

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

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Peters, Northcutt, Aubry, Proberts, Behnke, Mitchell and Schnable, answered roll call at 7:00 PM. Members of the public in attendance were Mrs. Wojcik, Mr. Reed, Mr. Tautges, Brooklyn Fashingbauer, Mr. & Mrs. Elliott, Mr. & Mrs. Ramirez, William & Benjamin Runyan, and Mrs. Runyan. Also in attendance were Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Conkling and Mr. Trickett.

Superintendent Trickett would like to add in IX: Discussion Items: Item A: Annual Statement of Affairs for the fiscal year ending (FY 2010); Item B: Liberty Arbour development request for letter; Item C: Letter from Steven English tax intervention of \$100,000 or more; and in XI: New Business: Item G: Addition – Accept the FY2010 audit Report from Eder, Casella, and Co.

There was one Freedom of Information request. Questions on the bills payable were directed to Mrs. Schnable and Superintendent Trickett; \$800 for the swing set installation and NW Academy is for tutoring students that are out sick with a doctor's note for more than 10 days. There were no changes to the September 15, 2010 minutes or the September 29, 2010 special meeting minutes. The first reading of Board Policy Adoptions/Revisions/Review of Administrative Procedures for Policies Number: 2:20, 2:80, 2:110, 2:160, 3:40, 4:50, 4:110, 4:140, 4:160, 5:100, 5:190, 5:250, 5:270, 5:280, 5:290, 5:330, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:130, 6:140, 6:280, 7:20, 7:40, 7:90, 7:150, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:240, 7:285, 7:300, 7:325 and 8:30 (July & August IASB).

Member Peters made a motion to accept the consent agenda as amended. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Superintendent Trickett and the Board of Education honored Mrs. Conkling for Principal week with a poem thanking her for her hard work.

Viking award winners were 6th graders Brooklyn Fashingbauer and William Runyan.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Reed is concerned about a rumor that the 7th grade ski trip will be canceled because of a few disruptive children and that the 6th grade class is being compared negatively to the 7th grade class. Mrs. Conkling mentioned that she has not heard of a cancelation but that the teachers may be suggesting that could happen as a way to get them in line. Mrs. Conkling has had a meeting concerning the behavior issues of the 7th grade, and dean referrals and detentions have been issued. Member Peters reported that 3 parents have approached him about 3 particular students' bad behavior.

Mr. Tautges is concerned about the girls' sports coaching. Mr. Reed and other parents believe that the coaches aren't actively teaching skills, that the coaches may need some instruction. Mr. Trickett suggested that Mr. Reed and the other parents put concerns in writing with specific examples and submit it to Mrs. Conkling.

COMMUNICATIONS

Member Peters asked if the information in the Alliance Legislative Report concerning Education Jobs Funds could be applied to RTI expenses. Mr. Trickett replied that the funds would not directly be used for RTI; the Job Funds are to employ staff. Staff employed with job funds as part of their professional services would be addressing RTI concerns as part of general education. Mr. Trickett offered that the largest claim in the Gallagher Bassett Services Inc. August 16, 2010 claims review letter was the gym floor. The McHenry County Zoning Board of Appeals No. 10-34 is a renewal rezoning for Prairie Aggregate gravel pit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Behnke is asking that everyone keep Barb Rooney and her family in their thoughts and prayers over the loss of her husband Rich.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Conkling wants to thank the staff for their help in covering Mrs. Rooney's tasks during her absence. The swing set has been installed and the children are utilizing it. Mrs. Conkling will now start looking for more equipment to fill the space left on the playground. This week is Red Ribbon Week. Friday, October 22, is the annual Hall of Harvest, which is a good safe evening activity for K – 5. Next week is Parent/Teacher conferences with Friday as an in service day for the staff with District 165. Practice calls will go out for Student Reach. November 20th, Ms. Marsh will be taking a running group to Rockford if anyone wants to join her.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Trickett dealt with some electrical relay concerns in the cafeteria. Mr. Trickett will consult with the Building Committee concerning thermostat efficiency. Mr. Trickett and Mrs. Schnable will be updating the industrial appraisal inventory for the insurance purposes. This should be updated annually when capital assets are acquired by the District, he would recommend a more formal inventory appraisal be done in about 3 years.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Annual Statement of Affairs has to be published in the newspaper by November 15th by law. Mrs. Schnable has finished this report. The report details where the District dollars were spent this past fiscal year 2010. Liberty Arbour development requests a letter asking for the Board of Education's support on their cul-de-sac configuration with mountable medians as acceptable for our bus routes. Mr. Trickett does not recommend backing up busses during a route which may happen if the Township does not take ownership of the streets and the Home Owners Association is responsible for plowing. The Developer would like a letter from Riley to the McHenry County Planning and Zoning about allowing students to walk 0.3 miles to a bus stop. Mr. Trickett commented that the 0.3 of a mile is the legal limit that a District may require students to walk to a pick-up or discharge point. However, he noted that Riley CCSD 18 has in the past consistently followed a door to door policy rather than using 0.3 of a mile. Mrs. Conkling is concerned about students unable to walk that distance. Mr. Trickett will send a letter regarding board policy and his concerns as a district administrator with respect to children being picked-up or discharged. Member Peters asked of Riley picks up children within cul-de-sacs.

Mr. Trickett said yes, but no cul-de-sacs with medians which could cause problems with the bus turning radius. Member Behnke requests that the letter stipulate the turning radius of the cul-de-sac would accommodate bus turning movements. Mrs. Schnable stated that Riley Township and the Developer were due in court the next day over several items including the cul-de-sac diameters and medians. Mr. Trickett informed the Board that the church on Harmony Hill Road has requested a lowering of property assessed value by \$100,000, thereby reducing the school taxes to be received. Mr. Trickett commented that traditionally tax interventions were addressed through a consortium of taxing bodies in order to reduce the legal costs for any one taxing entity. He felt the District would not benefit fighting this particular intervention due to the religious aspect of the objection.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the Resolutions for Imprest Fund and Petty Cash Fund. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call votes as follows:

Member Peters – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE
Member Proberts – AYE
Member Behnke – AYE

Member Aubry – AYE
Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the hiring of boys' basketball coaches for 2010/11 as listed: Brian Johnson (7th grade) and Brian Warren (6th grade). Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to authorize Superintendent Trickett to prepare the 2010 Tax Levy for final approval on December 15, 2010. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

As to the Riley CCSD 18 2010 Illinois District Report Card, Mr. Trickett pointed out that Riley has smaller class sizes than state average with the exception of the 4th and 8th grades; cost per student for Riley is lower than the State supporting greater efficiency with program delivery; overall state tests from last year are up 3% and exceed state statistics; the large 7th grade class (last year) increased scores from the previous year. Mrs. Conkling said new standardized testing is coming in 2012. Pearson's contract with the ISAT expires and will probably pilot test a new form of testing to replace the ISAT's. Mr. Trickett will get the report card onto the Riley website. Member Peters asked why the "time to teach core" lags behind the State averages. Mrs. Conkling replied that the difference could be between other schools' block schedule and the 44 minutes Riley junior high classes run and that Riley doesn't include phonics and spelling time in the "core" teaching time reported.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the Riley CCSD 18 2010 Illinois District Report Card. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Behnke commented that Mrs. Mallegni did a great job coaching boys' volleyball last year. Member Schnable made a motion to regretfully accept Gretchen Mallegni's resignation as coach for 8th grade girls' volleyball program and 7th/8th grade boys' volleyball program. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Trickett will be working with IDOT on getting hazardous pick-up and discharge points approved under the 1 ½ mile limit in order to obtain additional funds. Member Aubry made a motion to approve addresses considered as hazardous for pedestrians attempting to walk to school within 1 ½ miles of Riley CCSD 18 for school year 2010/11. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to accept the FY2010 audit report from Eder, Casella, and Co. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:15 PM for the purpose of Personnel. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The regular School Board Meeting resumed at 8:27 PM.

Member Northcutt made a motion to amend Executive Minutes of September 15, 2010, to reflect that 5th grade aides are a temporary situation until RTI needs arise. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

There were no comments from Board Members.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be November 17, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 8:29 PM. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell - Secretary