

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE LEVY HEARING
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

December 14, 2022

The Truth in Taxation Levy Hearing of the Board of Education of River Bend Unit District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois was held on December 14, 2022, at the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Truth in Taxation Levy Hearing to Order at 6:34pm. Upon roll call by the Secretary the following members were present: Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons, Absent: Chris Barnett, Andrew Meyers, and Jay Ritchie, Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent, Virginia Petersen and Jennifer Griser, Recording Secretaries.

President Portz led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dr. Hogue indicated he increased the Estimated Assessed Valuation (EAV) figure by 9.57% in order to capture all the dollars the district is entitled to in case the EAV goes up in March from the predicted figure in October.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:37pm. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on December 14, 2022 at the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:37pm. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons, Absent: Chris Barnett, Andrew Meyers, and Jay Ritchie, Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent, Virginia Petersen and Jennifer Griser, Recording Secretaries.

Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda, however Dr. Hogue asked for the agenda to be rearranged so that the guests may speak first.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Portz to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

(Member Ritchie entered at 6:38pm)

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Stacey Collachia, Lora Fish, Stacy Germann, Jeremy Leitzen, Jennifer Ludin, Kelli Parsons, and Abra Richards, Principals: Bob Gosch, Patrick Henrekin, Jeffrey Hoese, Assistant Principal/AD: Jeffrey Parsons

There was no communication from the RBEA.

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

The Interventionist Team at Fulton Elementary School consisting of Lora Fish, Stacy Germann, and Jennifer Ludin presented to the board their concerns regarding the number of students needing support services and the need for additional staffing to provide those services. The board would like to see the most recent testing results and a plan for how this additional staff member would be used before committing to additional staff.

Stacey Collachia presented on a food service and payment program called Titan. This program helps with menu planning, notifying parents of free and reduced lunch status, and point of sale in the cafeteria. The Titan program works with our student information system PowerSchool and will make the transition process less cumbersome.

Principal Reports. Mr. Henrekin shared that many of the students are taking advantage of the after school support this week to finish out the semester strong. The middle school ski trip has been postponed until January due to lack of snow. If they are unable to attend on the makeup day a different activity will be planned. The middle school students raised \$4,000 selling Nothing Bundt Cakes to be used by student council for various activities throughout the year including A.L.L. Day at the end of the school year.

Mr. Hoese introduced Kelli Parsons who has been hired as the new Behavior Interventionist. He stated she has received a very warm welcome from all and has jumped in feet first. The winter concerts went well; the grade levels were separated into their own time slots again this year. The elementary school is seeing an uptick in students being out ill with influenza, there was 12.4% of the student body out today, Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

Mr. Gosch shared that Fulton High School will be able to offer Spanish 4 again starting next school year. The current curriculum being used in Spanish 3 contains enough content to be used for two school years.

Mr. Parsons presented No Pass/No Play to the board. Currently, students at the high school can be failing one class and still participate in extracurricular activities. Under No Pass/No Play, a student would not be able to have any failing grades. The high school would like to institute No Pass/No Play starting in the 2023-2024 school year.

Dr. Hogue, Jane Orman-Luker, Mary Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons, and Jennifer Griser attended the IASB Triple I Conference in Chicago in November. Dr. Hogue attended sessions on pensions and bargaining and met with PMA to discuss future bonding opportunities. Mary enjoyed a session about student board ambassadors. Everyone enjoyed the key note speakers.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that enrollment has decreased by three students, however, there are some students that have already enrolled in the month of December and some that will be enrolling after break in January.

Dr. Hogue provided the board with several bonding options from PMA Financial advisors. The financing of any projects changes based on the year the project would begin. Having two different starting years for any project gives the board a chance to discuss the options.

The Board will meet on January 24, 2023, at 6:00pm at the River Bend District Office for the superintendent’s evaluation.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the Special Meeting Date on January 24, 2023, at 6:00pm at the District Office for the superintendent’s evaluation. Voice Vote, all yea, motion carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the following personnel items:

- *Approve the resignation of Kearston Norman as paraprofessional, effective December 16, 2022*
- *Approve the recommendation to hire Kelli Parsons as Behavior Interventionist, effective December 12, 2022*
- *Approve Thomas Eden as 7th Grade Boys’ Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year*
- *Approve Derek Germann as Varsity Softball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year*
- *Approve the recommendation to transfer Jennifer Williamson from Cook’s Helper at Fulton Elementary School to Baker at River Bend Middle School effective immediately.*
- *Approve the recommendation to hire the following coaches for the 2023-24 school year*

COACHING RECOMMENDATIONS

LEVEL I

VARSITY FOOTBALL: Patrick Lower

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL: Stacy Germann

LEVEL III

GOLF: Mitch VanZuiden

ASSISTANT FOOTBALL: Derek Germann

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL: Dan Wilkins

FRESHMEN FOOTBALL: Zach Ryder

ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL (Soph): Camerin Huizenga

ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL (Freshman): Jenna StremLOW

LEVEL IV

7th GRADE VOLLEYBALL: Colleen Temple

8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL: Lydia Schaver

There was no closed session

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 6:30pm, at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 9:54pm. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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