

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AUGUST BOARD MEETING**

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

August 12, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on August 12, 2020, at Fulton High School.

Vice President Orman-Luker ran the meeting due to President Portz being absent.

Vice President Orman-Luker 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 and Mary Simmons. Absent: Dan Portz and Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

Vice President Orman-Luker led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Orman-Luker welcomed all visitors including: Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, and Kathleen Schipper. Jamie Snyder, new staff member.

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

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

RBEA had nothing to report.

Vice President Orman-Luker asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. There was no public comment.

(Member Ritchie entered at 6:45 P.M.)

Principal reports. President Orman-Luker thanked the Principals for all their hard work in getting the schools ready to open and dealing with the day to day changes the pandemic has caused and now having to deal with the storm damage and the lack of power. The principals say they are ready to start school next week as long as the power comes back in a reasonable amount of time and technology is up and running.

Mr. Hoese introduced Jamie Snyder who will be the new 5th Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary School. Mrs. Snyder is very excited about being back in Fulton where she attended school and now lives.

Mr. Hoese indicated the damage from the storm in his building was pretty minor. The Pre-K open house had to be postponed but other than that, if the power is restored and there are no problems with technology they are ready for the start of school. With anchor and boat days and some students choosing remote learning the elementary school is averaging seven students per class.

Mr. Gosch indicated the high school did not sustain any major damage from the storm. They also are ready to start if power is restored and technology is up and running. Mr. Gosch considered having all classes held on A day for the first quarter, then switch to B day classes the second quarter, but due to the storm and the loss of power it was not a good time to change the schedule.

Mrs. Schipper indicated the middle school suffered the most damage from the storm. A couple of windows were broken and her son and Dr. Hogue were on the roof checking for damage. She would like to thank Waneta Snyder, custodian at the high school for filling in when the other custodians could not be reached. The regular custodians worked third shift during the summer to get the building ready to go. The elementary and middle school custodians have worked well as a team. The River Bend Middle School will be ready to start if power and technology are restored. Mrs. Schipper indicated twenty-nine students have chosen remote learning.

Dr. Hogue indicated Covid 19 cases in the 61252 and 61230 zip codes have increased from 74 on July 30 to 92 today.

Vice President Orman-Luker thanked the Principals for dealing with everything they have to work through this summer and for all they do for River Bend students.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board estimated enrollment is up seventeen students from last year.

The administration is looking at ways to keep the schedule intact if the opening of school is delayed due to power outages or issues with technology. The hope is still that the teachers will be back on August 17 and students back on August 19th as planned.

Dr. Hogue indicated opening day will be different this year with principals meeting with teachers in their own buildings. There will not be a group activity this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. The attorney is planning on coming on the second institute day and spending approximately an hour at each school reviewing pertinent information with teachers.

Dr. Hogue presented Committee meeting dates for the upcoming school year.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the consent agenda including the June 22, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes and July 30, 202, Special Meeting Minutes as printed; July Treasurer’s Report; authorize Dan Portz and Jane Orman-Luker to approve August Bills recommended for payment, subject to audit; and authorization to dispose of the following closed session audio tapes of July 16, 2018, September 17, 2018, and December 17, 2018. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Fish, yea Member Ritchie, yea
Member Meyers, yea Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue presented the Hybrid and remote learning plan. The learning plan was revised after the July Board meeting to reflect the high school doing all remote learning and the lunch process was addressed.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers to approve the Hybrid and remote learning plan as presented. Roll Call Vote:

*Member Barnett, yea Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Fish, yea Member Ritchie, yea*

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue presented the FY 21 tentative budget. The overall projected difference in revenues and expenses is a negative \$227,799. The turnover in employees did not produce much savings in the Education Fund. Dr. Hogue will be looking at the Bond and Interest fund closer to see if the difference of \$62,547 can be reduced. The Transportation fund is in the negative due to missing payments from the state. IMRF is close to maintaining the fund balance on an as needed basis. Nothing out of the ordinary in the Capital Projects Fund. TORT will be looked at closer to reduce the negative \$12,759 difference. Health Life Safety is looking good.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve the tentative FY 21 budget for public review with total revenues in the amount of \$10,069,125 and total expenditures in the amount of \$10,296,924 and set the budget hearing for September 23, 2020, at 6:30 P.M. at the Fulton High School.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended registering for 2020 IESA Golf. Joining the IESA would allow middle school students to participate in Golf. Fees include \$40 per student entry and green fees for sectional competitions. District transportation would be used to transport students to sectional and state competitions. IESA pays the fees at the state level.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve registering for 2020 IESA Golf. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue requested authorization to seek snow removal bids for the 2020-21 school year.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish, to direct the Superintendent to seek snow removal bids for the 2020-21 school year. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

The district received \$500 from the Walmart Community Grant to be used for the BLIND program and \$5,796.84 from River Bend Athletic Boosters for HUDL for football and volleyball, Arm Flippers for football, iPad, bounce back box and exercise bands for volleyball, Swing Training Aid for gold, and Stunt Aids and Balance Discs for cheerleading.

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

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

There was no closed session.

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

- *Approved Andrew Schrader as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach at Fulton High School for the 2020-21 school year with the stipulation he must be accompanied by the Head Golf Coach because of his age.*
- *Approved Mitch VanZuiden as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach at Fulton High School for the 2020-21 school year.*
- *Approved Amy Portz as Van Para Professional for the Camelot route beginning the 2020-21 school year.*

Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., at the Fulton High School.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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