

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

October 17, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on October 17, 2016, in the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting order at 6:30 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Jay Ritchie Absent: Nick Crosthwaite and Eric Fish. 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, and Jeff Hoese. Principals: Elizabeth Clark and Kathleen Schipper. Assistant Principal/AD, Josh Knuth. Lionel McCallister, RBEA.

Additions to the agenda. Mr. Hogue added High School Computer Program Course update.

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

Mr. McCallister requested to speak on behalf of the RBEA in closed session.

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

Principal's reports. Mrs. Clark added that Fulton Elementary School gained ten new students this month. Mrs. Schipper added the Fulton High School Science Club set up a "Clue" like game in the library that received positive reviews. Mr. Knuth added that Fulton High School's Football team is in the playoffs. Congratulations to Mr. Knuth and Matt Kuebel who were inducted into the Northwest Illinois Sports Hall of Fame on October 15, 2016.

Board Communications. Mr. Hogue and Member Orman-Luker attended the Northwest Division Dinner Meeting on October 6, 2016, at Maxon Riverside Restaurant in Oregon IL. Ralph Martire, Executive Director, Center for Tax and Budget Accountability, was the speaker. The budget for Illinois is an issue of great concern. Sustainable funding for essential services is in question. Things that would help are changes in the pension reform bill and the taxing bill.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the River Bend Educational Foundation. Fall mini grants were approved in the amount of \$3,860. The foundation will be sending out their annual fund raising letter the end of October.

Mr. Hogue reported on the October 17, 2016, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Chris Barnett, Elizabeth Clark, Joe Holmbo, Kathleen Schipper, Gary Wolfe, Bob Workman, and Darryl Hogue

were in attendance. CTS representatives, Michele James and Jaime Frausto presented Phase II projects and associated costs.

Mr. Hogue reported on the October 17, 2016, Citizen's Advisory meeting. Mr. Hogue shared comments received from the survey given regarding the on-line registration process. Mr. Hogue discussed fees for co-op sports. Suggestions for fees were charging the one-sport fee for co-op athletes or to cap the amount a single family would have to pay. Mr. Hogue shared the New Generation Chinese Student Exchange proposal and the CTS Phase II construction projects.

Mr. Hogue reported on the October 17, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting. Don Benning reviewed the 2015-16 audit report. Mr. Hogue reported that the Estimated Assessed Valuation will increase to \$110,644,000. Mr. Hogue reviewed the treasurer's report.

(Member Fish entered at 6:38 P.M.)

Don Benning, Benning Group LLC presented the FY 2016 Financial Audit. The following items in the audit were reviewed:

- The district uses cash instead of accrual type of accounting
- Summary of Revenues versus Expenditures. Showed the change in Fund balances from FY 15 to FY 16.
- Fund balances without early tax money
- Net pension liability for TRS and IMRF
- Legal Debit capability is \$13,000,000
- Review of activity funds – Can only be used for the purpose they were designated for
- Pointed out each section of the audit
- Profile designation – 3.55 Recognition
- The Average Daily Attendance, Operating Expense per Pupil, and Total Operating Expense
- Comment letter –The district should put the amount of the bills being paid in the minutes.

Mr. Benning's final comment was "Sooner or later the district will have to figure out a way to generate more revenue or reduce expenditures".

Jeff Hoese updated the Board on the new Computer Program Course being piloted this year at Fulton High School. Students are starting to look at things in a more analytical way. Mr. Hoese was recently awarded two grants for the purchase of robotics for the class.

Michele James and Jaime Frautos, Control Technology Solutions, presented Phase II construction considerations. The following priority items were determined:

Fulton Elementary School (in order of importance):

1. Upgrade Unit Ventilators, Quantity of nine (9) - \$232,500-\$255,650
2. Upgrade Controls: Current pricing reflects upgraded split systems - \$44,000-\$48,500
3. Parking Option #2 in front of existing parking lot - \$106,650-\$128,075
4. Sidewalks upgraded near front of Elementary school and up to the Middle School. CTS will review condition and verify areas with district.

Other items to consider:

1. New Gym located either near Elementary or Middle School.

River Bend Middle School (in order of importance):

1. Computer Lab Upgrades - \$129,500 - \$145,850
2. Science Lab Upgrade: Adjust pricing to only add four (4) sinks to Science Classrooms that don't have them. This may be on hold based on the gym. We would also like to look at portable sink options. Portable sink options cost a lot less.
3. Upgrade Unit Ventilators adding DX/CU's - \$361,500 - \$398,000
4. Upgrade for Controls \$175,550 - \$193,107

Fulton High School (in order of importance):

1. Library to include the following:
 - a. Add dividing wall for meeting space
 - b. Split System for new meeting space
 - c. New LED lighting & ceiling
 - d. Paint throughout both spaces to match new dividing wall.
2. Bathroom Upgrades to include: Partitions, fixtures, flooring, ceilings and lights, cabinet heaters, and all plumbing to include drains to the street.
3. Industrial Arts Upgrades - \$105,832 - \$119,000
4. Add air conditioning to Gym; add pricing for including four classrooms near gym.
5. Exterior Doors removing card access

Mr. Hogue shared the New Generation Chinese Student Exchange Program revised contract. The students will be in the district five days and ten to fifteen students in grades 7th to 10th are expected to participate. Gary Steinert will attend the meeting in November to finalize the program.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the Fulton Elementary School has gained ten students in October.

Mr. Hogue updated the Board on the HD/Video scoreboard. Scorevision will install the scoreboards beginning October 26, 2016. An advertising package has been developed with the help of Scorevision and advertising revenue is expected to be \$30,000 a year. The revenue will be used to, first pay off the scoreboard, then to maintain or make any necessary repairs, and if the funds are available look into hiring a sports trainer.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the September 19, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; September Treasurer's Report; and October Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$162,461.02, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Member Barnett, 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.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the FY 2016 audit report

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the fiscal year 2016 financial audit report as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Member Holmbo, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented revised version of 8:25-E Advertising/Sponsorship contract. As the district moves closer to generating income through advertising, procedure/policies need to be updated and approved.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the second reading of and adopt as policy 8:25-E Advertising/Sponsorship Contract. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, 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 Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Holmbo, to approve the second reading and adopt as policy of select policy updates 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:70, 2:130, 3:10, 3:30, 4:80, 5:150, 6:100, 6:235, 6:235-AP1, 6:235-AP1,E!, 6:235-AP1, E2, 6:235-AP2, 6:255, 6:260, 6:260-E, 7:10, 7:270, 7:285, 7:340, 8:90, and 8:110. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Holmbo, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the auditors require board action to establish new activity funds. Due to the new contract with Coca-Cola, Fulton High School will need to create a pop activity fund to pay for the soda in the staff workroom.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve establishing a Pop Activity Account at Fulton High School. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Holmbo, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the district received gifts from the Retired Illinois Teacher's Association in the amount of \$1,426 and from the River Bend Educational Foundation (mini grants \$3,860 and Martin Estate requests \$1,000).

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

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Holmbo, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, 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 9:00 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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 Barnett, 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 9:48 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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 approve the September 19, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as printed. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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 Barnett, to approve the following personnel items:

- Approved Allison Phillips as Speech Coach at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.*
- Approved Jesse Abbott as Scholastic Bowl Coach at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.*
- Approved Justin Knott as Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach, stipend to be reimbursed to the district by River Bend Athletic Boosters.*
- Approved the following Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coaches for the 2016-17 school year: Mitch VanZuiden, Bob Coffey, and Adam Hamstra.*
- Approved the follow Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coaches for the 2016-17 school year: Jay Butt, Russ McCallister, and Sam Grant.*
- Accepted the resignation of Beth VanKampen, Night Cleaner at Fulton High School, effective October 12, 2016.*
- Approved Tessa Telford as Winter Cheerleading Coach for the 2016-17 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, November 21, 2016, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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