

RIVER BEND CUSD # 2
Regular Board of Education Meeting
RIVER BEND DISTRICT OFFICE
1110 3rd Street, Fulton, IL 61252 815-589-2711
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- I. Call to Order *School Board meeting procedure*
- II. Roll Call *School Board meeting procedure*
- III. Pledge of Allegiance *Local Board practice*
- IV. Additions to Agenda and Approval of Agenda *School Board meeting procedure*
- V. Introduction of Guests *Local Board practice*
- VI. Public Comment
 - A. RBEA Communication with River Bend Education Association
 - B. General Public Comment Opportunity for public comment
- VII. Information and Discussion Items
 - A. Principal Reports and Dialogue *Summary of monthly activities and opportunity for board member and principal conversation*
 - B. Quarterly Update with Mrs. Schipper
 - C. Board Member Communications
 - 1. River Bend Educational Foundation Meeting Report *Review of the March 14, 2023, meeting*
 - 2. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Report *Review of the March 22, 2023, meeting*
 - 3. Finance Committee Meeting Report *Review of the March 22, 2023, meeting*
 - D. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Enrollment report *Current enrollment will be shared*
 - 2. Adding Future Farmers of America (FFA) to Fulton High School Curriculum and Extra Curricular activities *Mr. Gosch and Mrs. Meurs will be on hand to discuss the process and why they would like to offer FFA curriculum at FHS. State funding will help support the FFA program at various levels each year it is in existence. FFA expansion is also possible in science and the construction classes.*
 - 3. Purchase gator for field preparations *The district used to lease a gator to keep up with baseball field maintenance. The lease is no longer available. Over the past two years, the baseball and softball fields were maintained using a borrowed four-wheeler from one of the coach's relatives. Purchasing a gator will help improve football field maintenance as we well be used for baseball and softball fields. Our transportation director has located a gator for \$9,600 dollars from a local farm implement business.*
 - 4. Use EBF funds to support the transportation fund *Rachel and Dr. Hogue have spoken with both the auditor and ISBE transportation department to determine if EBF revenue can be deposited into the transportation fund. This type of deposit is allowed without harming the District's transportation claim. One of the two monthly EBF checks for \$130,000 will be deposited in the transportation fund in March or April. This deposit will assure the transportation fund remains strong and will support purchases of the 29 passenger bus which has its lease ending this year. We will buy out the lease for \$27,000 and own the 29 passenger bus. An additional van can be purchased when one becomes available and the gator can be purchased.*
- VIII. Action Items
 - A. Consent Agenda: Approve February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes; February Treasurer's Report; and March Bills Recommended for Payment subject to audit *School Board meeting procedure and mandated roll call for finances*
 - B. Approve the 2023-24 Public School Calendar *After seeking input from staff and parents; a recommended calendar has been finalized. The school year will start on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 and end on Thursday, May 23, 2024. Fulton High School graduation will be on Sunday, May 19, 2024. Parent/Teacher conferences will be November 2nd and 3rd, Winter Break will be a full two weeks, and Spring Break will be the last week in March.*
 - C. Approve the 2023-24 Risk Management Plan *This annual review provides the District the opportunity to update its plan and determine if changes are necessary.*
 - D. Approve Academy Course Work, partial payment up to \$1,100 per year at Eastern Iowa Community College for courses taken at Clinton Community College *Students and families will be responsible for paying the balance of the courses. Fulton High School students can earn dual credit while taking vocational courses at Clinton Community College during their junior and senior year. \$1,100 is similar to the cost the District pays for students who attend the Whiteside Area Career Center.*
 - E. Authorize the Superintendent to advertise for bids for lawn care *The bidding process will allow the District to receive competitive bids for lawn care*
 - F. Approve Illinois High School Association (IHSA) membership for the 2023-24 school year *Annual renewal at no cost to the District*
 - G. Approve ELA Curriculum *FES and RBMS have spent the last seven months evaluating curriculum for adoption and use in the 23/24 school year. FHS is currently creating the scope and sequence and will determine specific ELA curriculum needs once the scope and sequence is completed. Mr. Hoese and Mr. Henrekin will provide a detailed description of the curriculums to be purchased.*

- H. Approve superintendent to authorize three or four year electrical bid with Rock River Energy *Rock River Energy will provide the latest electricity bids for the Board to review and select. Energy prices change each day and electricity brokers increase prices when asked to hold a bid. Authorization will allow the superintendent to confirm the price and company following the board's energy company selection. Locking in a price before the current bid expires in September will help the district obtain the lowest possible price on the market at the time. Prices have dropped slightly from October, but have been creeping higher the last three weeks. It is anticipated that prices could increase throughout the summer months.*
- I. Approve the District Consolidated Plan *This plan will be submitted to ISBE after the Board approves the plan. The plan was completed with the assistance of a stakeholder team of teachers, parents, and administrators. The Consolidated District Plan outlines the use of Title I, IIa, IV, ESSER and IDEA funds.*
- J. Approve Title I District Plan for School wide usage at Fulton Elementary School *ISBE is requiring districts to annually approve school wide fund usage. Fulton Elementary School switched from targeted support to school wide support in 2018. School wide support allows Title I funds to be used for all students at FES.*
- K. Copy machine lease consideration and approval *Recommendation to approve the proposal from Advanced Business Systems for refurbished copy machines. This is a renewal of the current copier lease with Advanced Business Systems for 60 months at \$1,667 per month for copiers and \$264 for PaperCut, a printing program for Chromebooks. Annually the two products will cost \$23,172. The current lease price is \$22,177/year.*
- L. Approve 2023-26 Contractual Agreement between River Bend Education Association and Board of Education *Ratify the 2023-26 Contractual Agreement with the River Bend Education Association*
- M. Approve closing of the Fulton High School Class of 2022 Activity Account with a remaining balance of \$892.86 to be split between the Class of 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027. *Board approval required for activity account closure.*
- N. Approve the resolution regarding reduction in force of non-tenured certified personnel
- O. Accept Gifts to the District *The District received \$500 from Nelson Corp Wealth Management for the high school softball program*
- P. Personnel items included on separate personnel report
- IX. Closed session for the purpose(s) of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body or collective negotiating matters.
- X. Action following and related to closed session including possible personnel items
- XI. Adjourn (Next Regular Board of Education Meeting Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. at the River Bend District Office)