

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

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

November 18, 2019

Member Simmons was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary Pro-Tem the following members were present: Chris Barnett, Andy Meyers, Jane Orman-Luker, Dan Portz, and Mary Simmons. Absent: Eric Fish and Jay Ritchie. 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: Breanna Kastelic, Keith Norman, Sara Norman, and Vicki Norman. Principals: Robert Gosch, Jeffrey Hoese, Patrick Henrekin, and Kathleen Schipper. Media: Jerry Lindsey, Shaw Media and Winona Whitaker, Clinton Herald. Craig Hafner, RBEA.

Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

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

Mr. Gosch introduced Sara Norman, October Steamer of the Month. One of the teachers who nominated Sara said this, "Sara is a top-notch student, active in many extra-curricular activities, is a strong leader, and exemplifies everything we want in a Steamer student. She is President of Key Club, in Student Council, and is in Swimming. Sara has outstanding values and morals. She is a good role model for underclassmen."

RBEA had nothing to report.

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

(Member Fish arrived at 6:40 P.M.)

Principal's reports. Mr. Hoese indicated the team level meetings on early out days are working well and allows for collaboration within the grade levels. Mr. Gosch indicated the High School is looking at trading absent time for time in RTI tutoring peer students. This would allow a students to be absent a couple more hours and still qualify for final exam exemption. President Portz asked for data to measure the effectiveness of peer tutors. Mr. Gosch explained how the high school would like to expand computer science classes and collaborate with the math department to offer another math class. Applications of technology are learned at lower grades so by articulating that across the district more advanced computer science classes may be offered at the high school level.

Dr. Hogue indicated he enjoyed the opportunity to speak along with the Superintendent from Belvidere at the Fall Northwest Division Dinner meeting on October 30, 2019, in Winnebago. The topic was

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act. Member Orman-Luker indicated it was nice to have a presentation from River Bend at an IASA division meeting.

Member Orman-Luker reported on behalf of the River Bend Educational Foundation. The Foundation approved \$1,600 in Martin Estate requests. The Academic Excellence Dinner is scheduled for March 7, 2020, with the speaker tentatively to be Ryan Reynolds, Athletic Trainer from the Kansas City Chiefs.

Dr. Hogue reported on the November 18 2019, Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Chris Barnett, Patrick Henrekin, Mari Sanders (RBEA) and Gary Wolfe were in attendance. Dr. Hogue reviewed CTS project remaining items to be completed including patching some carpet, unit ventilator work, and training the staff on the control systems. Summer 2020 projects include continuing to address any soot problems at Fulton Elementary, A/C in high school office, library and old office converting to gas heat, high school restrooms, FES playground, seal coating blacktop, bus barn siding, and high school fitness space. Winter break projects include building a kiln closet and installing ceiling tile. Dr. Hogue presented pictures from his visit to North Scott's gym and fitness facilities. Dr. Hogue and Board members attending the Triple I conference will be meeting with David Pistorius to plan the next bond cycle. Dr. Hogue has received bids to replace lighting in all the buildings. One bid was \$160,000 and the other for just the materials was \$16,000.

Dr. Hogue reported on the November 18, 2019, Finance Committee Meeting. Jane Orman-Luker, Andy Meyers, Rachel Snyder, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance. Dr. Hogue reviewed the current treasurer's report. The year to date comparison on the September Treasurer's report was incorrect and has been changed to reflect the true difference in fund balances from this year to last year. The district is missing payments from the state in transportation. Dr. Hogue reviewed the levy with an increase of 9.98% which requires a public hearing. Sauk Valley Community College has paid the stipend for the dual credit classes taught at Fulton High School. Students participating in these classes will be receiving a tuition reimbursement in the near future.

Dr. Hogue reported there has not been much movement in enrollment which is currently 901.

Dr. Hogue reported on the November 14, 2019, District Improvement meeting. Mrs. Schipper and Mrs. Kastelic presented IAR data. The group discussed Professional Development activities for the second half of the year. Newly adopted ELA and Math curriculum was discussed. The contracts for this curriculum will be up in two years so it is time to start discussion on what district wants to keep and what they want to change. Dr. Hogue discussed 2020-21 school calendar. The group did not care for the back to back Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dr. Hogue will look at Thursday evening and Friday morning dates. The high school does not have much participation in Parent/Teacher conferences and is looking at other avenues regarding this time.

Dr. Hogue reported on the Workforce Collaborative meeting. Dr. Hogue is still working on a high school/employer paid apprentice program and EICC is starting a Multi-Craft program. Kris Noble presented the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce new "Certificate of Employability" program. The hope is six sessions can be done with Fulton High School Freshman students beginning in January.

Mrs. Schipper and Mrs. Kastelic presented IAR data. The three tiers the state has determined were explained and how the points are awarded to determine what tier a school is in. All three schools are rated commendable. Growth versus proficiency was explained and general data presented. A grade level review has been completed and procedures have been implemented to improve performance. When asked what they

needed from the Board they indicated more professional development, training, and sharing resources. Dr. Hogue thanked Mrs. Schipper and Mrs. Kastelic for a great job putting information together and diving deep into what needs to be done to improve performance.

Mr. Henrekin presented information regarding starting an IHSA Bass Fishing Team at Fulton High School. It would be run more like a club where fund raising or donations would cover the cost. The District would pay the tournament fees which is an average of \$150. Students would supply their own equipment and boats. The coach would be a volunteer coach/sponsor. Only transportation to tournaments would be necessary. Bass Fishing would not be allowed to interfere with spring sports. The Board is in agreement to start such a program.

Mr. Henrekin informed the Board he is in the process of starting a Hall of Fame program at the high school.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the consent agenda including the October 21, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; October Treasurer’s Report; and November Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$1,084,358.17, subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

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| <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 presented levy options of a flat rate, 4.99% increase, and 9.98% increase. The Board recommended the 9.98% increase so that if the Estimated Assessed Valuation changes the district will capture all available funds.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the tentative 2019 Tax Levy at 9.98% increase and set the Truth in Taxation Hearing for December 16, 2019, at 6:30 P.M. Roll Call Vote:

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| <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 River Bend Middle School Swimming Co-op with Morrison Junior High School.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Barnett, to approve the River Bend Middle School Swimming Co-op with Morrison Junior High School. Roll Call Vote:

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| <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 expense report for Board Members to attend the Triple I conference.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Fish, to approve expense report for Mary Simmons in the amount of \$1,420, Jane Orman-Luker in the amount of \$225, and Andy Meyers in the amount of \$1,420. 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 Workman’s Compensation Insurance proposal submitted by Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for an annual premium of \$41,087. This is a decrease of \$1,415 from last year.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to approve the Workman’s Compensation Insurance proposal submitted by IPRF for an annual premium of \$41,087. 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 informed the board a resolution needs to be passed abating the taxes levied for the 2019 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) in-order to use 1% facility funds to make the bond payment for the construction project.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Meyers, to approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt services on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source).

<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 informed the Board the district received gifts from FACE in the amount of \$1,500 for teacher requests, D.S. Flikkema in the amount of \$1,150 for teacher requests, and the Albany Food Pantry in the amount of \$500 for student lunches.

It was moved by Member Barnett, seconded by Member Orman-Luker, to accept the gifts to the District 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.

(There was no closed session)

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

- *Approved Jay Butt, Russ McCallister, Sam Grant, Cole Grant, and Ernie Rock as Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2019-20 school year.*

- *Approved Kristina McQuiston as Volunteer Assistant Cheer Coach at Fulton High School for the 2019-2020 school year.*
- *Accepted the resignation of Lori Rose Head Custodian at the River Bend Middle School, effective November 18, 2019.*
- *Hired Tim Green as Night Cleaner at River Bend Middle/Fulton Elementary School, effective immediately.*

Roll Call Vote.

Member Barnett, yea

Member Fish, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Orman-Luker, yea

Member Portz, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Monday, December 16, 2019, at 6:30 P.M., at the River Bend District Office.

It was moved by Member Orman-Luker, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

Dan Portz, President
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