

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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FULTON, IL 61252
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JUNE BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

June 18, 2018

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Nick Crosthwaite, Chris Barnett and 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: Stacey Collachia and Patrick Henrekin. Principal: Chris Tennyson. RBEA Representative: Jeff Hoese. Media: Jaqueline Covey, Clinton Herald and Olivia Vanderbleek, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda: Mr. Hogue added discussion of 1999 pick-up truck.

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

Jeff Hoese informed the Board that the RBEA had nothing to report.

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

Principal's reports. Mr. Tennyson indicated the School Improvement Team (SIP) recommends not allowing students to take same elective twice in the same semester with the exception of community involvement. This means students will no longer be able to take two physical education classes in the same semester. The SIP also recommends removing weighted grades starting with the class of 2020. This will allow students to choose their own path to college without the fear of what it will do to their overall GPA.

Mr. Hogue introduced Patrick Henrekin who will take over the role of Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director on July 1. Mr. Henrekin gave a brief description of his background and indicated he is excited about beginning his new position.

The Board thanked Mr. Tennyson for everything he has done for Fulton High School and for the River Bend School District over the past five years. They wished him the best of luck in his new position at the Regional Office of Education.

Stacey Collachia, Cafeteria Manager, updated the Board on the district food service. Mrs. Collachia would like to pilot a program entitled "Lunch Tray Project" that would solicit donations that would funnel through the foundation. The donations would be used to help families that do not qualify for free/reduced lunch pay for their children's lunches. Mrs. Collachia has been able to collect a significant amount on negative lunch balances. Negative balances will once again be transferred into the student's liability account in Push Coin. The balance will have to be paid when they register for school. New this past year were more entrees to choose from, joined the food Co-op, had students vote on their favorite entrée, scanned lunch cards

for milk break, and offered a “grab and go” breakfast at the high school and middle school. Ideas for this coming school year are launch the “Lunch Tray Project”, invite nutritionists into the lunchroom, work on increasing numbers for breakfast, and give back options for K-3.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board River Bend was denied the Preschool for All grant for the FY 19 competitive cycle. An appeal has been submitted but if it is not overturned the district will have to fund the program which would be somewhere between \$50,000 and \$80,000. The Board is hopeful the district will be able to fund the program without imposing additional cost to the parents.

Mr. Hogue has begun discussion with the Fulton and Albany Police departments regarding a School Resource Officer (SRO). Tort funds can be used to pay for a SRO and Mr. Hogue has amended the Risk Management Plan which is being reviewed by the attorneys at this time. A Memorandum of Agreement is being developed and once completed will be brought to the Board for approval.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the pick-up truck has a cracked frame which makes it no longer usable. Dale Wiersema will look into a means to dispose of the truck. The recommendation is to purchase a new pick-up truck using the state purchasing program. The pick-up will be declared surplus at the next board meeting.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the May 29, 2018, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the June 3, 2018, Emergency Meeting Minutes, as printed; May Treasurer’s Report; and June Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$167,548.07, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the General Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding to obtain or share services between the River Bend Board of Education, the Fulton Police Department and the Albany Police Department.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the General Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding to obtain or share services between the River Bend Board of Education and the Albany Police Department. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the General Law Enforcement Memorandum of Understanding to obtain or share services between the River Bend Board of Education and the Fulton Police Department. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the Prevailing Wage Resolution. The Board must annually adopt this resolution based on the Whiteside County published prevailing wage.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the Illinois Department of Labor Ordinance related to Prevailing Wage Obligations and to authorize the Board Recording Secretary to submit all related documentation to the State of Illinois and to submit the appropriate notification to the newspaper of general distribution. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the Treasurer's Bond and Activity Fund Bond as presented.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve Nixon Insurance Agency, Inc., for the Treasurer's Bond for Virginia Petersen with an annual premium of \$1,741 with a limit of \$2,000,000 and Activity Fund Bond for Rachel Snyder with an annual premium of \$125.00 with a limit of \$100,000 effective July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the permanent transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund in the amount of \$60,000 to be recorded in the 2018-19 budget. This transfer will cover the cost of the new science K-5, History 6-12 and music/band curriculum.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the Resolution for a permanent transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund in the amount of \$60,000 to be recorded in the 2018-19 budget. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the Property, Casualty, and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Package proposal from Selective Insurance submitted by Lockhart and Law Insurance Agency. Renewal cost increased \$1,366 from last year.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the 2018-19 Property, Casualty, and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Package Renewal with Selective Insurance provided by Lockhart and Law Insurance at an annual premium of \$53,981. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that it is necessary for the School board to take official action on the unopposed candidates two year terms for the Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) Executive Board.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to cast one vote for Matt Zilm and one vote for Corena Steinmeyer, to serve a two year term on the NIA Executive Board. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board that the auditor directs the district to designate a person to review, accept, and sign-off on the financial statement of the district which includes the audit report, the annual financial report to the state, and the Data Collection Form on behalf of the school district.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to name Daniel Portz as the designated person to review, accept, and sign-off on the financial statement of the district which includes the audit report, the annual financial report to the state, and the Data Collection Form on behalf of the school district. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended seeking bids for fuel for the 2018-2019 school year.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to direct the Superintendent to seek fuel bids for the 2018-2019 school year. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hogue recommended approval of the proposal from Advanced Business Machines for refurbished copy machines. Mr. Hogue has checked with other school district that use this company and refurbished copy machines received good reports. The lease price is \$20,844 annually and will save the district approximately \$36,000. The lease contract includes parts, labor, supplies and service calls.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the proposal from Advanced Business Machines for refurbished copy machines and leasing contract in the amount of \$20,844 annually. Roll Call Vote:

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

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; 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 collective negotiation matters between the District and its employees or their representative, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, at 7:48 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, 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; 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 collective negotiation matters between the District and its employees or their representative, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, at 8:51 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

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

- Approved the resignation of Kim Langloss, Cook’s Helper at Fulton Elementary School, effective May 23, 2018.*
- Approved Lee Salazar as Special Education Paraprofessional at River Bend Middle School, for the 2018-19 school year.*
- Approved Dan Wilkens as Freshman Football Coach for the 2018-19 school year.*
- Approved River Bend Middle School Principal salary increase of \$1,300 for FY 19.*
- Approved Superintendent salary increase of \$2,200 for FY 19.*

- *Approve Transportation Director and Superintendent’s Secretary salary increase of \$.15 per hour each year 2018-23.*
- *Approved lawn mowing personnel salary increase of \$.15 per hour each year for 2018-23.*
- *Approved Concession Manager salary increase of \$.15 per hour each year for 2018-23 salary.*
- *Approved Maintenance and Grounds Director salary increase of \$1,200 for FY 19.*

Roll Call:

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

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, July 16, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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