

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

January 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on January 19, 2022, at Fulton High School.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Andy Meyers. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Ashley Wiebenga. Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, and Kathleen Schipper.

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.

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

Principal reports. Mr. Hoese reported the Elementary School had an all-time high Covid positivity rate on January 12, 2022. The reporting of benchmarks is about a week behind due to the number of absences. Interventions should be determined in the near future. Mrs. Schipper is still working with the School Improvement Team to add one more math class by decreasing one English class in 7th Grade. Mr. Salazar will be moving to Science next year and Mrs. Schipper will be replacing his position with a person with more math credentials so there will be a math teacher at every grade level. Mr. Gosch indicated Illinois Virtual School will be closing the summer of 2022. The high school is looking at other options to replace Illinois Virtual School. Mr. Gosch conducted a survey with students which provided good information on how students address their peers.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the River Bend Educational Foundation. Bruce Fritz has agreed to be the Speaker for the dinner to be held on March 5, 2022. The price per meal was increased to \$13.00. The fundraising campaign has raised over \$13,000.

Dr. Hogue reported on the January 19, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting. Members present included Jane Orman-Luker, Rachel Snyder, and Darryl Hogue, Superintendent. Dr. Hogue reviewed the current treasurer's report and noted that activity account funds are now a part of the Education Fund. This skews the overall Education Fund by about \$150,000. Due to many grants and additional funds, the budget will need to be amended in April so that it can be on display for 30 days. The June Board meeting date will need to be moved to an earlier date. The bond process for bathrooms was discussed. The committee discussed reducing the levy for the Tort, IMRF, and SS funds by dedicated amounts and increasing the Bond and Interest Levy to cover the cost of the bond payments. This will keep the overall levy flat. Using reserves for two to three years will keep the levy flat and allow the District to pay for the HLS bonds. If reserves are not able to cover the bond payments, the Education, O/M, Transportation and/or the Working Cash fund can all be used to cover the cost of the bonds by abating the bonds and transferring the funds to the Bond and Interest Fund. Dr. Hogue indicated ESSER III grant was approved and will require the district to modify the current budget to accommodate the purchases for this fiscal year.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is down seven after the winter break to 895.

Dr. Hogue indicated the administration is working hard to keep the school open and in person learning. Fulton Elementary is looking at different types of support for staff and remote students. Stipends will be offered for staff putting in extra time to plan remote learning. ESSER II and III funds along with Title I grants can be used to cover this cost.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the 2022-23 Public School Calendar. The school year begins Monday, August 15, 2022, with students beginning August 17, 2022, with the last student attendance day on May 24, 2023. High School graduation will be on May 21, 2023. Conferences will be Wednesday, November 9, 2022, and Thursday, November 10, 2022, in between Election Day and Veterans Day. Winter break would be December 19 – 30 and spring break will be March 27-31 to coincide with the WACC calendar.

Dr. Hogue presented a draft document addressing book/material selection and reconsideration. The intent of this document is to add more structure on the selection of books and materials. Dr. Hogue will add alignment to the Illinois State Learning Standards. A committee will be formed to review the document before a formal recommendation is presented. Dr. Hogue will contact Sterling, Morrison and Riverdale to see if they have a document with more concrete criteria.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the December 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; December Treasurer's report; and January Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$153,824.68 subject to audit.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended revising the Fulton High School Curriculum Handbook with the addition of the new course Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing CAD/CAM beginning the 2022-23 school year.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the new course Computer Aided Design and Manufacturing CAD/CAM at Fulton High School beginning the 2022-23 school year. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended amending the 2021-22 Public School Calendar so that the early release day in April aligns with SAT testing at Fulton High School

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve amending the 2021-22 Public School Calendar by moving the April 12, 2022, early release day to April 13, 2022, to align with SAT testing at Fulton High School. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Board of Education resolution that declares unequivocal opposition to racially intolerable acts perpetrated toward students. Dr. Hogue is also looking into professional development for students and staff to gain more insight on how to handle racial situations.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Board of Education Resolution that declares unequivocal opposition to racially intolerable acts perpetrated toward students. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Health Life Safety Amendment for the Fulton High School bathroom project. The District also received a \$50,000 maintenance grant to be used for this project.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment #27 for the Fulton High School Bathroom renovation project in the amount of \$635,520. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The Policy Committee met on December 10 and 15, 2021, and recommends approval of the second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy: 2:20, 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 2:150, 2:220, 2:260, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:60, 4:80, 4:110, 4:120, 4:150, 4:160, 4:170, 4:175, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:185, 5:200, 5:210, 5:220, 5:250, 5:260, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:120, 6:130, 6:135, 6:180, 6:300, 6:310, 6:320, 6:340, 7:10, 7:20, 7:30, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:80, 7:150, 7:160, 7:180, 7:190, 7:190-AP4, 7:200, 7:210, 7:240, 7:250, 7:260, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 7:340-AP1, 7:345, 8:70, 8:100.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the closed session minutes and recommended all remain closed.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to retain closed session minutes dated September 22, 2021, October 20, 2021, and November 17, 2021, at this time due to the need for confidentiality to exist to all or part of the minutes. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the district received gifts from the Eric Ottens Memorial in the amount of \$15,102.06 and CF Industries in the amount for \$2,302 for teacher requests and from Illinois Public Risk Fund in the amount of \$2,840 for safety materials and projects.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to accept the gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call Vote:

There was no closed session.

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

- *Approve the resignation with the intent to retire of Jeff Welling, Night Custodian at Fulton Elementary School, effective February 1, 2022.*
- *Approve the resignation with the intent to retire of Virginia Petersen, Superintendent's Secretary, effective June 30, 2023.*
- *Approve the resignation with the intent to retire of Cheryl Piercy, Technology Coordinator, effective June 30, 2023, under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- *Approve the resignation with the intent to retire of David Baisden, Guidance Counselor, effective 5 work days after the last staff contract day the end of the 2023-24 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- *Approve the resignation with the intent to retire of Tracy Tegeler, Special Education Teacher at Fulton Elementary School, the end of the 2023-24 school year under the terms of Article VII, section 7.2 of the collective bargaining agreement.*
- *Recommendation to hire Mike Gazo as Para Professional at Fulton Elementary, effective January 4, 2022.*
- *Recommendation to hire Elizabeth Roos as 2nd Grade Teacher beginning the 2022-23 school year.*

- *Recommendation to approve Jennifer Griser as District Office Support/Grant Monitoring and Coordination, effective date to be determined and is an internal transfer from High School Secretary.*
- *Recommendation to hire the following coaches for the 2022-23 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 RJ Coffey
 FRESHMEN FOOTBALL Dan Wilkins
 ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL (Soph) Camerin Huizenga
 ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL (Freshman) Andrea Weller

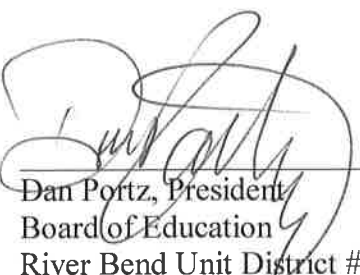
LEVEL IV


7th GRADE VOLLEYBALL
 8th GRADE VOLLEYBALL Lydia Schaver

*Roll Call Vote:**Member Barnett, yea**Member Portz, yea**Member Fish, yea**Member Ritchie, yea**Member Orman-Luker, yea**Member Simmons, yea**Motion Carried.*

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Fulton High School.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.


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


 Eric Fish, Secretary
 Board of Education
 River Bend Unit District #2
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**RESOLUTION
OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 2
WHITESIDE COUNTY ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to publicly state and encourage respect for the diverse population of students and residents within the territory of the District; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the Board of Education make clear that students of all backgrounds are entitled to access educational services, free and clear from any hostility based on their race, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Students at Fulton High School have reported racially based comments both directly and indirectly made by other students of the District; and

WHEREAS, every student in the River Bend School District has a right to experience an educational experience free of harassment and demeaning comments directed towards their race or identity; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and direction of the Board that the Administration and staff of the District be diligent about upholding and enforcing policies 7:180, 7:190, and 7:20 which forbid the use of discriminatory language and harassment of students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. The River Bend Board of Education declares unequivocal opposition to racially intolerable acts and threats perpetrated toward students.
2. It is, and will continue to be, the philosophy of the Board of Education and District Administration to promote respect for others in the learning community and to consistently condemn bigotry and hate.
3. The Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2 condemns racial intolerance and directs Administration to take appropriate action, including disciplinary action where necessary, to promote an environment free from intolerance and bigotry and to actively address such matter through implementation of Board policies and compliance with state and federal laws supporting fair and equal treatment.

ADOPTED this 19 day of January, 2022, by the following vote:

Name: Eric J. Felt

Name: [Signature]

Name: Cl. Barnett

Name: _____

Name: [Signature]

Name: _____

Name: [Signature]

6 AYES: M. Jantz-Duman-Lukare

0 NAYS:

ABSENT:
Andy Meyer

By [Signature]
President

ATTEST: [Signature]
Secretary