

February Special Minutes follow

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

Wednesday, February 16, 2011
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Peters, Proberts, Mitchell, Aubry, and Schnable answered roll call at 7:10 PM. School Board Members Behnke and Northcutt were not in attendance. Members of the public in attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Millard, Mr. & Mrs. Vanderwest, Annia & Lora May Vanderwest, Ms. Smrt, and Thomas Smrt. Also in attendance were Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Rooney and Mr. Trickett.

Superintendent Trickett would like to amend the Consent Agenda. In item V. A: There was one Freedom of Information request from Cal Skinner. Item XI: New Business. Remove C: Superintendent Trickett to secure quotes from Midwest Transit for the purchase of a school bus.

There was one Freedom of Information request from former State Representative Cal Skinner requesting the amount of dues paid by teachers to the Illinois Education Association. There were no changes to the Special Negotiations Meeting Minutes and the Regular School Board Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2011. Changes to the Closed Session Minutes for Negotiations and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2011, will be made in Closed Session.

Member Schnable made a motion to accept the consent agenda Item A through D as amended. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND VIKING AWARD RECIPIENTS

Viking award winners for January were 8th grader, Lora May Vanderwest and 7th grader, Thomas Smrt. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The IASB Kishwaukee Spring Division Dinner Meeting will be March 3, 2011, at Geneva High School. Those who are interested in attending, please inform Mrs. Rooney next week. Alliance Legislative Report continues to update the Board on issues in the Illinois General Assembly. Mr. Trickett brought to the attention of the Board the bill extending the Tax Increment Financing district in Charleston to 35 years (instead of 23 years). The City of Marengo is proposing a TIF district. This allows the TIF District to freeze the assessed valuation of all property, new and existing, within the TIF for 23 years. All taxing bodies such as fire and rescue departments, school, library, and park districts will lose the incremental revenue gained during this period. The incremental revenue is derived from the difference in the assessed valuation that is frozen and any increase in assessed valuation during the entire 23 yrs. Districts 165 and 154 have hired legal council to fight the TIF district. Riley CCSD 18 is currently not affected by the TIF, however, as annexations within Riley Township become a reality, the City can establish a TIF; which will impact the taxing bodies. A reminder that any Board Member is welcome to write a proposal for the IASB, IASA, IASBO Joint Annual Conference, November, 18-20, 2011. Proposal must be received in the IASB Springfield office by 5:00 PM, February 18, 2011. A copy of the Analysis of SEDOM Membership: Programs & Services for Riley is for your information. This provides background of services and philosophies. SEDOM is supported through school districts in McHenry County and student tuition. Some of these placements can be very costly and not all services are reimbursable. We have a new student starting at SEDOM next week. Member Proberts, our SEDOM representative, will be attending the March 10, 2011, meeting. The Extra Mile continues to keep us informed on the newly passed legislation on the Moment of Silence Mandatory in Schools and the Safe School Law providing alternative placement for disruptive students, protecting rule-abiding students in the traditional school program. Mr. Stimes provided the Board of Education with the minutes from the Wednesday, January 19, 2011, Mid-Northern Conference Meeting. Mrs. Conkling will be posting the vacancy for the Athletic Director position. Riley's Transportation Department will be audited for the third consecutive year by the Illinois State Board of Education. A written update for the Riley Technology program was provided for Board members by Ms. Moore. The update noted on the outstanding job the CIPA filter has done filtering internet activity for the past few years. In the update Ms. Moore commented on our aging computers in the computer lab in the library with hopes of replacing. Member Proberts asked if there are any grants to help with the cost of purchasing new computers. Superintendent Trickett said there are occasionally some competitive grants available, but noted that because of our high equalized assessed valuation it is very hard for us to qualify for such grants. The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Marengo received a public hearing notice from GMT Holdings, LLC for the purpose of amending the preliminary plat and rezoning a portion of the property from R-1 One-Family District to R-5 Multiple Family District and variations from the City of Marengo Subdivision Ordinance to allow a portion of the development to be serviced by well and septic, the elimination of sidewalks and reduce road widths. Superintendent Trickett feels there may be renegotiations on impact

and transition fees. Member Peters asked if there is current communication between the developer and the City of Marengo. Mr. Trickett commented that there may have been communication, but Riley to date has not been informed of any discussions.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Peters would like to report on a very successful Science Fair. Many good projects were presented. Thanks go out to all staff members, parents and high school students who participated in the judging of these projects and to Mr. Warren on a job well done. Vice President Peters asked if the schedule for ISAT testing will be as originally set. Superintendent Trickett replied that ISAT testing will be the first two weeks in March. Because of inclement weather and school closings through out the State, the Illinois Board of Education gave schools the option of delaying testing dates a few days. Riley will test on the original testing dates, starting Tuesday, March 1, 2011.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Trickett reported that the telephone system was down for a day. There was a circuit card that failed due to a bad circuit relay within the housing box. To date, we have heard nothing from the State on the energy efficiency grant.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Trickett would like to delay the purchase of a bus for one more year. We are currently paying on four buses and will be eliminating one payment at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. This will allow for the transportation fund to become more solvent; and depending upon fleet status, the purchase of a bus in the 2011-12 school year may be more feasible. Our oldest bus is a 1998 which is the spare bus used only when needed for sporting events or if a bus is in for repairs. The State has indicated that transportation funding will be cut drastically under Governor Quinn's education funding proposals.

Member Proberts has received concerns on the RTI software showing student's current testing grade levels in math and reading. Mr. Trickett will check into this, to assure these testing levels are not accessible for student viewing.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Trickett has declined authorization to attend the IASA Conference April 13-15 in Springfield due to the change in registration fees and dues for interim Superintendents. Superintendent Trickett will be attending the IASBO Conference in May in St. Charles, Illinois.

Member Aubry made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 7:42 PM for the purpose of Negotiations. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The regular School Board Meeting resumed at 7:57 PM.

The 2011-12 School Calendar was presented with a start date of Monday, August 22, 2011, for teachers and with attendance for 1st through 8th grade students on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, until 11:15 AM. All students will attend on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, with a 2:15 dismissal for the remainder of the week. Winter break will start on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, returning on Wednesday, January 4, 2012. Spring break will begin on Monday, March 26, 2012, returning on Monday, April 2, 2012.

Member Schnable made a motion to pass the 2011-2012 School Calendar as presented. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Mitchell made a motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes for Negotiations and Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 16, 2011, as amended during executive session. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Superintendent Trickett would like to send Mrs. Rooney to Tech Tools for the 21st Century Secretary 1/2 Day Conference on Friday, April 1, 2011, in Glendale Heights.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be March 16, 2011, at 7:00 PM. Special Board of Education Meetings are scheduled for March 2, 2011, at 5:00 PM and March 16, 2011, at 5:00 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM. Member Abury seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – Secretary

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**Wednesday, February 16, 2011
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FOR NEGOTIATIONS

NEGOTIATIONS

School Board Members Peters, Mitchell, and Schnable answered roll call at 6:08 PM. Also in attendance were Mrs. Ougheltree, Mrs. Hazek, Mrs. Kunde, and Ms. Marsh from the Riley Education Association.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 6:08 PM for the purpose of Negotiations. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The regular Special School Board Meeting for Negotiations resumed at 7:07 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 PM. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell - Secretary