

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

May 18, 2020

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 May 18, 2020, telemetrically using the Zoom webinar platform pursuant to the Executive Order in Response to the COVID-19 order.

Member Simmons was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Public Hearing to order at 6:32 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, 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 permanent transfer of \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund and \$50,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Transportation Fund to address the deficit caused by not receiving state funding.

There being no further discussion it was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Portz, to adjourn the public hearing at 6:40 P.M. Roll Call:

Member Meyers, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:41 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Chris Barnett, Eric Fish, and Jay Ritchie. Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent and Virginia Petersen, Recording Secretary.

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Ryan Dail. Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, and Kathleen Schipper. Assistant Principal/AD: Patrick Henrekin. RBEA: Craig Hafner. Media: Jerry Lindsey, Fulton Journal 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.

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

(Jay Ritchie joined the meeting at 6:44 P.M. and Eric Fish entered at 6:46 P.M.)

Principal's reports. Mrs. Schipper indicated that after researching the Math I class the team is recommending a hybrid model. Math I will be conducted as in the past with the addition of extra help available during RtI and throughout the summer. The conclusion of the school year included make-up time for students to complete their work and a "Goodbye Classroom". The middle school is now down to twelve students not meeting passing standards with the hope of only four or five not passing without additional work being completed during the summer.

Mr. Gosch indicated the high school has 58 students failing at least one of their classes. Mr. Gosch and the teachers will continue to reach out to these students in an effort to get them to complete the work. Mr. Gosch indicated the virtual awards night went well and graduation will consist of scheduled times for students to walk across the stage and receive their diploma. A car parade is planned for Sunday evening.

Mr. Hoese recognized Ryan Dail for his numerous accomplishments in providing technical support in producing videos and the success of virtual classrooms. Ryan goes above and beyond, his main goal is to help people.

Mr. Hoese indicated the elementary school has thirteen students not on track academically. Support days will be provided for students to complete their work.

Dr. Hogue reported on the May 18, 2020, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. Members present included Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, Jay Ritchie, Kathleen Schipper, and Gary Wolfe. Also in attendance was Darryl Hogue, Superintendent. CTS returned to the district to look at additional projects requested by the building principals. The projects included:

- a. Leaking issues in high school bathrooms.
- b. Fulton Elementary has a kindergarten classroom that only has one exit which is into the hallway. Mr. Hoese would like to move four classrooms and update the media center to address this problem.

The PTO Playground Committee raised \$138,000 and the total cost for the project is \$145,000 leaving them \$8,000 short of their goal. Dr. Hogue recommends the district make-up the difference. Additions to the summer project list included replacing ceiling tiles, installing recessed lighting and painting the rooms where HVAC systems were replaced at Fulton High School. The district is looking into adding an exhaust fan in the walkway between the elementary and middle school to address moisture issues.

Dr. Hogue reported on the May 18, 2020, Finance Committee Meeting. Members present included Craig Hafner, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, Rachel Snyder and Darryl Hogue, Superintendent. Dr. Hogue reviewed the current treasurer's report. The transportation fund is over \$70,000 in the red. The district has only received one of the four payments from the state and Dr. Hogue expects only one more payment will be received. The hearing regarding abating \$100,000 from Working Cash and \$50,000 from Operations and Maintenance to the Transportation Fund was held before the Board meeting and will be approved during the meeting. Dr. Hogue discussed 2020-21 budget concerns. There are only 45 students in Kindergarten this year and will be moving to first grade next year. With the resignation of a kindergarten teacher, the district has the opportunity for a reduction due to attrition. The district could reduce a section in first grade or keep the three sections to support students who lost classroom time due to the pandemic and look at it again next year when a second grade teacher will be retiring. The district is

scheduled to receive \$107,000 CARES money which can be used for Professional Development, remote learning, and COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Dr. Hogue and Rachel are putting together best case and worst case scenarios for the next fiscal year.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board enrollment is down seven students. The three foreign exchange students had to leave early and a family of four chose to homeschool their children.

Dr. Hogue recommended continuing summer meals. The program costs \$10,000 and the district should receive \$14,000 in federal funds. The Board would like to check and be sure families in need are able to pick up the meals.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local districts with regard to the provision of special education and related services. The Illinois State Board of Education has reviewed the following data from the 2018-2019 school year and has determined that River Bend CUSD #2 received the designation of "meets requirements" in implementing all of the IDEA requirements.

Dr. Hogue presented 2019-20 calendar updates. There is still the potential of having an in-person graduation ceremony in July, still waiting on directives from the state. For now, an individual graduation schedule has been determined to allow students to walk across the stage and retrieve their diploma. 8th grade promotion is a virtual celebration for now.

Dr. Hogue recommended moving the June board meeting from June 15 to June 22 to in order to meet the thirty-day requirement for public inspection of the amended budget.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve the consent agenda including the April 20, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; April Treasurer's Report; and May Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$188,315.49, subject to audit. 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 recommended approval of the resolution to permanently transfer \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund and \$50,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Transportation Fund to address the deficit caused by not receiving state funding.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the resolution to permanently transfer \$100,000 from the Working Cash Fund and \$50,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Transportation Fund. 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 recommended an interfund loan from Working Cash in the amount of \$28,000 to the Bond and Interest fund to make the agreed upon early bond payment to lower the interest rate. Once the tax collection cycle is complete, the loan will be repaid.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Orman-Luker to approve the resolution authorizing an interfund loan from the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$28,000 to the Bond and Interest Fund. 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 has been advised by the attorneys to adopt changes to Board Policy 6:300. Consistent with Executive Order 2020-31 and Emergency Rule Modifications of the Illinois State Board of Education, approve changes for the 2019-20 school year to Board Policy 6:300, to adopt temporary modifications to the District's graduation requirements, incorporating the newly approved Illinois Board of Education Graduation Requirement, as necessitated by the impact of COVID-19 and educational conditions related thereto.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the changes for the 2019-20 school year to Board Policy 6:300, to adopt temporary modifications to the District's graduation requirements, incorporating the newly approved Illinois Board of Education Graduation requirements. 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 recommended establishing a line of credit with Central Bank-Fulton should the need arise during the 2020-21 budget year.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Portz, to approve the resolution authorizing establishing a line of credit with Central Bank-Fulton. 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 recommended amending the 2019-20 budget to reflect the transfers approved above as well as paying a \$45,000 bill for HVAC out of the Health Life Safety Fund for the work recently completed.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Meyers to approve the 2019-20 tentative amended budget with revenues in the amount of \$16,144,698 and expenditures in the amount of \$16,372,025 and set the budget hearing for June 22, 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.

Dr. Hogue presented updates to the Parent/Student handbook for the 2020-21 school year. One change to the extracurricular handbook is the addition of Positive Sport Parenting. Mr. Gosch is gathering input on discontinuing final examinations. There will still be a summative exam or project but the 80/20 split would be removed as a requirement and be at the teacher's discretion.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the 2020-21 Parent/Student Handbook and Extracurricular Handbook updates as amended. 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 State Board of Education has combined all the grant application plans into one plan. After approval by the Board the plan will be submitted to the state and once they approve it, work can begin on title grants.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve the Consolidated District Plan 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.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of blended learning Spanish program. Mrs. Goodenough has agreed to teach Spanish 3 and Spanish 4 remotely with a minimum of 6 days physically being at school which is an equivalent of 25%-time teacher. Mrs. Goodenough is a “teacher leader” with Canvas and is well prepared to offer these courses remotely. Students receiving 80% in the course will not be required to be at school during their scheduled class period.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the blended learning Spanish program 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.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of Fulton Elementary School’s Agreement with Scholastic Book Fair for the sale of books with an anticipated revenue of over \$1000.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the Fulton Elementary School’s Agreement with Scholastic Book Fair for the sale of books with an anticipated revenue of over \$1000. 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 policy committee met on May 11, 2020, and recommends approval of the first reading of select policy updates.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the first reading of select policy updates 2:125, 2:160, 4:50, 5:35, 5:50, 5:60, 5:150, 5:210, 5:280, 6:135, 6:235, 6:280, 7:70, 7:90, 7:130, 7:325, 8:10, 8:30, 8:30-E1, 8:80, and 8:110. 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 district received two anonymous gifts in the amount of \$500 each to be used to benefit students, the Eric Ottens Foundation donated \$2,260 to offset extra-curricular fees for Middle School Students, and an employee donated \$500 for teacher appreciation.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to accept the 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.*

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

- The Board hereby employs Dr. Darryl Hogue for a multi-year period, commencing July 1, 2020, and continuing through June 30, 2025, to serve as Superintendent. The Board shall pay Dr. Darryl Hogue an annual salary of \$135,300 for the 2020-21 contract year.
- Approved the resignation of Nicole Kunau as Kindergarten Teacher at Fulton Elementary School effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- Approved six (6) week to eight (8) week, if medically necessary, Maternity/FMLA leave of absence for Michayla Martin, Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary, beginning approximately July 28, 2020, and returning September 8, 2020, dependent on medical condition.
- Approved Trisha Glazier as Head Cook at Fulton High School beginning the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved the resignation of Megan Huizenga as Paraprofessional at Fulton Elementary School pending approval as Library Paraprofessional at Fulton High School beginning the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved Megan Huizenga as Library Paraprofessional at Fulton High School beginning the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved Marilyn Harrison, Jessica North, and Lucas Goetz as Fulton High School Volunteer Volleyball Assistant Coaches for the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved David Curley, Matias Facio, Bryce Grant, and Jake Willging as Fulton High School Volunteer Football Assistant Coaches for the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved Christa Curley as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach at River Bend Middle School for the 2020-21 school year.
- Approved the following extra-duty positions for the 2020-21 school year:

LEVEL I

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

LEVEL II

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING..... Jared Wessels

LEVEL III

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

LEVEL IV

DISTRICT WEBMASTER.....	Emily Johnson
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK BOYS'	Benjy Grant
MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK GIRLS'	Brandi Rathburn
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	Regina Dixon
MEDIA PUB.....	Ryan Dail

LEVEL V

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

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 Monday, June 22, 2020, 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 8:30 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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