

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MAY BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

May 20, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on May 20, 2019, in the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Mary Simmons, and Jay Ritchie. Absent: None. 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: Katie French, Kyle Schipper, and Lynn Schipper, Principals: Elizabeth Clark, Kathleen Schipper, and Robert Gosch. RBEA: Jeff Hoesel: Media: Anthony Corelis, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

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

There was no communication from the RBEA

Mr. Gosch introduced Steamer of the Month, Kyle Schipper. One of the teachers who nominated Kyle said this, "Kyle completes whatever it is he has to do. He is a responsible student always turning in his completed work on time. Regardless of his placement for Community Involvement, he received an excellent rating. He has been involved in a number of extra-curricular activities which shows he can manage his time well. He respects himself as well as others. He is worthy to be Overall Steamer of the Month."

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

Principal's reports as follows:

Mr. Gosch informed the Board the teachers had a Competency Based Education work day at which lesson plans were completed. Mr. Gosch presented traditional verses Competency-Based lesson plans from the English department. Competency-Based education gives students more choices and the opportunity to be self-paced. One concern of the Board is the avenues in which this concept will be shared with parents. Dr. Hogue suggested "student led" parent/teacher conferences. Mrs. French indicated Canvas would be a great way for parents to stay informed regarding their student's learning.

Member Orman-Luker is concerned about the removal of class rank. Mr. Gosch indicated the high school is looking at honoring more students who have worked hard to maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average by using the Latin system verses Valedictorian and Salutatorian distinction.

The Board thanked Mrs. Clark for all that she has provided to the district over the past eight years and wish her the best in her retirement.

Mrs. Schipper indicated the Middle School students received positive feedback on the workday they completed and their behavior on the spring clean-up day. She also indicated that the sixth grade will not participate in Biz Town next year. The curriculum is geared more towards fifth grade and the middle school can no longer use class time for non-6th grade standards.

Dr. Hogue reported on the April 25, 2019, Wellness Committee meeting. Physical Education verified they were meeting the standards. Nutrition Education is meeting current guidelines. Mrs. Collachia, Cafeteria Manager, indicated breakfast and lunch counts are up at all buildings. The head cooks are offering more choices to encourage student to participate in school breakfast and lunch. Dr. Hogue reminded staff to provide non-sugar choices as rewards for students. Member Barnett asked if it would be beneficial for the committee to meet more than once a year. Dr. Hogue will check with the committee members to see if they feel this would be beneficial.

Dr. Hogue reported on the May 20, 2019, Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting. Robert Gosch, Chris Mahoney, Jeff Huisenga, Mary Simmons and Dr. Hogue were in attendance. Dr. Hogue reviewed the E-Learning survey results. Mostly positive responses were received. Dr. Hogue reviewed the Title I plan and provided information on how the funding is used. He also reviewed the building projects that will be underway this summer and shared the new Spectator policy that will go into effect next school year.

Dr. Hogue reported on the May 20, 2019, Finance Committee meeting. Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker Rachel Snyder and Dr. Hogue were in attendance. Dr. Hogue reviewed the current treasurer’s report. Rachel Snyder shared the investment plan which should generate approximately \$75,000 in interest revenue. Dr. Hogue shared the bond expenses beyond the construction cost. The total cost for the identified projects and purchases is approximately \$414,492.

Dr. Hogue, Member Portz, and Mr. Gosch attended the 2nd Annual Manufacturing Dinner on May 2, 2019. This was a wonderful opportunity for school personnel to network with area employers. Dr. Hogue also attended a meeting at Clinton High School regarding paid apprenticeships to be offered by large companies in the area.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment was up two in April to 916.

Adam DeVoss, CTS Project Manager, was unable to attend the meeting and will plan to attend the June meeting. Dr. Hogue is very pleased with the lead work that is being done by CTS.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the bond expenses beyond construction cost as follows:

HS Track	\$140,000	
RBMS Chairs, Desks, and Art Furniture		\$25,000
FES Office Furniture	\$22,257	
All buildings curriculum		Unknown
RBMS Blinds	\$2,200	
FES Cabling	\$1,950	
All buildings – Hapara		\$5,800
All buildings – Securly		\$9,900
FES/FHS Chromebooks		\$40,000
FES/RBMS SmartBoards		\$75,000

Home Ec Furniture	\$6,894	
Home Ec Appliances	\$2,400	
21 st Century furniture	Unknown	
FHS SmartBoards/TV's	\$9,600	
FHS Cafeteria heating/cooling	\$41,000	
FHS/RBMS Locker Electrostatic painting	\$5,600	
FHS Unit Vent (\$13,200) and Abate Driver Ed room	(\$8,400)	\$21,600
Total	\$414,492	

Dr. Hogue reviewed the E-Learning/Homebased instruction pilot survey results. Responses to the survey were primarily positive. Suggestions will be considered for E-Learning days when they are scheduled in the future.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local districts with regard to the provision of special education and related services. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed the following data from the 2017-2018 school year and has determined that River Bend CUSD #2 received the designation of “meets requirements” in implementing all of the IDEA requirements.

Dr. Hogue informed the board the registration information for the Triple I Conference in Chicago in November will be available in early June. Board members are to contact Virginia if they plan to attend.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the end of the school year calendar. Fulton High School Graduation will be May 26, 2019, at 2:00 PM, River Bend Middle School Promotion will be May 28, 2019, at 7:00 PM, and the staff breakfast is May 30, 2019, at 7:45 AM in the Fulton High School Cafeteria.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board a FOIA request from SmartProcure was received and response submitted.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the April 15, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; April Treasurer’s Report; and May Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$143,164.65, 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 Chromebook purchase and lease options. Dr. Hogue recommended purchasing 140 Chromebooks from Technology Resource Advisors for Kindergarten and third grade at a cost of \$38,850 and leasing 300 Chromebooks from American Capital for three years for a cost of \$76,229 or a \$1 buy out lease for \$79,608. Dr. Hogue felt the \$1 buyout was the best option since it would cost \$11 more per device but the district can sell them for \$20 at the end of the lease.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the purchasing of 140 Chromebooks from Technology Resource Advisors for Kindergarten and third grade at a cost of \$38,850 and leasing 300 Chromebooks from American Capital with the \$1 buyout option at a cost of \$79,608. 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>	

Member Meyers, yea Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue presented updates to the Parent/Student handbook for the 2019-20 school year. One change to the extracurricular handbook is the addition of Spectator Code of Conduct. Dr. Hogue added this to include home and away events. The Board ask that Mr. Gosch include “Smart” devices in the cell phone section.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the 2019-20 Parent/Student Handbook and Extracurricular Handbook updates as amended. 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.

Cheryl Piercy presented the completed Technology Scope and Sequence at the April Board meeting. Dr. Hogue recommended approval of this document.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the Technology Scope and Sequence as presented. 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.

Cheryl Piercy presented the recommendation for SOCS as the website provider beginning the 2019-20 school year. Title I funds will be used to pay for this expense.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve, Simplified Online Communication Systems (SOCS) as the District’s website provider beginning the 2019-20 school year for an annual cost of \$4,381. 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.

Dr. Hogue presented the investment plan created by himself and Rachel Snyder. Rachel did an excellent job developing the plan to generate the highest investment interest income possible. The local banks have come forward and offered similar or better rates than PMA. The plan includes short and long term investments to maximize funds, keep dollars local, and create flexibility for utilizing funds when necessary.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve transferring the \$350,000 currently in a Money Market account to a Certificate of Deposit for thirty (30) months at Community State Bank at an interest rate of 2.4% and invest specific dollar amount as presented by fund in Certificate of Deposits for six to twelve months at Central Bank. 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.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the State Board of Education has combined all the grant application plans into one plan. After approval by the Board the plan will be submitted to the state and once they approve it, work can begin on title grants.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve the Consolidated District Plan as presented. 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 informed the Board the Robotics program continues to grow and offer students opportunities and is in need of an account in which can be used to deposit and expense funds.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Robotics Club Activity Account at 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 approval of Fulton Elementary School’s Agreement with Scholastic Book Fair for the sale of books with an anticipated revenue of over \$1000.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Fulton Elementary School’s Agreement with Scholastic Book Fair for the sale of books with an anticipated revenue of over \$1000. 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 informed the Board that the Three Rivers Cafeteria Cooperative including Erie, Morrison, Prophetstown/Lyndon/Tampico, River Bend, Riverdale, and West Carroll had their bread and milk bid opening earlier in May. The Three Rivers Cooperative recommended accepting the apparent low bid from Enyeart Distributing for milk and Aunt Millie’s for bread. There is always an escalator clause in the contracts so the prices may go up.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to accept Enyeart Distributing as apparent low bidder for milk products and Aunt Millie’s as apparent low bidder for bread products. 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 and the policy committee met on May 10, 2019, to review the policy updates. A new policy on crisis team process and procedures has been introduced. The policy committee recommends approval of the first reading of select policy updates.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the first reading of select policy updates 2:20, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 2:250, 4:30, 4:100, 4:110, 4:150, 4:160, 4:170-AP6, 4:190, 5:10, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:665, 6:185, 7:185, and 8:95. 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 approval of the second reading and adopt as policy 7:240 and 7:240-AP as it relates to participants in extracurricular activities.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the second reading and adopt as policy 7:240 and 7:240-AP. 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 approval of 60 hours at the high school and 120 hours at the elementary school for summer painting projects in an effort to continue to update the buildings.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve 60 hours at the high school and 120 hours at the elementary school for summer painting projects, not to exceed a total cost of \$2,300 to be paid out of the Operations and Maintenance fund. 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 items that are going to be displaced due to the construction project be declared as surplus goods.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to declare desk, tables, cabinets, and microscopes (8) that will be displaced during to the construction project 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.

Accept Gifts to the District from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$10,000 for middle school science classroom upgrades, and Eric Ottens Foundation donation of \$8,400 for extra-curricular participation fees for middle school students.

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 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.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, 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 student scholarship at 8:52 P.M. 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.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to move 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 student scholarship at 9:40 P.M. 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.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve April 15, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as presented. 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.

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

- Approved Jackie Pessman as Math Paraprofessional for the district beginning the 2019-20 school year.*
- Approved Lisa Outzen as Nurse Assistant for the district beginning the 2019-20 school year.*
- Approved Steve Porter as mower for the district, effective immediately.*
- Approved the resignation of Tyler Priegel, Social Studies Teacher at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.*
- Approved Lee Salazar as Social Studies Teacher at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2019-20 school year.*
- Approved the resignation of Lee Salazar, Paraprofessional at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.*

- *Approved Christy Hackett as Business Teacher at Fulton High School beginning the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved the resignation of Christy Hackett as Technology Support Specialist and Student Council Co-Sponsor at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved the resignation of MacKenzie Jackson, Art Teacher at River Bend Middle School and Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Elizabeth Mote as 7th Grade Girls’ Basketball Coach for the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved Marilyn Harrison, Jessica North, and Lucas Goetz as Fulton High School Volunteer Volleyball Assistant Coaches for the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved Christa Curley as River Bend Middle School Volunteer Volleyball Assistant Coach for the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved David Curley, Matias Facio, and Jake Willging as Fulton High School Volunteer Football Assistant Coaches for the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved the resignation of Lisa Goodenough, Junior Class Sponsor, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.*
- *Approved Marie Brzezinski as Junior Class Sponsor beginning 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, June 17, 2019, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
Board of Education
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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