

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

September 19, 2016

The Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, were held on September 19, 2016, in the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:31 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, and Dan Portz. Absent: Jay Ritchie. 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: Alex Banker, Steve Fullick, Don McLuckie, Tobie McLuckie, Adam Ouderkirk, Lance Stuart, and Bob Whitten. Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper and Chris Tennyson. Media: Alexandra Byson, Clinton Herald.

President Portz asked for questions and comments from the public or the Board regarding the budget. Mr. Hogue indicated the budget to have a projected deficit of \$26,704. Challenges include predicting the percent of early tax money that will be received and determining the amount the Estimated Assessed Valuation will end up in the spring.

*There being no further discussion it was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the FY 2017 budget hearing at 6:36 P.M. Roll Call:*

*Member Barnett, yea*

*Member Holmbo, yea*

*Member Crosthwaite, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Fish, yea*

*Member Portz, yea*

*Motion Carried.*

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Joe Holmbo, Jane Orman-Luker, and Dan Portz. Absent: Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

Additions to the agenda. Mr. Hogue removed discussion of Scholastic Bowl Stipend.

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

There was no communication from the RBEA.

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

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. Bob Whitten from Awesome Town Music asked to speak to the Board regarding after school enrichment opportunities. Awesome Town offers computers and internet to those that do not have this capability. Other programs include E-Sports, Nerd City, and Creative Studios. They are asking the school to help communicate these opportunities to the community. The schools also have resources such as teachers who would like to teach classes and possibly student interns. Awesome Town welcomes teachers to visit the site and look forward to the opportunity to share resources and information.

Don McLuckie spoke to the Board regarding the protocol when an athlete has a head injury. His son had a non-concussion head injury on August 31, 2016, during football practice. He received an email regarding this incident but no phone call. He feels parents should receive a phone call if their child is injured. When speaking to medical staff, they say if the athlete was not able to return to the same level of play before the incident it would be deemed an injury. Mr. McLuckie would like the administration and staff to review what occurred and did not occur regarding this incident and hopefully make the protocol better in the future.

Principal's reports. Mrs. Clark added that Fulton Elementary School had an awesome Grandparent's Day.

Board Communications. Mr. Hogue and Mr. Tennyson will be attending the Northwest Division Dinner Meeting on October 6, 2016, at Maxon Riverside Restaurant in Oregon IL.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the River Bend Educational Foundation. Mr. Hogue requested funds from the Martin Estate for the New Teacher Induction Program again this year in the amount of \$7,250. The Foundation agreed to let the Athletic Boosters use the 501 (c) 3 number to attach to paperwork pertaining to the purchase of the concession trailer.

Mr. Hogue reported on the September 19, 2016, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Chris Barnett, Elizabeth Clark, Jay Ritchie, Kathleen Schipper, Chris Tennyson, Gary Wolfe, Bob Workman, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. The entryway doors at the high school will be installed in approximately four weeks. Air conditioning is being added to a food storage area at the Middle School to be in compliance with health department regulations. The cooling issues at the elementary school have been narrowed down to two rooms. Gary will determine if these units can be repaired or need to be replaced. CTS will be replacing the exhaust fan for the high school lock rooms and the chemistry hood is in and will be installed. Training on the heating and cooling systems still needs to be completed. CTS will present Phase II projects at the October Board meeting.

Mr. Hogue reported on the September 19, 2016, Finance Committee Meeting. The Education Fund had a \$142,000 deficit at the end of FY 16. The 2016-17 budget is projected to have a \$26,704 deficit. Mr. Hogue cautioned reviewing past year treasurer's reports when bond dollars are involved. Mr. Hogue reviewed the state funding projections for FY 17. The district gained funds in General State Aid but will lose local revenue do to this increase. The district's low income population has declined which affects funding as well.

Mr. Hogue reported on the August 25, 2016, safety meeting. The group recommended the school buildings all have a weather radio and exterior doors be numbered. Reinforcing the pre-school building or adding a storm shelter was discussed. Administrators will be viewing the Run, Hide, Fight video for consideration and training. Mr. Hogue will provide the location of gas and electric shut-off valves to be included in the emergency plans.

Mr. Hogue reported enrollment is down from May of last school year from 939 to 921.

Mr. Hogue has been working with the Athletic Boosters to get the site and building plan for the proposed track storage shed to the architect. The Athletic Boosters will provide the concrete with the district providing the materials and the Industrial Arts class doing the construction. The Boosters would like to pour the concrete this fall with construction to begin in the spring. Mr. Hogue will ask for final approval from the Board after the plans are approved by the architect.

The principals reviewed the PARCC data. The administration and teachers are using the data in every way they can, but feel more training is needed on how to interpret the data. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Schipper will be attending a workshop at the Regional Office of Education this Friday on PARCC data.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board Fulton High School will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, September 28, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. to recognize and present a \$10,000 grant from Monsanto to Stacey Gates and tour the new science department.

As a follow-up to Athletic Co-op pricing, Mr. Hogue recommends putting a cap on the amount one family would pay to participate in a Co-op of \$1,200. The Board would need to see all the program costs before making a decision.

Mr. Hogue has been contacted by Gary Steinert, retired Regional Office of Education Superintendent, to coordinate an exchange student program. Students would come from China and live with a host family for a week. They would attend school and mirror our students. Mr. Hogue will bring the contracts, forms, and protocol for the program for approval in October.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the Consolidated Election is April 4, 2017. Members Portz, Orman-Luker, Fish and Holmbo are up for re-election. September 20, 2016, is the first day petitions may be circulated.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board two Freedom of Information requests were received and a response was sent.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the August 15, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; August Treasurer’s Report; and September Bills recommended for payment, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue presented the FY 17 budget. The overall projected difference in revenues and expenses is a negative \$26,704.

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Holmbo, to approve the FY 17 budget with total revenues in the amount of \$11,055,623 and total expenditures in the amount of \$11,082,327. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue presented beverage sponsorship proposals from Coca-Cola Atlantic Bottling Company in the amount of \$35,000 over ten years and Pepsi A.D. Huesing Corporation in the amount of \$29,185 over ten years. The sponsorship gift will be used to purchase a High Definition/Video Scoreboard for Fulton High School. The Board discussed using 1% sales tax money to upgrade the physical plant before purchasing a scoreboard. Mr. Hogue indicated the scoreboard would pay for itself with advertising and sponsorships. The Board discussed this being an opportunity to improve district facilities, attract people to the district and net profits would be made in years to come.

*It was moved by Member Holmbo, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the beverage letter of understating between River Bend School District and Atlantic Bottling Company Coca Cola Distributor in the amount of \$35,000 to be paid over the next four years, with the life of the contract ten years. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue presented three options to purchase two Scorevision, three by two meter-6mm pixel pitch LED display Scoreboards with mount in the amount of \$43,474. Payment options include purchasing outright with Facility 1% Tax funds, or a four-year lease from Scorevision for \$49,471, or a four-year lease from American Capital for \$47,048. Payments from sponsorship and advertising will repay full amount to the Facility 1% Tax fund.

*It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the purchase of two Scorevision, three by two meter-6mm pixel pitch LED display Scoreboards for \$43,474 using Facility 1% Tax Fund to be repaid, in full, within four years or less with revenue generated by sponsorships and advertising. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the concussion policy requires the board approve a Concussion Protocol Check Sheet and Emergency Action Plan which were provided in the packet. Mr. Knuth is also going to provide a check list for coaches that outline procedures when an athlete undergoes Concussion Protocol.

*It was moved by Member Holmbo, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the Concussion Protocol Check Sheets and Emergency Action Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

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

*It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the first reading 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-API, 6:235-API,E!, 6:235-API, E2, 6:235-AP2, 6:255, 6:260, 6:260-E, 7:10, 7:270, 7:285, 7:340, 8:90, and 8:110. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the annual posting of salary information on the web page requires board action.

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve posting the 2016-17 projected administrative compensation report and the 2015-16 Teacher and Educational Support Compensation report on the webpage. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the Application for Recognition of Schools requires Board action.

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Holmbo, to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools as presented. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the board only one bid for snow plowing was received from Jody Bielema and recommends approval of the bid. Mr. Bielema has done snow removal for the schools the past several years.

*It was moved by Member Holmbo, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the bid for snow plowing submitted by Jody Bielema at a rate of \$525 per plow and \$650 per plow if eight (8) inches of snow or more. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue recommended declaring the old batting cage as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner.

*It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to declare the old batting cage as surplus goods, dispose of in an appropriate manner. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the district received gifts from the First Reformed Church in the amount of \$2,070 (\$1,138 FHS, \$621 RBMS, and \$310 FES) and from Amberg Events Company in the amount of \$710.

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

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

*Motion Carried.*

*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; 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 9:27 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, 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 10:07 P.M. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the August 15, 2016, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as printed. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

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

- *Approved Lindsay Steele as Cook’s Helper at Fulton Elementary School effective immediately.*
- *Approved Jared Wessels as Strength and Conditioning Coach at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year with Athletic Boosters to pay the stipend.*
- *Approved Mark Schrader as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach at Fulton High School for the 2016-17 school year.*

*Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

Board of Education

September 19, 2016

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, October 17, 2016, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

*It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 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  
Board of Education  
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