

RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
District 18
9406 Riley Road
Marengo, IL 60152

Wednesday, August 18, 2010
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Peters, Proberts, Northcutt, Behnke, Mitchell, Aubry, and Schnable, answered roll call at 7:00 PM. Members of the public in attendance were Mrs. Wojcik, Mr. & Mrs. Millard, and Mrs. Durkin. Also in attendance were Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Conkling, Mrs. Rooney and Mr. Trickett.

Superintendent Trickett would like to amend Item E in XI: New Business: Accept the resignation of Mrs. Emily Smith, teacher and Mr. Bruce Piper boys' basketball coach effective immediately; and to approve the hiring of Ms. Victoria Kotche as a full time teacher, Ms. Danielle Melka as a part-time teacher, Carol Kukla as a part-time teacher and part-time aide, and Mrs. Cheryl Wojcik as a full time aide for the 2010-2011 school year.

There was one Freedom of Information request from Mr. Bruce Peleschak requesting salary pay out for the month of April and clarification criteria on aide positions. There were no questions on the July 2010 Financial Report or bills payable for August 2010. There will be no changes to the minutes of the regular Board meeting July 21, 2010. Approval of the closed session minutes of July 21, 2010 will be as submitted with recommendation not for public release.

It is a part of the District's due diligence to approve on a yearly basis all handbooks, manuals, job descriptions, guidelines, transportation rules and regulations, class trips, extra curricular contest schedules, and temporary facilities for classrooms. The Board of Education needs to approve the annual authorization of Harris Bank of Marengo and Prairie Community Bank of Marengo to serve as District depository of funds and investments for Fiscal Year 2011, approve Board Members Mitchell and Northcutt to attend Tri-Conference in Chicago, November 19-21, 2010, approval of the Board of Education Meetings for 2010-2011, approval of the Board of Education committee assignments (with the Riley CCSD 18 Educational Foundation omitted, this committee was dissolved during the 2009/10 school year), approval of the 2010 Annual Report of Unclaimed Property and the site approval as hazardous for pedestrians within 1.5 miles from school.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Riley Parent Association did not provide the Board of Education with a FY2011 budget to date. The Newsletter from Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn has some informative topics on "Sexting" and bullying. The Marengo Park District has asked for the use of our gym on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM for women's volleyball providing there is enough interest. Mrs. Conkling has provided the Board of Education with a copy of the agenda for Thursday, August 19, 2010 for the Riley Staff In-service. Member Mitchell thanked Mrs. Conkling for the agenda. Member Mitchell is interested to know what an in-service consists of. A letter will go out to the Marengo Fire Department, Marengo Rescue Squad, and the McHenry County Sheriff's Department requesting their presence at the annual Safety Review Meeting for Monday, September 13, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the Library. The Riley CCSD 18 Budget Hearing is set for September 15, 2010 at 7:15 PM in the Library. The Department of Planning and Development sent us a notice on the Liberty Arbour meeting on August 18, 2010.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Conkling reported that school will open tomorrow for the staff in-service. The final counter top is being installed as we speak. The maintenance department will be finishing the floors in the cafeteria. The swings have been ordered for the playground. Who will be installing the equipment is undecided at this time. All the Grants are complete with one more due in October. Not all the ISAT results have been received. Once received, Mrs. Conkling will compile all the results and present to the Board. There will be no D.A.R.E. program this year. Members Northcutt and Schnable have some concerns with the septic covers so close to the playground area. The Board had several suggestions and a decision will be made.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Trickett would like to thank Principal Conkling, office personal, and staff for all their hard work over the summer preparing both buildings for the 2010/11 school year. The Regional Office of Education has issued a Certificate of Occupancy for the new junior high building. The Regional Office of Education listed 5 minor problems that need to be corrected. Administration is discussing with the Marengo Fire Department about a wireless alarm system. Bradley & Bradley will be supplying Riley with evacuation drawings for use with all buildings. August 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM will be the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new junior high building with Riley open house starting at 6:30 PM for all students and their families. LaMarco Systems

and All Tech Wiring have been working on the security systems for both buildings. The Technology Department is working on connecting the new building to the internet.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

President Behnke would like the administration of Riley School to be aware of potentially fatal games that some of our teenage students are engaging in called the “choking game”. President Behnke would like our Health Program to touch on the subject discreetly.

OLD BUSINESS

All Board of Education Members will be present at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, August 20, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Schnable made a motion to approve a threshold value for accounting purposes of Capital Assets totaling \$1,000.00. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Superintendent Trickett would like to implement a mass communication program to all households through School Reach. This software is used by District 154 and 165 to alert families of emergency school closings, cancelled sporting events and/or special announcements. Because of siblings at the high school the Riley District will save approximately \$200.00. There is only a \$50.00 savings to sign a three year contract; therefore, Mr. Trickett is recommending a one year contract.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve a one year contract with School Reach Instant Parent Contact Mass Communication System for \$562.50. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Peters – AYE

Member Proberts – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE

Member Behnke – AYE

Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Aubry – AYE

Member Schnable – AYE

Superintendent Trickett received a quote from Boss Drilling, the same company who installed the perimeter chain link fencing for two permanent back stops. They will be steel structures, with a 12 foot center and two ten foot wings. Mr. Trickett will be meeting with Ms. Marsh, the PE teacher, and Mr. Stimes, the athletic director, to decide the best locations.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve the purchase of two (2) backstops for use by Physical Education Classes for \$1,950.00 each per quote from Boss Drilling Inc. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Proberts – AYE
Member Behnke – AYE
Member Aubry – AYE
Member Peters – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE

Member Schnable made a motion to approve for adoption the following job descriptions: Physical Therapist, Athletic Director, Year Book Advisor, Technology Coordinator, Nurse, Assistant Cook, Administrative Assistant, and Bus Mechanic. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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There were no comments from Board Members.

The next Board of Education meeting will be September 15, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 7:49 PM. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rooney, Riley School Secretary

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell - Secretary