Matt Dail as a summer worker to assist Gary Wolfe.
- Approved the recommendation to move Nathan Vandermyde from Freshman Football Coach to Sophomore Football Coach at Fulton High School beginning the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved the recommendation to hire Ashley Vegter as Special Education Teacher at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved the recommendation to hire Adrien Loncar as Sixth Grade Language Arts and Literature Teacher at River Bend Middle School, beginning the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved Jean Wilkin, Marilyn Harrison, Tony Marton, Samantha Sterenberg, and Erica Bielema as Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coaches at Fulton High school for the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved Christa Curley as Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach at River Bend Middle School for the 2017-18 school year.
- Approved Jennifer Trumbull, Speech/Language Pathologist, beginning the 2017-18 school year.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried.

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 8:57 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

(Member Barnett left during closed session)

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 10:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

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 Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
Board of Education
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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