

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

February 21, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on February 21, 2018, at the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Mary Simmons, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: None. 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: Marie Brzezinski, Michelle Flesch, Lisa Outzen, Matt Outzen, Robert Outzen, Shannon Sherman, Dawn Stuart, Glenn Stuart, Taylor Stuart, Sonja Swanson, Kevin, Toppert, Lisa Toppert, and Tristan Toppert. Principal: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper, and Chris Tennyson. Media: Jaqueline Covey, Clinton Herald and Olivia Vanderbleek, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, 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 Steamer of the Month, Matt Outzen. One of the teachers who nominated Matt said this, "Matt is a strong student who contributes a lot to FHS by his active participation in so many clubs and activities. He is involved in a variety of areas and contributes his time freely and willingly. His work ethic may serve as a role model for others. He has displayed these excellent qualities all four years. Matt is worthy of Overall Steamer of the Month."

Mr. Tennyson introduced Marie Brzezinski, Fulton High School Employee of the Month. One of her students said this, "I think Ms. Brzezinski has gone above and beyond for each of her classes. She works really hard to keep us all focused and laughing. She always encourages us to do our best and always helps us with whatever we need. She is a teacher that I feel I can personally talk to."

Mr. Hogue presented Steamer Strong Awards to Sonja Swanson, bus driver, and three student on that bus, Michelle Flesch, Taylor Stuart and Tristan Toppert. The bus driver did everything she could to keep the students safe on the bus and the students recognized helped console and calm the younger students as well as assist the authorities in providing names of those on the bus.

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 they are planning to use the CF Industries grant funds to purchase more items for field day. Mr. Tennyson added they are continuing to discuss weighted grades. Mr.

Tennyson will also be talking with Mrs. French about students in AP English being able to opt out of Speech.

Mr. Hogue reported on the February 21, 2018, Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Chris Barnett, Bob Gosch, Mari Sanders (RBEA), Kathleen Schipper, Jay Ritchie, Chris Tennyson, and Gary Wolfe were in attendance. Also in attendance was Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Jacqueline Covey, Clinton Herald. Mr. Hogue informed the group that the company that installs storm shelters indicated that underground shelters are problematic. Mr. Hogue is gathering pricing and information on above ground shelters for the pre-school building. The pre-school grant will be able to fund \$15,000 towards the structure. Mr. Hogue will be checking with Timken Drives on the grant written for the welding space. He is still working with local businesses to gain additional dollars for the welding space. Summer projects were also discussed.

Mr. Hogue reported on the February 21, 2018, Finance Committee meeting. Nick Crosthwaite, Jane Orman-Luker, and Rachel Snyder were in attendance. Mr. Hogue reviewed the Evidence Based Funding and ESSA Laws, the current treasurer’s report, and financial projections.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the Educational Foundation. The group met on February 13, 2018, and finalized plans for the Academic Excellence Dinner to be held on March 3, 2018, with Keith Fanderclai as the speaker. The Foundation also approved a mini grant for a SAT workshop at the high school in the amount of \$2,000.

Mr. Hogue reminded the board of the Northwest Division Dinner meeting on March 7, 2018, in Forreston.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is 914, which is down one from December to January.

Mr. Hogue reviewed the February 16, 2018, Teacher Institute Day. The day consisted of a presentation on furniture for 21st Century Learning classrooms and high quality student feedback through a growth mindset lens. Mr. Hogue received positive comments regarding the day.

Mr. Hogue updated the Board on the 60 by 25 state conference. Mr. Hogue is looking at new pathways for students to experience careers while still being in high school. President Portz commended Mr. Hogue for being out there and advertising for the district as well as trying new things.

Mr. Hogue updated the Board on the Evidenced Based Funding and Every Student Succeeds Act training he attended today. Accountability measures will be tied to funding. The Federal government will provide schools funding but wants to see the effect of the dollars. Mr. Hogue would like to be able to hire a Math Instructional Coach with the new tier funds in the amount of \$65,000 the district will receive in April.

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the January 17, 2018, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as amended; the January 31, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes as printed; January Treasurer’s Report; and February Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$140,346.08, subject to audit. 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 First Trust and Savings Bank requires Board approval to the change the person required to sign for Certificates of Deposits (CDs). Since Brenda is retiring this will need to be changed from Brenda Sheckler to Rachel Snyder.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve changing the person required to sign CDs at First Trust and Savings Bank from Brenda Sheckler to Rachel Snyder. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the Application for the Media Publications Stipend in the amount of \$1750. The Board discussed the pros and cons of approving the application. This could cause more people to ask for money for extra duties done outside of the classroom. Once you approve one application, in order to be fair, should then approve all applications. The Board recognizes that the applications will be approved based on the criteria and that not all applications will meet the criteria. The Board asked that the application include that the administration will have the right to direct and oversee the activities of the group. Now that it is a paid position, the administration will have more say in the job duties that will be required.

It was moved by Member Portz, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the Stipend Proposal Application for Media Publications in the amount of \$1750 and amend by adding that the administration has the right to direct and oversee the activities of the group. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of Psychology II as a second semester elective at the high school.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve Psychology II as a second semester elective at Fulton High School. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters 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 7:26 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to come out of closed session for the purpose of discussing matters 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 7:44 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve January 17, 2018, Regular Closed Session Minutes and January 31, 2018, Closed Session Minutes, as presented. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the following personnel items:

- Approved the resignation, with the intent to retire, of Tamme Akridge, Business Teacher, at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- Approved the resignation, with the intent to retire, of Laurie Fobert, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- Approved the resignation, with the intent to retire, of Lisa Goodenough, Spanish Teacher, at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- Approved the resignation, with the intent to retire, of Liz Clark, Principal, at Fulton Elementary School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- Employed Lauren Baker as Speech Pathologist beginning the 2018-19 school year.*
- Employed Rebecca Hobbs as Lunch Cashier at River Bend Middle School, beginning immediately.*
- Employed Ken Carey as Bus Driver, effective February 22, 2018.*
- Approved Eric Fish, DJ Fulton, Zach Ryder, and Matt Sanderson as Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coaches for the 2017-18 school year.*
- Hired Shelby Wilkens as Pre-School Teacher beginning the 2018-19 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

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Member Barnett, yea

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Fish, yea

Motion Carried.

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Simmons, yea

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Member Ritchie, yea

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, March 19, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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