

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

January 17, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on January 17, 2018, at the River Bend District Office.

Mary Simmons was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Nick Crosthwaite, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Mary Simmons, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: 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: Miranda Frohling, Seth Sikkema, Stacy Sikkema, and Steve Sikkema. Principal: Kathleen Schipper. Assistant Principal/AD: Robert Gosch. RBEA: Jeff Hoese. Media: Jaqueline Covey, Clinton Herald and Bob Whitten, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda. Mr. Hogue added Memorandum of Agreement on personnel after closed session.

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

There was no communication from the RBEA.

(Member Fish arrived at 6:35 P.M.)

Mr. Gosch introduced Steamer of the Month, Seth Sikkema. One of the teachers who nominated Seth said this, "Seth is an outstanding student. He works hard and takes pride in being a top notch student. Seth is part of the bowling team and qualified for state last year. He is an outstanding baseball player also. He is a good, well-mannered person with good values and strong character."

Mr. Gosch introduced Miranda Frohling, Fulton High School Employee of the Month. One of her co-workers said this, "She has a lot on her plate and is always doing her job with a smile on her face. She tackled the career fair, is working on finishing her degree, multiple IEP's and accommodations and still finds time to be a great friend and colleague to all those around."

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

Principal's reports. Mr. Hogue attended the Family Reading Night which included many wonderful activities for the parents and students. Mr. Hogue would like to see some of the activities done during the day if at all possible. It was also nice having the Middle and High School students there to help. Mrs.

Schipper reported on the first Math Committee meeting. The Committee discussed wants and needs and came away with the direction they wish to move towards.

Mr. Hogue reported on the January 17, 2018, Citizen's Advisory meeting. Katie French, Kim Gooch, Robert Gosch, Kathleen Schipper, Bob Whitten, and Mr. Hogue were in attendance. Mr. Hogue shared how area schools handle weighted grades and dual credit. The group discussed the pros and cons of weighted grades. The high school will provide a recommendation regarding weighted grades and dual credit. The group also discussed Standards Based Grading. This will be a four year study to determine if this is the way the district would like to proceed. Standards Based Grading is an assessment of learning rather than compliance. Mr. Hogue indicated some districts are moving away from the valedictorian and salutatorian status and looking at more of a Cum Laude status instead. More discussion is necessary before making this change.

Mr. Hogue reported on the January 17, 2018, Finance Committee meeting. Nick Crosthwaite, Jeff Hoese, Jane Orman-Luker, and Rachel Snyder were in attendance. Mr. Hogue previewed the Power Point on the compensation package that will be shared with the teachers on January 24, 2018. The Committee asked Mr. Hogue to report the school liability if the state did not pay TRS. They also asked for the dollar amount needed to have six months of funds in reserve. Mr. Hogue reported the district is missing categorical payments in Special Education housing of \$35,735 and Transportation of \$56,281 for a total of \$121,399. The Compensation Committee meetings are scheduled for January 31, 2018, February 14, 2018, and February 28, 2018, at 2:45 P.M.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the Educational Foundation. The group met on January 9, 2018, and finalized plans for the Academic Excellence Dinner to be held on March 3, 2018, with Keith Fanderclai as the speaker. The Foundation has received over \$10,000 in donations as a result of the fund raising campaign. The date to receive mini grant requests was changed from March to April due to the Eric Ottens grants being awarded in January.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment was unchanged from November to December, holding at 915.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board he met with two other superintendents and talked to American Capital regarding bus lease options. American Capital indicated the interest rates have increased and they will not be able to save the district as much money as originally indicated. Mr. Hogue recommends leasing the buses through Central States in order to get the interest rate locked in before rates go even higher.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the Strategic Plan expires in 2018. The Board would like to keep the same format and process as used in the past. Mr. Hogue will look at a date in late summer or early fall for a Strategic Plan meeting with a Facilitator.

Mr. Gosch presented responses from the student and parent athletics surveys. Mr. Gosch is looking at ways to get more responses from parents.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the December 18, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended; December Treasurer's Report; January Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$116,130.96, subject to audit; and authorization to dispose of closed session audio tapes: 1/1/16, 2/17/16, 3/14/16, 3/30/16, 4/18/16, 5/16/16, and 6/20/16. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented a Memorandum of Agreement between the River Bend Board of Education and River Bend Education Association for a STEAM stipend process and a Media Publications Stipend. Mr. Hoese put together a Media Publication stipend proposal for work required to have students involved in filming, providing play-by-play, managing the live stream, generating ads and providing technical support to the district. The Board discussed pros and cons of adding a stipend and suggestions on how the process should work. The Board agreed to a STEAM stipend process with those wishing to obtain a stipend for work done outside of the regular school day. An application will be required which would include data to support the stipend level requested.

It was moved by Member Portz, seconded by Member Fish, to approve to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as it relates to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts. and Mathematics (STEAM) with the removal of item 2C and create an application for a STEAM stipend. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended a three-year bus lease and financing with Central States Bus Sales.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve a three-year bus lease with Central states Bus Sales for one (1) 2018 Microbird G5 22 Passenger bus with lift in the amount of \$62,810, eight (8) 2019 Blue Bird T3FE 83 Passenger buses in the amount of \$89,950 per bus, and one (1) 2018 Microbird-Ford MFSAB 14 Passenger bus in the amount of \$56,449 and finance through Central States. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the 2018-19 Public School Calendar as presented.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the 2018-19 Public School Calendar as presented with emergency days being made up on Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Monday following Easter and added to the end of the year if necessary. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Crosthwaite, yea
Member Fish, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

The Policy Committee recommends approval of the second reading and adopt as policy select policy updates.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the second reading and adopt as policy select policy updates: 2:260, 4:10, 4:15, 4:80, 4:110, 4:150, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:220, 5:240, 5:250, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:60, 6:140, 6:150, 6:235-AP1E1, 6:280, 6:300, 6:310,

6:340, 7:10, 7:15, 7:20, 7:60AP2, 7:70, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:250, 7:260, 7:270, 7:275, 7:305, 7:340, and 7:340AP1. Roll Call Vote.

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the District received a gift from the Eric Ottens Memorial in the amount of \$12,478.99 to be used for teacher requests.

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

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue and President Portz reviewed the past six months of closed session minutes.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to retain the closed session minutes dated July 17, 2017, and December 18, 2017, at this time, due to the need for confidentiality to exist to all or part of the minutes. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, 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 8:49 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to come 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 9:25 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve December 18, 2017, Closed Session Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

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

- *Accepted the resignation of Sheila Huizenga, Freshman Volleyball Coach, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.*
- *Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between River Bend Board of Education and Education Association to grant sick leave days to an RBEA member.*
- *Hired the following coaches for the 2018-19 school year:*

COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

LEVEL I

VARSITY FOOTBALL
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Patrick Lower
Stacy Germann

LEVEL III

GOLF
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL
SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL
FRESHMEN FOOTBALL
ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL (Soph)

Kevin VerHoeven
Derek Germann
Jeff Hoese
Matias Facio
Rachel Diedrich

LEVEL IV

7th GRADE VOLLEYBALL
8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL

Adrien Loncar
Lydia Schaver

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office. The next special meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at 6:00 P.M. at the River Bend District Office for the purpose of the Superintendent’s evaluation.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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