

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR JUNE BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

June 8, 2022

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on June 8, 2022, at Fulton High School.

President Portz called the Budget 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 2022 Amended Budget. Dr. Hogue indicated an amended budget is necessary to reflect ESSER II and ESSER III exact dollar amounts.

There being no further discussion it was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish to adjourn the public hearing at 6:34 P.M. Roll Call:

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Motion Carried.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on June 8, 2022, at Fulton High School.

(Member Barnett entered at 6:35 P.M.)

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Shawn Anton, Heather Cole, Elizabeth Falls, Elyssa Hermenson, Jeremy Leitzen, Chris Mahoney, and Abra Richards. Principals: Jeffrey Hoese, Robert Gosch, and Patrick Henrekin. Assistant Principal/AD: Jeffrey Parsons. Learning Loss Curriculum Director: Kathleen Schipper.

Additions to the agenda. Dr. Hogue added Elyssa Hermenson presentation on Competency Based Education under informational items.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the agenda as amended. 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. There was no one wishing to speak during public forum.

Principal reports. Mrs. Schipper reviewed her goals for the upcoming school year as Learning Loss Curriculum Director. She also thanked the Board for their support of the summer enrichment classes. She has received nothing but positive feedback from students, parents and staff.

Shawn Anton asked the Board for permission to take the Fulton High School Choir to Nashville in the spring of 2023. The trip will be booked with Group Travel Planner. The group will leave the Saturday of spring break and return on Tuesday. They will participate in a variety of tours and do two performances. The cost per student is \$695. The Board supported the trip.

Elyssa Hermenson gave a presentation on Competency Based Education (CBE). She is a private consultant for school districts using or proposing to use Competency Based Education. CBE is a student driven approach to learning rather than teacher driven. In today’s world students are preparing for jobs that do not even exist yet. CBE goes deeper into issues, theme and problems through inquiry and students know what they are learning and why. The three goals for River Bend at this point is: 1. Create a graduate profile; 2. List adaptive competencies; and 3. List academic competencies. The Board asked how parents and teachers will transition into CBE. Ms. Hermenson indicated continued education, transparency and constant communication has to be ongoing.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment ended up at 875 which is a decrease of seventeen since the beginning of the school year.

Dr. Hogue updated the Board on the summer projects. After the bid is approved tonight, the contractors will be able to provide a more accurate timeline for work completion of the bathroom renovation project at the high school. Dr. Hogue will share that with the Board once it is available.

Dr. Hogue indicated that because the bid for the bathroom project was lower than expected and the district received the maintenance grant in the amount of \$50,000 the bond amount could be reduced to \$500,000. The Board felt that since the interest rate was so low the total amount of \$547,000 should be requested to cover any unexpected costs.

Dr. Hogue presented the annual food service report. Meals will be full pay beginning this coming school year for those who do not qualify for free or reduced lunch. This will be communicated to parents so they are not caught off guard. Dr. Hogue, Rachel and Stacey have been looking at a new program to receive lunch payments. Currently, the District uses Push Coin which is becoming more and more costly to the district. At this point Stacey is checking with other districts who are using the program they are exploring.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the consent agenda including the May 18, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Roll Call Vote.

Member Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the FY22 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 to reflect ESSER II and ESSER III exact dollar amounts.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the 2021-22 amended budget with revenues in the amount of \$13,806,471 and expenditures in the amount of \$14,073,884. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the 2022-23 Property and Casualty and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Renewal Package with Selective Insurance submitted by Dykstra and Law Insurance. The premium is \$78,017 which is a \$9,027 increase over last year.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the 2022-23 Property and Casualty and School Board Legal Liability Insurance Renewal Package with Selective Insurance submitted by Dykstra and Law Insurance with an annual premium of \$78,017. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the apparent low bid for the Fulton High School restroom renovations submitted by Sjostrom and Sons of Rockford in the amount of \$475,000. Two other bids were received in the amounts of \$527,000 and \$546,000.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the apparent low bid for the Fulton High School restroom renovations submitted by Sjostrom and Sons of Rockford in the amount of \$475,000. Roll Call Vote.

*Member Barnett, yea
Member Fish, yea
Member Meyers, yea*

*Member Orman-Luker, yea
Member Portz, yea
Member Simmons, yea*

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Physical Restraint, Time Out, and Isolated Time Out Reduction Plan. This is a new requirement from ISBE that requires the District to develop procedures that will reduce and eventually eliminate the use of physical restraint, time out, and isolated time out. The Board felt the requirements were too stringent and not accessible. The plan was tabled for Dr. Hogue to do more research, including the ramifications if a plan is not approved.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the first reading of the Books/Materials Selection and Reconsideration Policy 6:260-AP1. The Board had too many questions and will meet with Dr. Hogue individually if they need specific questions answered. The policy was tabled until the Board's questions can be answered.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the first reading of Substitute Teachers Policy 5:220. This will increase the substitute teacher pay from \$95 per day to \$105 per day. The adjustment is due to the increase in minimum wage and ESP salary increase.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the first reading of Substitute Teachers Policy 5:2220 as presented. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the second reading of the River Bend CUSD #2 Local Wellness Policy 6:50 and adopt as policy.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the second reading of the River Bend CUSD #2 Local Wellness Policy 6:50 and adopt as policy. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the 2022-23 Parent/Student Handbook changes as presented. Mr. Hoese completely revised the Fulton Elementary Parent/Student Handbook to be closely aligned with the Illinois Principals Association model handbook.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the 2022-23 Parent/Student Handbook changes as presented. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approving Three Rivers Cafeteria Cooperative’s recommendation of Enyeart Distributing for Milk products for the 2022-23 school year.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve Three Rivers Cafeteria Cooperative’s recommendation of Enyeart Distributing as apparent bidder for milk products for the 2022-23 school year. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of School District expenditures of funds for FY23 until which time the annual budget of the District is adopted.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish, 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 2023, 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 Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, 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 22 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 Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to name Daniel Portz as the designated person to review, accept, and sign-off on the FY 22 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 Barnett, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

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

- Approve the resignation of Art Kilburg, Bus Driver, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Tim Morris, History Teacher at River Bend Middle School, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Jim Prombo, Math Teacher at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Dixie Shaff, Math Teacher at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Kayla Kampe, Special Education Teacher at Fulton Elementary School, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Jennifer Pepper, Fresh/Soph Softball Coach at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Approve the resignation of R.J. Coffey as Fresh/Soph Football Coach at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- Approve the resignation of Amy Jacob as Concessions Manager at Fulton High School, effective the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Hire Samantha Whitney as 1st Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Hire Jaime DeRuiter as 1st Grade Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Hire Haylee Mussman as Math Teacher at Fulton High School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Hire Christie Houzenga as English Teacher at Fulton High School beginning the 2022-23 school year.

- Hire Katherine Gardner as Kindergarten Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approve Haylee Mussman as Cheerleading Coach at Fulton High School for the 2022-23 school year.
- Hire Kelly Gosch as Speech Pathologist beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approve Emily Johnson as Technology Coordinator beginning the 2023-24 school year.
- Approve Elizabeth Mote as History Teacher at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approve Aimee Marten as Special Education Teacher at Fulton Elementary School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approve Ashley Vegter as Language Arts Teacher at River Bend Middle School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approve Marilyn Carswell as Cook’s Helper at Fulton High School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approve Carolyn Meurs as Junior Class Sponsor at Fulton High School beginning the 2022-23 school year.
- Approved Fulton Elementary School Principal 2022-2023/2026-27 contract salary increase of \$2,900 for FY 23.
- Approved Fulton High School Principal salary increase of \$2,500 plus \$2,000 for attainment of Ed.S. for FY 23.
- Approved Superintendent’s salary increase of \$3,500 for FY 23.
- Approved Superintendent’s Secretary salary increase of .75 per hour for FY 23.
- Approved Maintenance and Grounds Director salary increase of \$2,000 for FY 23.
- Approved Business Manager salary increase of \$2,500 for FY 23.

• Approved 2022-23 Extra-Duty Assignments as follows:

LEVEL I

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

DIRECTOR OF BANDS	Shawn Anton
PLAY DIRECTOR	Neal Luker
DIRECTOR OF CHORUS	Shawn Anton
ASSISTANT HS TRACK	Kyle McLuckie
FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE BASEBALL	Jared Wessels
FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE SOFTBALL	_____
H.S. CHEERLEADING.....	Haylee Mussman
FIRST ROBOTICS	_____
CULINARY ARTS CLUB	Carolyn Meurs

LEVEL IV

DISTRICT WEBMASTER.....	Emily Johnson
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK BOYS’	Chris Ketelsen

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK GIRLS'	Elizabeth Mote
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND	Shawn Anton
MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS	Shawn Anton
HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK	Christy Hackett
JUNIOR CLASS SPONSOR	Carolyn Meurs
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL	Megan Huizenga
MEDIA PUB.....	Ryan Dail

LEVEL V

COSTUME COORDINATOR (HS).....	Camyrn Simmons
MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT TRACK	Emma Jacobs
MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT TRACK	Jay Ritchie
SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR	Mike Ankrom
THESPIANS	Neal Luker
SOPHOMORE CLASS SPONSOR.....	Emilee Droegmiller
FRESHMEN CLASS SPONSOR.....	Monica Piercy
MIDDLE SCHOOL PEP CLUB	Megan Frick
RBMS STUDENT COUNCIL.....	Adrien Loncar/Ashley Vegter

Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, 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, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, collective bargaining matters, and a student matter at 9:10 P.M. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to move out of closed session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, collective bargaining matters, and a student matter at 9:25 P.M. Roll Call Vote.

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

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 6:30 P.M., at the Fulton High School.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 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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