

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

August 12, 2019

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Eric Fish, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. 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: Sarah Brubaker, Austin Houzenga, Michele James, Karrie Kenney, Jeff Pecoraro, Lee Salazar, and Dan Sitzmore. Principals: Jeff Hoese, Robert Gosch, and Kathleen Schipper. RBEA Representative: Craig Hafner.

Additions to the agenda: Dr. Hogue added E-Learning Day hearing and new webpage.

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

Craig Hafner 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.

The Principals reported they were happy to be back and are excited about all the changes in the buildings.

Mrs. Schipper introduced new employees in her building. Lee Salazar will be taking Mr. Priegel's position as Social Studies Teacher and Sarah Brubaker will be replacing Christy Hackett as Technology Support Specialist. Jackie Wiersema will be the new Guidance Counselor and was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Gosch indicated his only change will be Christy Hackett replacing Jeff Hoese as Business Teacher.

Mr. Hoese introduced new employees in his building. Dan Sitzmore will be replacing Ashley Thicksten as the Art Teacher and Austin Houzenga will be replacing Elizabeth Byam in 4th Grade.

(Member Barnett entered at 6:43 P.M.)

Karrie Kenney, Central Bank Fulton, presented a check for \$5,000 for professional development. The bank had donated \$20,000 to the school district over the past four years. President Portz thanked Mrs. Kenney for investing in professional development opportunities for River Bend teachers.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the opening day schedule. The day will begin at Agri King with breakfast, opening remarks, and introduction of new staff. The remainder of the day will evolve around safety training

Michele James and Jeff Pecoraro updated the Board on the summer construction projects. Mr. Pecoraro indicated that some door frames and windows received today were damaged and had to be sent back. CTS is installing temporary structures to secure the building until the new frames are received and can be installed. Other than that, everything will be ready to go on the first day of school.

Dr. Hogue shared the Site-Based expenditures report that is a new state requirement. The report outlines expenditures per student by building. This information will be in the school report card. Rachel Snyder indicated expenses per student at the high school are higher due to the extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Hogue indicated the district is at a point financially to pay the freshman coaching stipends again and reduce the burden on the Athletic Boosters which amounts to \$13,000. Dr. Hogue will make a formal recommendation at the September Board meeting.

Dr. Hogue indicated the Board is required to have a hearing regarding E-Learning Days. Dr. Hogue is planning to have the hearing at the October Board meeting.

Dr. Hogue shared a preview of the River Bend’s new webpage. It is still in the production stages but should be going live in the next month.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the July 15, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as printed; July Treasurer’s Report; and August Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$1,042,729.55, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue presented the FY 20 tentative budget. The overall projected difference in revenues and expenses is a negative \$122,127. The Bond and Interest fund is in the negative because of the early bond payment First MidState suggested the district pay to save money. The Transportation fund is in the negative due to taking over the Pre-K funding and purchase of a new minivan. IMRF is negative in order to maintain the fund balance on an as needed basis. Health Life Safety has a planned negative difference in order to spend down reserves. The bond dollars are in the budget twice due to the way the state requires districts to write the budget.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the tentative FY 20 budget for public review with total revenues in the amount of \$15,936,698 and total expenditures in the amount of \$16,058,825 and set the budget hearing for September 16, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. at the Fulton High School. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended revising the Building Use policy to restrict use of the buildings on Wednesday evenings to allow for church activities to be conducted. Dr. Hogue checked with the attorneys to be sure this restriction can be set and they said the School District can set regulations on building use and the Wrestling Club said they would work with whatever was decided.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the first reading of revision to board policy 8:20. Roll Call Vote.

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue requested authorization to seek snow removal bids for the 2019-20 school year.

It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Fish, to direct the Superintendent to seek snow removal bids for the 2019-20 school year. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

The district received \$3,115 from the Foundation for the EASY program, \$7,600 from D.S. Flikkema Grants for teacher requests, and \$5,000 from Central State Bank for Professional Development.

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

Dr. Hogue recommended declaring one scoreboard at River Bend Middle School and two scoreboards at Fulton High School as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner. The scoreboards no longer work and have been replaced with a new ones.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to declare one River Bend Middle School scoreboard and two Fulton High School scoreboards as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner. Roll Call Vote.

<i>Member Barnett, yea</i>	<i>Member Orman-Luker, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

No closed session.

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

- *Approved the resignation of Elizabeth Byam, 4th Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary School, effective July 30, 2019.*
- *Approved Austin Houzenga as 4th Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved Sarah Brubaker as Technology Support Specialist at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved Darwin Johnson as Freshman/Sophomore Softball Coach at Fulton High School for the 2019-20 school year.*

- *Approved Lynn Schipper as Varsity Girls' Track Coach at Fulton High School for the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved Travis Ray as Volunteer Physical Therapy Assistant at Fulton High School Varsity football games to assist with injuries for the 2019-20 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, September 16, 2019, 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 8:32 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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