

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

May 29, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on May 29, 2018, in the Fulton High School Cafeteria.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Mary Simmons, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: Chris Barnett. 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: Mike Ankrom, Julie Bielema, Loren Bielema, Phil Bielema, Shelby Coit, Brent Dykstra, Drew Dykstra, Grace Dykstra, Jennifer Dykstra, Shane Dykstra, Zach Dykstra, Lora Fish, Mikayla Gazo, Mary Gowan, Emily Knott, Justin Knott, Chloe Lindeman, Janelle Lindeman, Chris Mahoney, Dan Mahoney, Lauren Mahoney, Brock Mason, Brody Mason, Renee Mason, Rick Mason, Jackie Meinsma, Tim Morris, Jen Pepper, Cheryl Piercy, Tyler Priegel, Kole Schipper, Lynn Schipper, and Amy Strehlow. Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper and Chris Tennyson. Assistant Principal: Bob Gosch. RBEA: Jeff Hoese. Media: Jaqueline Covey, Clinton Herald.

Additions to the agenda. Mr. Hogue added an invitation to attend the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council annual meeting on June 11, 2018.

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

Communication from the RBEA. Mr. Hoese indicated the union has not ratified the contract yet. Approval of the negotiated contract will need to be tabled until June.

Mr. Tennyson introduced Steamer of the Month, Brody Mason. One of the teachers who nominated Brody said this, "Brody is a strong student, good leader, involved in extra curriculars, and has great character. Brody has great enthusiasm toward all things dealing with Fulton High School. He shows great pride in being a Steamer. He is a great role model for the under classmen."

Mr. Gosch introduced Girls' track finalists Chloe Lindeman for shot put and discus and Dakota Knott for triple jump. The Boys' track team had a participant from Unity go to state and the softball team had a great year as well.

Mr. Schipper introduced middle school track students that participated in the IESA state track meet. The middle school had twenty-five athletes participate which is half of the track team. The athletes received sixteen medals in nine events.

Mr. Tennyson introduced Fulton High School Employee of the Month, Mike Ankrom. One of the students who nominated Mr. Ankrom said this, "I believe Mr. Ankrom should receive teacher of the month because he is the best teacher in the entire school district. He goes above and beyond to plan his lessons. He

attacks every question each student asks with an intense yet perfectly honest answer. Mr. Ankrom should earn this award every single month because he is one of the teachers that cares so much about us and our education.”

Mr. Tennyson introduced Fulton High School Employee of the Month, Shelby Coit. Mrs. Coit has had to work with several different co-teaching partners over the last five years and has worked very hard to develop a positive relationship with her partner and do the best job she can of helping students. Mrs. Coit has sharpened her math skills and has embraced the challenge and done an excellent job. She has also used standards based grading in her math classes last year to get an idea of how it would affect students.

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

Principal's reports. There were no additions to the Principal's reports.

Mr. Hogue reported on the April 25, 2018, Wellness Committee meeting. Physical Education verified they were meeting the standards. Nutrition Education is meeting current guidelines. Mr. Hogue is participating in “Let's Live Healthy in Clinton” which is an initiative to make Clinton a healthy and educated environment. As part of this initiative they have asked that the high school track be open to the public. The track is now open during the summer from 6:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and in the fall from 6:00 A.M. to 7:30 A.M. and 3:30 to 8:00 P.M. Signs will be created stating the rules and regulations. Mr. Hogue is also working to provide more wellness opportunities in the classroom and informed the group the state is pushing hard to not allow schools to withhold lunch from students with a negative lunch balance.

Mr. Hogue reported on the May 29, 2018, Finance Committee meeting. Nick Crosthwaite, Jeff Hoese, Jane Orman-Luker, Rachel Snyder and Mr. Hogue were in attendance. The current treasurer's report was reviewed. The state still owes money for transportation and early childhood. Mr. Hogue recommends using the money from the lease levy to fund technology purchases. Mr. Hogue hopes to have an FY19 tentative budget to the board in July.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment ended at 914, which is basically the same as the beginning enrollment. The concern is the district is losing a fairly large senior class of eighty and will probably only have sixty kindergarten students coming in.

Mr. Hogue gave a review of the District Improvement Team meeting held on April 9, 2018. There was good discussion on making Project Based Learning more prevalent in teaching strategies. Professional Development was discussed and the teachers liked the addition of 20% time. The opening day speaker will be Anne Werda (High quality student feedback through a growth mindset) since the district has left over time from her presentation on February 16, 2018. Other areas of professional development will include ESSA accountability, Safety (Run, Hide, Fight training), and 21st Century classrooms.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local districts with regard to the provision of special education and related services. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed the following data from the 2016-2017 school year and has determined that River Bend CUSD #2 received the designation of “meets requirements” in implementing all of the IDEA requirements.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the copier lease is expiring next school year. The renewal proposal from RK Dixon is \$25,000 less than the current contract. With this savings, the lease levy can be used to pay for the lease of the Chromebooks.

Mr. Hogue reported on the safety simulations that occurred on the last teacher institute day. A lot of lessons were learned that day and the district will continue to move forward in regard to school safety. This has stimulated School Resource Officer discussions. Tort funds may be used to fund School Resource Officers.

Mr. Hogue informed the board the registration information for the Triple I Conference in Chicago in November will be available in early June. Board members are to contact Virginia if they plan to attend.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board a FOIA request was received from Illinois Renewables regarding the district’s contract with the Illinois Energy Consortium. The FOIA request was responded to stating River Bend CUSD #2 no longer has a contract with the Illinois Energy Consortium.

Mr. Hogue invited the Board to attend the Blackhawk Hills Regional Council annual dinner meeting on June 11. Mr. Hogue will be receiving an award for his work on 60 by 25 that evening.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve the consent agenda including the April 16, 2018, Regular Board and May 1, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes as printed; April Treasurer’s Report; and May Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$143,978.12, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

The Board was provided a justification from Katie French to discontinue the speech exemption for students that take the AP Language and Composition class. There was no discussion from the board.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to discontinue the speech exemption for student that take AP Language and Composition beginning the 2018-19 school year. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approving the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) 2018-19 membership for middle school track and wrestling at an annual cost of \$350.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) 2018-19 membership for Middle School track and wrestling at an annual cost of \$350. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue presented updates to the Parent/Student handbook for 2018-19 school year. One change to the handbook would be the addition to allow Juniors to leave campus during RtI as only seniors have in the past. Discussion include the grade requirement of a C was too low and the time should be used for school work or helping others. Mr. Gosch is recommending the incentive as a way to reward students for positive behavior. Allowing those that do not need the RtI time frees up the instructor to work with those that need additional help. The incentive has been discussed and approved by the school improvement team.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the 2018-19 Parent/Student Handbook updates as presented, with a report back to the Board by the high school principal in May or June of 2019 with a comparison of sophomore, junior and senior 2018 data to 2019 data including club participation, CPA, attendance, tardies, discipline, and how many students took advantage of leaving versus staying at school. Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Amy Strehlow, Jackie Meinsma, and Lora Fish presented their recommendation for K-5 Science Curriculum. They have piloted Mystery Science this past year and students are engaged and excited about learning science.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve new K-5 Science Curriculum of "Mystery Science" in the amount of \$999 per year for three years, beginning the 2018-19 school year. Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Tyler Priegel, Tim Morris and Mike Ankrom presented their recommendation for 6-12 History and Social Studies Curriculum.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to approve, beginning the 2018-19 school year; Pearson's Magruder's American Government as the new curriculum for high school civics in the amount of \$6,456.42 for six years, United States History for high school History in the amount of \$19,369.26 for six years, and myWorld Interactive American History for middle school World and U.S. History in the amount of \$24,191.46 for six years. Roll Call Vote.

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Cheryl Piercy recommended purchasing Dell Chromebooks for K and grades 6-8. The technology department received several different models to try and liked the Dell Chromebooks the best. A different case will be purchased this year where the Chromebook does not come out of the case. Mr. Hogue recommended leasing the Chromebooks and paying for them with the lease levy and the money saved on the copier contract rather than transferring money from working cash. Year one the lease payment would be \$28,000, year two the lease payment would be \$15,000 and year three the lease payment would be \$15,000.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the bid from CDWG in the amount of \$60,267 for Dell Chromebooks for K and grades 6-8 and purchase using a three-year lease option with American Capital in the amount of \$59,069. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Crosthwaite, yea Member Portz, yea
Member Fish, yea Member Ritchie, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of Fulton Elementary School’s Agreement with Scholastic Book Fair for the sale of books with an anticipated revenue of over \$1000.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Fulton Elementary School’s Agreement with Scholastic Book Fair for the sale of books with an anticipated revenue of over \$1000. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Crosthwaite, yea Member Portz, yea
Member Fish, yea Member Ritchie, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the Three Rivers Cafeteria Cooperative including Erie, Morrison, Prophetstown/Lyndon/Tampico, River Bend, Riverdale, and West Carroll had their bread and milk bid opening earlier in May. The Three Rivers Cooperative recommended accepting the apparent low bid from Enyeart Distributing for milk and Bimbo Bakeries for bread. There is always an escalator clause in the contracts so the prices may go up.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to accept Enyeart Distributing as apparent low bidder for milk products and Bimbo Bakeries as apparent low bidder for bread products. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Crosthwaite, yea Member Portz, yea
Member Fish, yea Member Ritchie, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended one hundred iPad 2’s and two hundred Dell Chromebooks as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner. The iPad 2’s will be sold to River Bend employees for \$40 each and the Dell Chromebook that are three-years old and in poor condition will be sold to a company for \$20 each that will refurbish them.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Crosthwaite, to declare one hundred iPad 2’s and two-hundred Dell Chromebooks as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Crosthwaite, yea Member Portz, yea
Member Fish, yea Member Ritchie, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Approval for the 2018-2023 Contractual Agreement between the River Bend Education Association and Board of Education was tabled until the Union can ratify.

Accept Gifts to the District from Timken Drives in the amount of \$40,000 for the welding upgrade, \$15,000 from an unanimous donor for STEM/STEAM upgrades, and Eric Ottens Foundation donation of \$7,680 for extra-curricular participation fees for middle school students.

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

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

(No closed session)

It was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve April 16, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as presented. Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

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

- Approved the April 16, 2018, Regular Meeting Closed Session minutes as presented.
- Employed Breanna Thelin as Intervention K-5/Instructional Math Coach K-12 beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Employed Jim Prombo as Math Teacher at Fulton High School beginning the 2018-19 school year.
- Employed Patrick Henrekin as Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Fulton High School beginning July 1, 2018.
- Approved Mara Bilyeu as Cheer Coach for Fulton High School for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved Darwin Johnson as Volunteer Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approved Dave Curley, Dan Wilkins, John McCoy, and Jake Willging as Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches for the 2018-19 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Matias Facio as Freshman Football Coach effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Sean Ford as Scholastic Bowl Sponsor at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of Becky Hobbs as lunch cashier effective May 22, 2018.
- Employed the following coaches for the 2018-19 school year:

LEVEL II

VARSITY BASKETBALL (B)
VARSITY BASKETBALL (G)
VARSITY WRESTLING

RJ Coffey
Mike Menchaca
Chris Grant

LEVEL III

SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL

SOPHOMORE GIRLS' BASKETBALL
ASSISTANT WRESTLING
FRESHMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL
FRESHMAN GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Mike Gazo
Dan Mahoney
Ryan Voss (reimbursed by Boosters)
Justin Knott (reimbursed by Boosters)

LEVEL IV

7TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL
8TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL
7TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL
8TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL
MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING

Ty Tiesman
Anna Wiersema
Jennifer Pepper
George Graham

Roll Call Vote:

Member Crosthwaite, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, June 18, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
Board of Education
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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