

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

January 22, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on January 22, 2020, at the River Bend District Office.

Mary Simmons was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett and Eric Fish. 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: Eathan Long, Jason Long, Amy Jones-Pepper, and Jen Pepper. Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, and Kathleen Schipper. RBEA: Craig Hafner. Media: Jerry Lindsay, Shaw Media and Winona Whitaker, Clinton Herald.

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

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

There was no communication from the RBEA.

Mr. Gosch introduced December Steamer of the Month Eathan Long. One of the teachers that nominated Eathan said this, "Eathan is an outstanding Steamer! He is an excellent student and is highly involved in sports and other clubs. He is involved in three sports, Key Club, a BLIND Leader, and is someone underclassmen can look up to. He is someone we want every Steamer to be!"

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

(Member Fish entered at 6:40 P.M.)

Principal's reports. Mr. Gosch informed the Board that the IHSA may increase the adult admission price to athletic events from \$4.00 to \$5.00 next school year. Mrs. Schipper informed the Board the School Improvement Team has asked former students to create videos on their post high school decisions. The videos will be used to talk to middle school students regarding various choices they have after high school and how to prepare for these choices. Mr. Hoese indicated the monthly data teams have focused on math. They have seen some improvement. AIMS Web testing is complete and intervention teams are set up for further support.

Dr. Hogue reported on the January 22, 2020, Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting. Members Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, Chris Mahoney, Craig Tack, Kathleen Schipper, Mary Simmons, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. Dr. Hogue recommended making up the January 15, 2020, snow day on February 17, 2020, as an E-Learning day. The Committee was supportive of this recommendation. The Competency Based Education town meeting has been rescheduled. Dr. Hogue shared a Competency Based Education video he created that will be published on the web page. The Fulton Elementary School PTO playground committee is looking for volunteers. Dr. Hogue asked for feedback regarding notifications that occurred during the Middle School 911 call. Parents felt the notifications were good but would like more information on what emergency personnel were on site to help explain the situation to their children.

Dr. Hogue reported on the January 22, 2020, Finance Committee Meeting. Jane Orman-Luker, Andy Meyers, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. Dr. Hogue reviewed the current treasurer's report. A payment of \$68,000 was received for the transportation fund which put the fund back in the black. Dr. Hogue and Rachel will provide finance projections for FY 21 and determine how to pay for the new Technology Integration Specialist. Jane suggested looking at curriculum support as well. Dr. Hogue has started planning the next bond cycle. The Board will have to determine the cycle and what will be included in the plan for Alternate Revenue Bonds.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the River Bend Educational Foundation. The Foundation approved \$2,300 in Martin Estate requests. The Treasurer reported the Martin Estate Endowment investment has done very well which allows the Foundation to fund a number of requests.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is holding steady. He is hoping for a larger kindergarten class coming in next year. The Pre-School For All Grant is open for application. If the district is awarded this grant, there may be ways to increase the Pre-K enrollment and reduce the waiting list.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the Safety Committee completed their second table top drill on January 9, 2020. The group focused on the River Bend Middle School 911 call. President Portz would like to see another active shooter drill with staff with the possibility of having training on a three-year cycle and do the training in one building per year.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the January 6, 2020, Teacher Institute Day. The Day consisted of a presentation from Tim Reilly regarding Social and Emotional /generation data practices to engage students. Dr. Hogue proved an update on the Competency Based Education plan and shared a video he created. Nearpod presented software that provides over 7,000 K-12 lessons. The staff provided positive feedback regarding scheduling the Teacher Institute Day on the first day back after winter break.

Dr. Hogue recommended adding a Technology Integration Specialist K-12 due to the expansion of computer science and STEM education. This would be a certified position with a focus on technology instruction K-8 and provide guidance when appropriate 9-12. The cost for this position would range between \$25,000 and \$30,000 and be funded using Evidence Based Funding dollars. Dr. Hogue will be meeting with staff from each building to gain input on what they would expect regarding this position.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the consent agenda including the December 16, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; December Treasurer’s Report; January Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$160,569.05, subject to audit; and authorization to dispose of closed session audio tapes: 1/17/18, 1/31/18, 2/21/18, 3/19/18, 4/4/18, and 6/18/18. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approving an e-Learning Day on President’s Day, February 17, 2020, to make up the snow day on January 15, 2020. All the steps mandated by the state have been completed to schedule an e-Learning Day. Special Education and Speech students will have their contact time adjusted so minutes required in their IEP are not lost. Member Fish and Member Orman-Luker feel it is more productive to have students in the classroom. Member Simmons agreed with them but felt there are other types of learning that occurs outside the classroom.

It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Portz, to approve February 17, 2020, as an e-Learning Day to make up the snow day on January 15, 2020. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Member Fish requested information on how IEP minutes will be fulfilled and how ESP personnel will be paid for that day.

The Policy Committee recommends approval of the second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy. They also recommended an Ad Hoc Committee be established to review new laws established with the legalization of recreational marijuana in Illinois.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the second reading of select policy updates and adopt as policy: 2:20, 2:70, 2:100, 2:105, 2:110, 2:200, 2:220, 2:220-E2, 2:250, 2:260, 3:50, 4:15, 4:30, 4:60, 4:80, 4:110, 4:140, 4:150, 4:170, 4:175, 4:190, 5:10, 5:20, 5:20-E, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:260, 5:285, 5:290, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:60, 6:60-AP, 6:65, 6:150, 6:180, 6:210, 6:270, 6:300, 6:300-E1, 6:310, 6:320, 7:20, 7:50-AP, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:270, 7:290, 7:340, and 7:340-AP1 Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment that was recommended by IASB PRESS policy.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment 5:20-E as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gosch presented changes to the Curriculum Handbook. Changes include: Math Foundations I, II, and III will be replaced with Math Foundations which is a self-paced skill mastery developmental Mathematics course. 3D Printing & CAD will be a new course. The course description for Introduction to Computers has been modified to include review of Google Suite and required course for all freshman. College and Career Readiness has been expanded to a semester class instead of a quarter. Member Fish felt students should know Google suite by this time. Mr. Gosch indicated the class will not only teach how to use the suite, but how to be professional using it and it is likely the course description will change frequently to adapt to what students need to learn. Dr. Hogue indicated this is one reason for adding a Technology Integration Specialist.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the revisions to the Fulton High School Curriculum Handbook as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, nay

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of new dual credit courses offered by Clinton Community College and Morrison Tech. Students will have the opportunity to attend classes on site in Clinton and at Morrison Tech.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve new dual credit course at Clinton Community College Academy of Education including Small Business Management, Health Science, Education, and Engineering and at Morrison Tech, Network Administration. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The Board reviewed the September 16, 2019, closed session minutes and recommended they remain closed.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to retain the closed session minutes dated September 16, 2019, at this time, due to the need for confidentiality to exist to all or part of the minutes. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the District received from the Nancy Buikema Library Fund \$2,040.75 (\$680.25 per building) for books, from ADM \$1,195 for STEM materials, Illinois Public Risk Fund Safety Grant \$575, and Carol Fitz \$500 for student activity account holiday gifts.

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

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

There was no closed session.

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

- *Approved Benjy Grant as Head Boys' Track Coach at River Bend Middle School for the 2019-20 school year.*
- *Approved six (6) weeks up to twelve (12) weeks, if medically necessary, Maternity/FMLA leave of absence for Lauren Beveroth, Speech-Language Pathologist, and beginning approximately April 18, 2020, returning the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.*
- *Approved eight (8) week caesarian deliver maternity leave of absence for Chelsi Holcomb, Cook's Helper, beginning January 30, 2020, returning April 7, 2020.*

Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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