

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

November 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on November 21, 2016, in the River Bend District Office.

Vice President Orman-Luker called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Joe Holmbo, and Jane Orman-Luker. Absent: Chris Barnett, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

Vice President Orman-Luker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Orman-Luker welcomed all visitors including: David Curley, Krista Curley, Taylor Curley, Jaime Frausto, Lisa Goodenough, Jacob Hartman, Julie Hartman, Norris Hartman, Michele James, and Gary Steinert. Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper, and Chris Tennyson. Assistant Principal/AD, Josh Knuth. Media: Jerry Lindsay, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda. None.

*It was moved by Member Holmbo, 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 WACC Student of the Month, Jacob Hartman. Jacob was awarded student of the month in computer technology at WACC. His instructor said this, "Jacob was chosen as the student of the month because he is always on task while in the classroom, always looking to help students as well as the teacher, and always has a bubbly, pleasant attitude. He comes in with a good attitude and it's infectious!"

Mr. Tennyson introduced Steamer of the Month, Taylor Curley. One of the teachers who nominated Taylor said this, "Taylor is everything we desire in a Steamer student. She is an outstanding student, highly involved in extracurriculars, and is a great role model." Another teacher said this, "Taylor is an all-around outstanding student and represents FHS in an extremely positive manner at all times. She is what every student at FHS should strive to become! Taylor is very deserving of this acknowledgement."

Mr. Tennyson introduced Employee of the Month, Lisa Goodenough. Mrs. Goodenough has been instrumental in the implementation of Canvas. She is always willing to help others with technology and has worked with those in need of help during school as well as outside of the school day.

Vice President Orman-Luker asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. There was no public comment.

(Chris Barnett entered at 7:00 P.M.)

Principal's reports. Mrs. Clark added that Fulton Elementary School had a wonderful Veteran's Day tribute. Mrs. Schipper added that the River Bend Middle School is planning a luncheon for students on December 20, 2016. The idea is to work on student's soft skills and etiquette. Mrs. Schipper thanked the administration, staff and community for their support since her recent diagnosis. Mr. Tennyson congratulated Dan Portz for the success he has had with his robotics team.

Board Communications. Mr. Hogue and Member Orman-Luker attended the Triple I conference in Chicago on November 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Television journalist Joan Lunden told a large crowd at the Second General Session on Saturday that it is important for adults to let children know about the challenges in today's world. Mawi Asgedom began his life in Ethiopia but has lived most of it in Illinois. Through a refugee relocation project, his family moved to Wheaton. Asgedom eventually attended and graduated from Harvard University. Other sessions attended included school safety, negotiations, and STEM activities. Mr. Hogue was able to spend time with representatives from Gallagher Bassett and explore insurance options and representatives from Single Path to hear about more ideas for technology.

Mr. Hogue reported on the November 21, 2016, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Joe Holmbo, Chris Tennyson, Gary Wolfe, Bob Workman, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. CTS representatives, Michele James and Jaime Frausto presented Phase II projects and associated costs. Also discussed were projects that can be done in-house.

Mr. Hogue reported on the November 21, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting. Mr. Hogue reviewed Levy options and the treasurer's report.

Michele James and Jaime Frautos, Control Technology Solutions, presented Phase II construction considerations. Mr. Hogue requested additional pricing on unit ventilators for the Fulton Elementary School, welding/shop renovations, and air-conditioning the East gym and adjacent classrooms at Fulton High School.

Mr. Hogue presented the final copy of the agreement for the New Generation Chinese Student Exchange Program. Gary Steinert was in attendance to answer any questions. The Board was excited about the opportunity for our students as well as the students from China to share this experience.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment increased eleven students from 919 to 930 in October. Mr. Hogue said the Regional Office of Education was good to work with in reporting this increase in enrollment for the facility tax calculation.

Mr. Hogue reported that Cheryl Piercy is working with the designer of the District webpage to improve the look, add a Facebook/Twitter feed, redo Board of Education email links, rework the calendar, and clean-up repetition on sites.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the School Report Cards are posted on the webpage and can also be viewed at [www.illinoisreportcard.com](http://www.illinoisreportcard.com). The Board would like Mr. Hogue to write an article explaining the data.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that a FOIA request was received and a response was sent to the requester.



*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the District Activity Surety Bonds for an annual premium of \$425 as prepared and presented by Nixon Insurance Company. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue recommended acceptance of the Workman’s Compensation Insurance renewal prepared by Hastings Mutual. The premium decreased \$2,911 from last year.

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Holmbo, to accept Workman’s Compensation Insurance renewal presented by Hasting Mutual with an annual premium of \$46,845. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the board a resolution needs to be passed abating the taxes levied for the 2016 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in-order to use 1% facility funds to bake the bond payment for the construction project.

*It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2016 to pay debt services on the General Obligation School bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016, of the District. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue presented two levies to the Board. One option represents a 7.63% increase and another option represents a 4.97% increase. The Board agreed to approve the 7.63% increase and hold a Truth In Taxation Levy.

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the tentative 2016 Tax Levy at 7.63% increase and set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 19, 2016, at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the district received gifts from CF Industries in the amount of \$3,910 for Teacher written grants.

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

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

*Motion Carried.*

The Board deemed it was not necessary to go into closed session

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the October 17, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as printed. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

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

- *Approved Mike Gazo as Sophomore Girls' Basketball Coach at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.*
- *Approved Tyler Graham as Night Cleaner at Fulton High School, beginning immediately.*
- *Accepted the resignation of Shane Phillips, Night Cleaner at River Bend Middle School and Fulton Elementary School, effective November 18, 2016.*
- *Accepted the resignation of Jean Wilkin, Sophomore Volleyball Coach at Fulton High School, effective immediately.*
- *Approved Rich Pannell, as Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach at River Bend Middle School for the 2016-17 school year.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, December 19, 2016, 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 8:45 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.*

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Dan Portz, President  
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Eric Fish, Secretary  
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