

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR JUNE BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

June 23, 2021

The Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on June 23, 2021, at the River Bend District Office.

President Portz called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Eric Fish, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett and Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary. Also in attendance were those listed below under introduction of guests.

President Portz led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Portz asked for questions and comments from the public or the Board regarding the FY 2021 Amended Budget. Dr. Hogue indicated an amended budget is necessary due to the restructure of Tort Funds, correct a typo, and add the purchase of two lawn mowers.

There being no further discussion it was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:33 P.M. Roll Call:

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

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

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Elizabeth Falls, Kyle Folk, Michele James, and Julio Kim. Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, and Kathleen Schipper. Assistant Principal/AD: Patrick Henrekin. Media: Jerry Lindsey, Cityone.com.

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.

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. Elizabeth Falls asked the Board to not make it mandatory for students to wear masks next school year. The information she provided showed no legal basis for School Districts to require masks. Dr. Hogue will be continuing to monitor the

requirements as they are released by the Governor's Office, the State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health throughout the summer.

Kyle Folk also asked the board to consider the wearing of masks optional for students. He presented a letter from Warsaw school district that adopted a resolution making the wearing of mask optional due relevant scientific data concerning masks on school children and natural immunity to respiratory viruses. Mr. Folk also spoke on Awake Illinois. Mr. Folk asked the Board to consider information on perceived threats to education in the State of Illinois including mask requirements, sex education bill, critical race theory, and detracting.

Mr. Hoese introduced new staff coming to the district in 2021-22. Dawna Kurtz will be the new Special Education Teacher at the Preschool, Sarah Long will be the new Art Teacher and Anthony Tenboer will be the new Special Education Teacher.

Principal's reports.

Mr. Hoese reported the end of the school year celebrations were all very nice and well received. Field Day was a huge success and all the students had a great time. There were no summer failures and a jump start opportunity is being planned for August. Next year the hope is to put the focus back on RtI.

Mrs. Schipper reported all students were able to make-up missed work and will be promoted to the next grade. The end of the year went very well. Summer school was amazing with over one-hundred students attending. The middle school is looking forward to next year and the new normal. Along with the negative, Covid created the opportunity to try new things. The middle school schedule will be revised to accommodate students more efficiently. New furniture has arrived and the paint in all rooms has been touched up or redone.

Mr. Gosch reported on the Steamer Suite. He provided a picture of how the business awarded the naming rights would be highlighted. The hope is business students can use the opportunity to learn business skills and culinary students the opportunity to provide catering. The suite is scheduled to be completed by mid to late July.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment for 2020-21 ended at 893. Registration for the 2021-22 school years begins July 6.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board COVID-19 return to school planning is well underway. ESSER III funding requires a return to learn plan be completed which will be done once all the regulations and recommendations from the state and public health officials are outlined.

Dr. Hogue presented the food service report submitted by Stacey Collachia, Cafeteria Manager. Free meals are being provided this summer. Currently sixty families are participating. Mrs. Collachia received a D.S. Flikkema grant in the amount of \$1,500 for milk and is still waiting to hear if the grant for kitchen equipment will be approved.

Dr. Hogue presented job descriptions for Curriculum Director/Learning Recovery Coordinator and District Grant Reporter. These position will be funded using the ESSER III grant. The positions are in the early phase of planning and the documents will be revised over the summer.

Michele James and Julio Kim updated the board on the CTS boiler project. Julio Kim is the project manager and indicated the project is going well and should be completed by the end of July. The asbestos abatement at the middle and high schools is 60% complete. There was an extra unit ventilator that will be placed in Mr. Luker’s room which is the last room at the high school without cooling. Michele reminded the administration that staff should be aware the new heating and cooling system will be different and staff will need time to adjust to the new system.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the May 19, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; May Treasurer’s Report; and June Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$230,101.54, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the FY21 amended budget. According to ISBE code when the projected budget expenses is 10% different than approved, the budget must be amended. Dr. Hogue indicated an amended budget is necessary due to the restructure of Tort Funds, correct a typo, and add the purchase of two lawn mowers.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the 2020-21 amended budget with revenues in the amount of \$10,348,384 and expenditures in the amount of \$10,629,850. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Math Intervention job description and position. This position will primarily support students at the Fulton Elementary School who are struggling with math and for some who have fallen behind during the pandemic year. This position will be funded by Title I, Evidence Based Funding and possibly ESSER III funds. The job description will be modified to encompass gifted students as well.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the Certified Math Interventions job description and position as amended. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Fulton High School Boys’ and Girls’ Cross Country Co-op with Morrison High School for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. Parents contacted the athletic department regarding this opportunity and Morrison is willing to allow River Bend to join their team.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the Title I District Plan for Schoolwide Title I usage at Fulton Elementary School. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

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

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, 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 2022, until which time the Annual Budget of the District is adopted in conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code. Roll call Vote.

*Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

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 FY 21 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 Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to name Daniel Portz as the designated person to review, accept, and sign-off on the FY 21 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.

*Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended seeking bids for fuel for the 2021-2022 school year.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish, to direct the Superintendent to seek fuel bids for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea
Member Orman-Luker, yea*

*Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended sixty (60) health books and miscellaneous classroom furniture (primarily tables and chairs) be declared as surplus goods and dispose of in an appropriate manner.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to declare sixty (60) health books and miscellaneous classroom furniture as surplus goods, and dispose of in an appropriate manner. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

The district received \$3,000 from the State of Illinois for Back to Books grant, \$750 from the Secretary of State for the State Library Grant, and D.S. Flikkema grants of \$1,500 for Milk for Kids, \$4,000 for the expansion of STEM, and \$1,500 for the high school Caring Closet.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, Motion to accept Gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

There was no closed session.

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

- *Approved the resignation of Ashley Tomman, Assistant Cook at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2020-21 school year.*
- *Approved the resignation of Stephanie Eversole, River Bend Middle School Head Custodian, effective June 22, 2021.*
- *Approved Amy Portz as Lunch Cashier/Paraprofessional at Fulton High School beginning the 2021-22 school year.*
- *Approved recommendation to hire Elizabeth Roos as 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2021-22 school year only during the current 3rd Grade Teacher's leave of absence.*
- *Approved recommendation to hire Anthony Tenboer as Special Education Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2021-22 school year.*
- *Approved recommendation to hire Mitch VanZuiden as Head Golf Coach at Fulton High School for the 2021-22 school year.*
- *Approved recommendation to hire Dave Smither as Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach at Fulton High School for the 2021-22 school year.*
- *Approved Fulton Elementary School Principal salary increase of \$1,800 for FY 22.*
- *Approved River Bend Middle School Principal salary increase of \$3,500 for FY 22*
- *Approved Superintendent's salary increase of \$3,200 for FY 22.*
- *Approved Transportation Director salary increase of .50 per hour for FY 22.*
- *Approved Superintendent's Secretary salary increase of .57 per hour for FY 22.*
- *Approved Maintenance and Grounds Director salary increase of \$1,200 for FY 22.*
- *Approved Business Manager salary increase of \$1,200 for FY 22.*
- *Approved 2021-22 Extra-Duty Assignments as follows:*

LEVEL I

VARSITY BASKETBALL (B).....	RJ Coffey
VARSITY BASKETBALL (G)	Mike Menchaca
VARSITY FOOTBALL	Patrick Lower
VARSITY WRESTLING	Chris Grant
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL.....	Stacy Germann
VARSITY BOYS TRACK.....	Mike Ankrom
VARSITY GIRLS TRACK	Lynn Schipper
VARSITY BASEBALL	Brent Dykstra
VARSITY SOFTBALL.....	Teri Fett

LEVEL II

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING	Jared Wessels
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LEVEL III

GOLF.....	Mitch VanZuiden
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL	Derek Germann
SOPHOMORE BOYS' BASKETBALL.....	Ryan Voss
SOPHOMORE GIRLS' BASKETBALL	Darwin Johnson
ASSISTANT WRESTLING.....	Dan Mahoney
PLAY DIRECTOR.....	Neal Luker
SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL.....	RJ Coffey
FRESHMEN FOOTBALL	Dan Wilkins
FRESHMEN BOYS' BASKETBALL	Mitch VanZuiden
FRESHMEN GIRLS' BASKETBALL	Dave Smither
DIRECTOR OF BANDS	Shawn Anton
SPEECH TEAM (HS)	Alison Phillips
DIRECTOR OF CHORUS	Shawn Anton
ASSISTANT VOLLEYBALL	Camerin Huizenga
ASSISTANT HS TRACK	Kyle McLuckie
FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE BASEBALL.....	Jared Wessels
FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SOFTBALL.....	Jennifer Pepper
H.S. CHEERLEADING	Mara Bilyeu
FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL	Andrea Weller
FIRST ROBOTICS.....	Stacy Gates

LEVEL IV

7 th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL.....	Jim Prombo
7 th GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL.....	Elizabeth Mote
8 th GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL.....	Mike Ankrom
8 th GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL.....	Jennifer Pepper
MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING.....	George Graham
DISTRICT WEBMASTER	Emily Johnson
7 th GRADE VOLLEYBALL	Christa Curley
8 th GRADE VOLLEYBALL	Lydia Schaver
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK BOYS'	Benjy Grant
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK GIRLS'	Elizabeth Mote
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND	Shawn Anton
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS	Shawn Anton
HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK	Christy Hackett
JUNIOR CLASS SPONSOR.....	Marie Brzenzinski
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL	Breanna Kastelic
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL	_____
MEDIA PUB	Ryan Dail

LEVEL V

COSTUME COORDINATOR (HS)	Camyrn Simmons
MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOWL.....	Elizabeth Mote
MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT TRACK	Brandi Rathburn
SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR	Mike Ankrom
THESPIANS	Neal Luker
SOPHOMORE CLASS SPONSOR	Emilee Droegmiller
FRESHMEN CLASS SPONSOR.....	_____
MIDDLE SCHOOL PEP CLUB	Sydney Manon
RBMS STUDENT COUNCIL	Michelle Rausenberger/Ashley Vegter

Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
Board of Education
River Bend Unit District #2
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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