

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 16, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on October 16, 2017, in the River Bend District Office.

Vice President Orman-Luker called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:36 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett and Dan Portz. 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: Don Benning, Auditor. Principal: Elizabeth Clark. RBEA: Tim Morris. Media: Jerry Lindsey, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda. Mr. Hogue added letter to parents regarding the resignation of the Speech Pathologist.

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

RBEA had nothing to report.

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

Principal's reports. There were no additions.

Mr. Hogue, Member Orman-Luker and Member Simmons attended the Northwest Division Dinner Meeting on October 2, 2017, in Polo IL. Jim Burgett, President of The Burgett Group, spoke on the Art of School Boarding. The presentation included ten top actions and attitudes for successful Board Members.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the River Bend Educational Foundation. Fall mini grants were approved in the amount of \$2,525. The foundation has set up an account with Amazon Smiles which donates .5% of purchases to a charitable organization selected by the customer. The foundation will be sending out their annual fund raising letter the end of October.

Mr. Hogue reported on the October 16, 2017, Citizen's Advisory meeting. Kristin Huisenga, Chris Mahoney, Jessica Winkel, Kathleen Schipper, Mary Simmons and Mr. Hogue were in attendance. Mr. Hogue shared he has been approached by a member of the clergy to distribute filers in the school. Mr. Hogue has reviewed the policy for distributing materials in school provided by non-school related entities. Mr. Hogue will write an addendum to the policy that clarifies materials should relate to an event or purpose that offers widely-appealing recreational program options for River Bend students and families. Mr. Hogue presented the Workforce Collaborative. One suggestion was to speak to 8th grade students about what they would like or need to get out of their high school career. Chris Mahoney indicated she would be available to

talk to seniors about college. Mr. Hogue informed the group that Healthy Options from Clinton will be coming to meet with Mr. Gosch regarding concession foods and what healthy options that are available.

Mr. Hogue reported on the October 16, 2017, Finance Committee Meeting. Don Benning, Nick Crosthwaite, Tim Morris, Jane Orman-Luker, Rachel Snyder, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. Mr. Benning reviewed the FY 17 financial audit report. Mr. Hogue informed the group the estimated Equalized Assessed Valuation is expected to increase from \$110,000,000 to \$116,000,000 so a truth in taxation hearing should not be necessary for the levy. The Board would like Mr. Hogue to levy a higher amount to be sure all available funds are captured.

Don Benning, Benning Group LLC presented the FY 2017 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. The change in Fund balances from FY 16 to FY 17 showed the difference is getting smaller which is good
- Fund balances without early tax money
- Net pension liability for TRS and IMRF
- Profile designation – 3.55 Recognition which is the same as last year.
- The Average Daily Attendance, Operating Expense per Pupil, and Total Operating Expense
- Comment letter –The district should maintain adequate supporting documentation for all activity fund transactions, file expenditure reports on time, and record Medicaid fee for service revenue in the proper account.

Mr. Hogue met with Central States to begin discussing regarding renewal of the bus leases for next school year. A request for proposal will be posted and bids received. Mr. Hogue has contacted American Capital and they can offer a lower lease price if the proposal has a guarantee buy back option.

Mr. Hogue reviewed the first quarterly meeting of the Workforce Collaborative. Business leaders, administrators and students met October 5, 2017, to explore opportunities. One of the items discussed was the possibility of a summer learning program.

Mr. Hogue reviewed levy amounts. IMRF and Social Security will be lower because this fund now has what is needed and TORT will increase to cover budgeted expenses.

Mr. Hogue reported enrollment is up three in September from 913 to 916. The concern next year is a senior class of eighty will be graduating and an anticipated class of sixty kindergartners to enter.

Mr. Hogue attended the IASA conference in Springfield September 27-29. Mr. Hogue attended a session regarding community involvement in the school district which is a growing process. He also attended sessions on the unlearning leader, 21st Century learning, and reinstalling the joy of learning.

Mr. Hogue shared a letter he will be sending parents of students receiving speech services. The current speech pathologist has turned in her resignation due to her husband being relocated. Mr. Hogue has contacted a retired speech pathologist who may come back three days a week. Other options are using video screens or contracting services.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the September 20, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; September Treasurer's

Report; and October Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$356,946.06, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea
Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the FY 2017 audit report

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the fiscal year 2017 Financial Audit report as presented. Roll Call:

Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea
Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue indicated the Policy Committee recommends approval of the second reading and approve as policy select policy updates.

It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the second reading and adopt as policy select policy updates: 2:210, 2:260, 4:70, 6:80, 6:180, 6:210, 6:290, 6:330, 7:80, 7:160, 8:20 E-1, and 8:70 along with revisions to policies 4:130, 5:220, 7:190, and 8:30. Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea
Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

(Member Barnett entered during closed session)

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, 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; 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 negotiation matters between the Board and its employees or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, at 7:36 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea
Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Simmons, 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; 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 negotiation matters between the Board and its employees or deliberation concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, at 8:20 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member, Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the September 20, 2017, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as printed. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member, Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

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

- *Approved the resignation of Jennifer Trumbull, Speech Pathologist, effective November 3, 2017.*
- *Approved Kevin Jacobs as Assistant Track Coach at River Bend Middle School, for the 2016-17 school year.*
- *Approved Ty Tiesman, RJ Coffey, and Ryan Voss as 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coaches at River Bend Middle School for the 2017-18 school year.*
- *Approved Jay Butt, Russ McCallister, Cole Grant, and Sam Grant as Assistant Volunteer Wrestling Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2017-18 school year.*
- *Approved Bob Coffey, Mitch VanZuiden, and Adam Hamstra as Assistant Volunteer Boys' Basketball Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2017-18 school year.*
- *Approved Sean Ford as Scholastic Bowl Sponsor at Fulton High School for the 2017-18 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member, Crosthwaite, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

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

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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