

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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FULTON, IL 61252
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

August 13, 2018

President Portz called the Public Hearing to order at 6:31 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Nick Crosthwaite. 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: Lauren Baker, Breanna Kastelic, Chris Grant, Elizabeth Mote, Jim Prombo, and Rachel Snyder. Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Robert Gosch, and Kathleen Schipper. Assistant Principal/AD: Patrick Henrekin. Media: Olivia Vanderbleek and Anthony Corelis, Fulton Journal.

President Portz asked for questions and comments from the public or the Board regarding the permanent transfer of \$20,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund to cover the cost of updating classrooms to be 21st Century ready. Mr. Hogue indicated this is necessary because furniture cannot be purchased using Operations and Maintenance funds.

There being no further discussion it was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:36 P.M. Roll Call:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

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Additions to the agenda: Mr. Hogue added auditor's unofficial recommendations.

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

Mr. Hoese reported that the RBEA will host the luncheon on opening day.

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

Principal's reports. Mrs. Schipper reported on the new teachers meeting. They are a great group with many of them being veteran teachers.

Mrs. Clark introduced Breanna Kastelic, Math Instructional Coach and Intervention and Lauren Baker, Speech Pathologist. Mrs. Schipper introduced Elizabeth Mote, Language Arts. Mr. Gosh introduced Chris Grant, Special Education and Jim Prombo, Math.

Mr. Hogue reviewed the opening day schedule. The day will begin at Agri King with breakfast, opening remarks, and the second half of Anne Werda’s presentation on Growth Mindset Applied to Learning. The buildings have activities scheduled for the afternoon and day two.

Mr. Hogue reviewed the summer projects list. The district may want to consider some summer help or a part-time person to help Gary Wolfe.

Mr. Hogue presented a Power Point from CTS on solar energy. Solar energy is making headway across the state with incentives being offered. One district was able to pay for the cost of going solar in seven years with the savings in energy. The district can either purchase outright or enter into a purchase agreement with CTS. Mr. Hogue likes the idea of investing in renewable resources the amount the district could save is worth looking into the project. The Board agreed to have CTS present a proposal with the understanding that whether or not the district decides to pursue the project, an upfront cost will be paid to CTS in the amount of \$15,000 to \$20,000 to prepare the proposal.

Mr. Hogue informed the Board the auditors are recommending activity accounts that do not directly impact the students be closed and the items purchased using these activity funds be transferred to district accounts and go through the normal board approval process.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the July 16, 2018, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as printed; July Treasurer’s Report; and August Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$133,587.36, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Member Barnett, 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 the FY 19 tentative budget. The overall projected difference in revenues and expenses is a positive \$13,970. Mr. Hogue felt the new state funding formula is the main reason for the budget being in the black for the first time in many year. Rachel Snyder, Business Manager, presented a graph comparing budgets from previous years. She also indicated the new software is working well.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the tentative FY 19 budget for public review with total revenues in the amount of \$9,988,697 and total expenditures in the amount of \$9,974,728 and set the budget hearing for September 17, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in the River Bend District Office. Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Member Barnett, 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 informed the Board the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Fulton for a School Resource Officer (SRO) has been finalized by the attorneys. The City of Fulton will also be approving the IGA tonight at the city council meeting. Officer Leitzen has been through the SRO training and will take a role in Crisis Go implementation. Officer Leitzen will attend the upcoming meet and greet

nights at the buildings as well as Meet the Steamers. His office will be located at the high school and as soon as the City of Fulton has replaced his position he will be full time at River Bend.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the School Resource Officer Intergovernmental Agreement between the Board of Education and the City of Fulton. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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 approval of the permanent transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund to cover the cost of updating classrooms to be 21st Century Ready.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the resolution to permanently transfer \$20,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund to cover costs of updating classrooms throughout the district to be 21st Century ready. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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 requested authorization to seek snow removal bids for the 2018-19 school year.

It was moved by Member Portz, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to direct the Superintendent to seek snow removal bids for the 2018-19 school year. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

The district received \$5,370 from the D.S. Flikkema Foundation Fund for mobile technology, Who Was Books, and Feed unit. The Football activity account received \$3,350 from the Patrick Lower memorial.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to accept gifts to the district as presented. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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.

There was no reason to go into closed session.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker to approve the July 16, 2018, closed session minutes as amended. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, 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.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the following personnel items as presented.

- *Approved the resignation of Dylan Temple, Student Council Advisor at Fulton High School, effective July 24, 2018.*
- *Approved Lindsay Steele as Baker at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Megan Huizenga as Lunch Cashier at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Tim Frick as Cook’s Helper at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Jeff Hoese as Media Pub Sponsor for the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Mike Ankrom as 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Rick Temple and Mark Schroeder as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coaches for the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Chris Grant as Volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2018-19 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, 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, September 17, 2018, at 6:30 P.M., at the Fulton High School.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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