

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

July 21, 2021

Member Simmons was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro Tem the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: 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: Amanda Boonstra, Terry Boonstra, Elise Bowen, Lynne Coffey, Kyle Folk, Magen Folk, and Colleen Temple Media: Jerry Lindsey, Cityone.com and Winona Whitaker, Clinton Herald.

Additions to the agenda: Dr. Hogue added extra-curricular fees and return to learn update.

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

There was no RBEA report.

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. Kyle Folk spoke briefly on vaccination complications and mask mandates.

There were no Principal's reports.

(Member Fish entered at 6:38 P.M.)

Dr. Hogue reviewed the 2020-21 budget. This is the third year the district closed in the black without early tax money. The ending balance in the Education Fund without early taxes was \$609,376 which is almost double from the previous year. The increase is partially due to the district receiving an additional \$103,000 in Corporate Personal Property Tax and \$420,000 in federal dollars supporting the lunch program. Facility Tax received \$106,000 more than anticipated. Dr. Hogue will be meeting Bray Architects on Friday to discuss a STEM lab at Fulton Elementary and bathroom upgrades at Fulton High School.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the 2021-22 Professional Development Plan. Professional Development will concentrate on Common Rubrics and new curriculum. Only the first half of the year has been outlined at this point in time. Dr. Hogue will bring the second half of the year to the board in November.

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

Dr. Hogue updated the Board on the construction projects. The boilers are here and plans for putting them in place are being made. The cooling unit for the old gym is on the roof. The asbestos abatement is

complete and the new floor tiles have been installed.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the Fulton High School has received formal approval of College and Career Pathway endorsements. This is official notification from the Illinois State Board of Education that the Education Pathways have been approved and students will receive the credential on their diploma.

Mr. Henrekin provided a report updating the board on the Athletic Boosters activities. The Boosters spent over \$8,000 on HUDL for football, volleyball, and basketball. They also purchased a large outfield screen for baseball in the amount of \$2,000 and contributed \$1,500 for a new track tent. The Boosters are considering adding more seating outside by the football field. River Bend greatly appreciates all the booster do and provide for the schools and athletic teams.

Mr. Gosch updated the Board on the Steamer Suite. Mr. Gosch has meet with staff to plan the use of the area and projects for business and culinary students.

Dr. Hogue indicated he has been asked by several people if extra-curricular fees could be reduced. Dr. Hogue feels the district has good financial stability and would be able to support reduced fees. Dr. Hogue recommended reducing the one activity fee from \$235 to \$150, the multiple activity fee from \$285 to \$180, and the middle school fee from \$85 to \$65 with the student’s portion remaining at \$25 and the Eric Ottens Memorial Fund’s portion at \$40. The Board agreed with this recommendation and will ratify in August.

Dr. Hogue updated the Board on the Return to Learn Plan. The draft plan is ready to share with the public for input with a final recommendation presented in August. In the plan, masks will be recommended but not required except on school buses. Dr. Hogue would like to set very clear data points that if reached, masks would once again be required. Also, during certain activities where social distancing cannot be maintained, mask may be required. Social distancing will be maintained, handwashing will be continued, and cleaning continued at the current level. Remote options will be provided to students who are quarantined. Air filters are being consider, but the Maintenance Director indicates the schools have good air quality.

Lynne Coffey spoke regarding Mask mandates. She indicated the majority of healthcare organization are recommending masks be worn. Variants are still being recognized and the number of Covid cases is still alarming. As a health care provider, her recommendation would be to require masks be worn.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the June 23, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as printed; June Treasurer’s Report; and July Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$1,683,108.03, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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| <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 Dykstra and Law provided a corrected proposal for Property and Casualty Insurance. Dr. Hogue recommended Option 2 which keeps the deductible at \$2,500 with an annual premium of \$67,310.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the 2021-22 Property and Casualty and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Package from Selective Insurance Company submitted by Dykstra and Law Insurance Company with an annual premium of \$67,310. 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 recommended purchasing Cyber Liability. Dyksta and Law provided a proposal for \$500,000 coverage for an annual premium of \$1,680.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the Cyber Liability Insurance from Selective Insurance Company submitted by Dykstra and Law Insurance Company for \$500,000 coverage with an annual premium of \$1,680. 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 indicated the Policy Committee recommends approval of the first reading of select policy updates.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve the first reading of select policy updates: 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:125-E3, 2:130, 2:240, 3:30, 3:70-AP, 5:10, 5:30, 5:30-AP2, 5:170-AP1, 5:170-AP2, 5:170-AP3, 6:100, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 6:235, 6:255, 6:260, 6:260-E, 7:220, 7:230, 7:280, and 8:90. 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 two bids for fuel were received from Gold Star FS for .12 over rack price and Rock River Ag for .16 over rack price. Dr. Hogue recommends approval of the apparent low bid from Gold Star FS.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the apparent low bid for fuel submitted by Gold Star FS for .12 over rack price for the 2021-22 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.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the closed session minutes and recommend the minutes dated April 28, 2021, remain closed.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Portz, to retain closed session minutes dated April 28, 2021, at this time due to the need for confidentiality to still exist to all or part of the minutes. 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 district received D.S. Flikkema grants in the amount of \$1,000 for Who Was Books, and \$450 for Technology Tools. The Quad City In-Fisherman Club donated \$500 for Bass Fishing

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to accept Gifts to the District 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.

No closed session.

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

- Approved the resignation of Lauren Frick, Paraprofessional at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2020-21 school year.*
- Approved Miyesca Brondyke as Assistant Head Cook at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2021-22 school year.*
- Approved Lora Fish as Math Interventionist beginning the 2021-22 school year.*
- Approved Christine Hanson as 1st Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2021-22 school year.*
- Approved the following Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coaches for the 2021-22 school year: Colleen Temple at River Bend Middle School; Jessica North, Marilyn Harrison, Jean Wilkin and Delaney Reed at Fulton High School.*
- Approved the following Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2021-22 school year: Dave Curley and Bryce Grant at Fulton High School.*
- Approved Ryan Voss as Volunteer Assistant Golf Coach at Fulton High School for the 2021-22 school year.*
- Approved Dan Graham as Head Custodian at River Bend Middle School effective immediately.*
- Approved Jessica Littlejohn as Cook’s Helper at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2021-22 school year.*

Roll Call:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea Member Simmons, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Motion Carried.

Member Orman-Luker thanked the Board for the chairs and tables the historical society was able to obtain.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

*It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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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