

**RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2**  
**1110 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET**  
**FULTON IL 61252**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING**

River Bend Community Unit District #2

November 1, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Unit District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, for the purpose of student discipline and consider solar energy panels, was held on November 1, 2018, at the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Special Meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following Members were present: Nick Crosthwaite, Eric Fish, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett and Jane Orman-Luker. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent; Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary; Tim Zollinger, District Attorney; Robert Gosch, Fulton High School Principal; Patrick Henrekin, Assistant Fulton High School Principal; Jeremy Leitzen, School Resource Officer; Student 2018-19-A and Student 2018-19-A's mother and father.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

*At 6:02 P.M., it was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Simmons, to move into closed session for the purpose of student discipline. Roll Call Vote:*

<i>Member Crosthwaite, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

*Motion Carried.*

(Member Barnett entered during closed session at 6:06 P.M.)

*At 8:28 P.M., it was moved by Member Crosthwaite, seconded by Member Portz, to move out of closed session for the purpose of student discipline. Roll Call Vote:*

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

*Motion Carried.*

*It was moved by Member Portz, seconded by Member Simmons, to accept the written resolution to expel student 2018-19-A which incorporates the principal's recommendation subject to the terms of the abeyance. Roll Call Vote:*

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

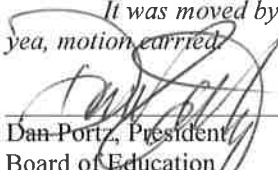
*Motion Carried.*

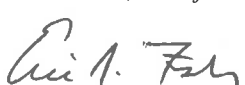
(Member Orman-Luker entered at 8:30 P.M.)

Mr. Hogue discussed the solar energy panel options. The municipal lease option the pay back would be approximately \$687,800 over twenty-five year. The Power Purchase Agreement relies on energy costs increasing to generate savings. Currently, energy costs for the district are not increasing. In fact energy costs are speculated to decrease over the next few years. The Board felt twenty-five years was too long a commitment and the decrease in energy cost does not justify the project.

It was moved by Member Fish to explore a solar panel energy study conducted by engineers at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Motion died due to lack of a second.

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

  
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Dan Portz, President  
Board of Education  
River Bend Unit District #2  
Whiteside County

  
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Eric Fish, Secretary  
Board of Education  
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