

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

June 17, 2019

President Portz 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, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Jane Orman-Luker and Andy Meyers. 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: Shawn Anton and William Glass. Principal: Robert Gosch. Assistant Principal/AD: Patrick Henrekin. RBEA Representative: Craig Hafner. Media: Anthony Corelis, Fulton Journal.

Additions to the agenda: Dr. Hogue added discussion of 2019-20 school calendar.

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

Craig Hafner informed the Board that the RBEA had nothing to report.

The state track qualifiers were unable to attend.

(Member Orman-Luker entered at 6:36 P.M.)

Shawn Anton asked the Board for permission to take the Fulton High School Choir to Branson Missouri in the spring of 2020. The trip will be booked with Vanguard Tours primarily because of the security they offer during the trip. The group will leave the Saturday of spring break and stop at the St. Louis Zoo on the way to Branson. They will participate in a variety of tours be part of the pre-show performance for the "Legends in Concert". The cost per student is \$650 and parents will be meeting to consider fund raising options.

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

Communication to the Board included a thank you note from Carol Snyder.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment remained around 915 the entire school year.

Dr. Hogue introduced Adam DeVoss, CTS Regional Manager and Jeff Pecorari, CTS Site Manager. Mr. DeVoss indicated CTS is pleased to be working for the district again and they look forward to another successful project. The project is on schedule and the construction crews have made major progress in a short amount of time. The team meets every Tuesday to review the work and address any issues or concerns.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board Illinois legislators have removed the law requiring school districts to

approve prevailing wage on an annual basis. The districts still have to pay prevailing wage but since it is the law will no longer require Board approval.

Dr. Hogue reviewed the District Improvement Team meeting held on May 21, 2019. Mental health and school safety and security were determined to be priorities for the coming school year. Professional development topics were also discussed.

Dr. Hogue indicated that Rachel has met with both Central State Bank and Community State Bank to finalize the short and long term investments.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that the state has finalized the definition of a school day. A minimum of five clock hours is required and allows districts to utilize E-learning days. Dr. Hogue is in the process of developing language regarding the criteria to use an E-learning day so parents and staff will know in advance when an E-Learning day will be used.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the consent agenda including the May 20, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as printed; May Treasurer’s Report; and June Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$91,176.04, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Mr. Gosch recommended the addition of Transitional Math including STEM Pathway and Quantitative Literacy and Statistics Pathway be added to the Fulton High School Curriculum Handbook. This will allow seniors going to college to take the class and not have to pay for a remedial math class in college. The Board asked that more description be added regarding what qualifies a student to take this class.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the addition of a Transitional Math class including STEM Pathway and Quantitative Literacy and Statistics Pathway to the Fulton High School Curriculum Handbook. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue and the policy committee met on May 10, 2019, to review the policy updates. A new policy on crisis team process and procedures has been introduced. The policy committee recommends approval of the second reading and adopt as policy select policy updates.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the second reading and adopt as policy select policy updates 2:20, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 2:250, 4:30, 4:100, 4:110, 4:150, 4:160, 4:170-AP6, 4:190, 5:10, 5:250, 5:330, 6:15, 6:665, 6:185, 7:185, and 8:95. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Barnett, yea</i> | <i>Member Portz, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Fish, 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 Treasurer’s Bond, Surety Bond, and Activity Fund Bond as presented.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve Nixon Insurance Agency, Inc., for the Treasurer’s Bond for Virginia Petersen with an annual premium of \$1,741 with a limit of \$2,000,000 and Surety Bond with an annual premium of \$717 with a limit of \$875,000; and Activity Fund Bond for Rachel Snyder with an annual premium of \$125.00 with a limit of \$100,000 effective July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that the Working Cash Fund will need to be abated in order to obtain the proceeds from the bond sales. Districts can only have a set amount of funds in the Working Cash Fund.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the resolution authorizing the abatement of the Working Cash Fund and for a permanent transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$150,000. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

William Glass from First Midstate explained the process involved in the bond sales. Hartland Bank will invoice the district. Due to the timing of the sale, the district does have the option to restructure the last two payments which will save interest fees. Dr. Hogue reviewed the bond expense beyond construction cost which totals approximately \$422,055 (see attached list).

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Barnett, yea</i> | <i>Member Portz, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Fish, 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 Property, Casualty, and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Package proposal from Selective Insurance submitted by Lockhart and Law Insurance Agency. Renewal cost increased \$6,000 from last year primarily due to the increase premium for abuse and molestation.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the 2019-20 Property, Casualty, and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Package Renewal with Selective Insurance provided by Lockhart and Law Insurance at an annual premium of \$60,174. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that it is necessary for the School board to take official action on the unopposed candidates two year terms for the Northwestern Illinois Association (NIA) Executive Board.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to cast one vote for Tracy Dahl and one vote for Christine Lynde, to serve a two year term on the NIA Executive Board. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that the Board needs to authorize the Superintendent to utilize district funds until a final budget is approve.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the District’s expenditures of funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and Liabilities of the School District incurred for educational or operations or maintenance of transportation or site and construction purposes of the District for Fiscal Year 2020, until which time the Annual Budget of the District is adopted in conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code. Roll call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that the auditor directs the district to designate a person to review, accept, and sign-off on the financial statement of the district which includes the audit report, the annual financial report to the state, and the Data Collection Form on behalf of the school district.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, to name Daniel Portz as the designated person to review, accept, and sign-off on the financial statement of the district which includes the audit report, the annual financial report to the state, and the Data Collection Form on behalf of the school district. Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended seeking bids for fuel for the 2019-2020 school year.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to direct the Superintendent to seek fuel bids for the 2019-2020 school year. Roll Call Vote:

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| <i>Member Barnett, yea</i> | <i>Member Portz, yea</i> |
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Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended Chromebooks, projectors and Smartboards that are being replaced or no longer working be declared as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to declare ninety (90) Chromebooks, seven (7) projectors, and fourteen (14) Smartboards as surplus goods, and dispose of in an appropriate manner. Roll Call Vote.

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Accept Gifts to the District from the River Bend Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$7,534.99 for Touch Pros.

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

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Simmons, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation; and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the at 8:00 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to come out of closed session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation; and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes at 8:33 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the May 20, 2019, Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, as presented. Roll Call Vote:

Member Barnett, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

*Member Orman-Luker, yea**Member Simmons, yea**Motion Carried.**It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, approve the following personnel items:*

- Approve Ashley Thicksten as River Bend Middle School and Fulton High School Art Teacher beginning the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approved Dan Sitzmore as Art Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Ashley Vegter as River Bend Middle School Student Council Co-Sponsor for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Elizabeth Mote as River Bend Middle School Scholastic Bowl Sponsor for the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Kim Gooch as Paraprofessional at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Laura Huizenga as Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Christina Mahoney as Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Amanda Smither as Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Carolyn Meurs as summer cleaner at River Bend Middle School.
- Approved twelve (12) week Maternity/FMLA leave of absence for Jacqueline Meinsema, 3rd Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary, beginning approximately October 1, 2019, returning approximately January 6, 2020.
- Approved Jackie Wiersema as Guidance Counselor at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Rebecca Kampling as Transportation Paraprofessional beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved Christy Hackett and Ryan Dail as Media Publications Co-Sponsors for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Emily Daley, Technology Support Specialist at Fulton Elementary School effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Roger Smith, Sophomore Softball Coach at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Adam Hamstra, Assistant Baseball Coach at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Tim Wessels, Head Girls' Track Coach at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approved River Bend Middle School Principal salary increase of \$1,700 for FY 20.
- Approved Fulton High School Principal salary increase of \$1,500 for FY 20.
- Approved Fulton High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director salary increase of \$1,200 for FY 20.
- Approved Superintendent salary increase of \$2,500 for FY 20.
- Approved Transportation Director salary increase of .35 per hour for FY 20.
- Approved Superintendent Secretary salary increase of .50 per hour for FY 20.
- Approved Maintenance and Grounds Director salary increase of \$1,000 for FY 20.
- Approved Business Manager salary increase of \$1,000 for FY 20.

- Approved the following extra-duty positions for the 2019-20 school year:

LEVEL I

VARSITY BOYS TRACK..... Mike Ankrom
 VARSITY GIRLS TRACK
 VARSITY BASEBALL..... Brent Dykstra
 VARSITY SOFTBALL..... Jessie Rosenow

LEVEL II

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING..... Jared Wessels (to be reimbursed by Booster)

LEVEL III

PLAY DIRECTOR..... Neal Luker
 DIRECTOR OF BANDS Shawn Anton
 DIRECTOR OF CHORUS..... Shawn Anton
 ASSISTANT HS TRACK..... Kyle McLuckie
 FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE BASEBALL.....
 FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SOFTBALL.....

LEVEL IV

DISTRICT WEBMASTER..... Tori Wade
 MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK BOYS' Lynn Schipper
 MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK GIRLS' Jennifer Pepper
 MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND Shawn Anton
 MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS Shawn Anton
 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL..... Breanna Kastelic
 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL Regina Dixon

LEVEL V

COSTUME COORDINATOR (HS)..... Camyrn Simmons
 MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT TRACK..... Benjy Grant
 SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR Mike Ankrom
 THESPIANS Neal Luker
 SOPHOMORE CLASS SPONSOR..... Emilee Droegmiller
 FRESHMEN CLASS SPONSOR..... Stacey Collachia
 MIDDLE SCHOOL PEP CLUB Sydney Manon

Roll Call:

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 Monday, August 12, 2019, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

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

 Eric Fish, Secretary
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