

RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

District 18

9406 Riley Road

Marengo, IL 60152

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7:00 PM

School Library

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

School Board Members Northcutt, Olsen, Mitchell, Nordmeyer, and Aubry answered roll call at 7:00 P.M. Member Millard entered at 7:05 P.M. Member Coffman was absent. Also in attendance were Dr. Willis, Superintendent, Mrs. Conkling, Principal, Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Andrews, Joe, Juli, Joseph, Madalyn, and Mia Miceli.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Additional Agenda Items.

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests.

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There were questions on the Financial Report for March 2017. Member Aubry asked about the payment for Barb Rooney's COBRA insurance. Mrs. Schnable said that we make the payment for her COBRA, and Mrs. Rooney sends a reimbursement check each month. Member Aubry asked about the lunch account. Mrs. Schnable said the numbers on the Financial Report are all estimates, because we have outstanding reimbursements from the government.

There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable for April 2017.

There were no questions on the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting for Thursday, March 16, 2017 and the Special Board Meeting minutes for Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Aubry – AYE

Member Olsen – AYE

Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE

### **VIKING AWARD**

March's Viking Award winners were 7<sup>th</sup> grader Glenda Mireles-Carreon and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Joseph Miceli. The Board offered their congratulations and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Principal Conkling received many wonderful comments for both students.

## **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Christine Mardock was present for the meeting. She has students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Christine Mardock spoke to the Board about the combination 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for the 2017-2018 school year. She has concerns with too many kids in one classroom and the advanced kids not being challenged. Her child is in a larger class this year and does not want to come to school due to the size of the class and being bored. Member Aubry responded that this issue is not just that class that may focus on the bottom kids and the top kids get lost in the shuffle. He appreciates Mrs. Mardock's concern. Member Mitchell said that classes are not determined until summer, and a decision will not be made tonight. Dr. Willis explained the process for a concern like Mrs. Mardock's. It should be discussed with Mrs. Conkling, Principal, followed by Dr. Willis, Superintendent, and then taken to the Board should there be no resolution. Mrs. Conkling said that Mrs. Mardock had contacted her via email with her concerns. Member Millard asked if there could be other issues, such as bullying, besides the large classroom that could be bothering her child. Mrs. Mardock said no, that is not what is happening.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

PARCC testing is complete as of today, science testing will be finished tomorrow, and MAP testing will take place the second week of May.

The school lunch audit went fine. The auditor was very helpful knowing that Mrs. King is in her first year. He showed her how to fix some things. We will have to respond back to them once they send the official paperwork to us. The financial audit was also turned in, but we don't have any responses back for it.

The honor roll luncheon will be at The Golden Corral on May 1, 2017. 65 students made the honor roll all three quarters this year.

The Scholastic Bowl will be May 4, 2017 at Marengo Middle School.

Kindergarten Kamp will be held Friday, May 5, 2017. There is a half day in-service that day.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade fieldtrip to Springfield is coming up. There have been some chaperone issues and some other constant struggles for the overnight trip. Discussions continue on having the trip dropped down to a day trip only. Mrs. Conkling feels more students would be able to go on the trip because it would be more affordable and there would be less liability.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Willis handed out a Life/Safety review sheet with projects listed out from Usha Sundaram at Bradley & Bradley Architects. Item #5 is an \$80,000 difference from what Member Mitchell had estimated for the parking lot project due to a miscommunication of bid options. Bids will be collected.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mrs. Schnable discussed putting cameras on all the buses. She said that other districts have cameras on their buses for safety and behavioral issues. The cameras that she has been looking at have motion and sound. Mrs. Schnable has received a quote from one company and will obtain a few more from different companies. Dr. Willis and the Board stated cameras would be a good investment. They also discussed purchasing another bus. We are working on Special Ed placements and with District 165 not available to transport for the 2017-2018 school year, we may need an additional bus or other form of transportation (mini-bus, van, etc.).

Mrs. Schnable discussed budget revisions as we are getting close to the end of the Fiscal Year. The education fund and building fund are good, but the transportation fund will need some revisions. A budget amendment hearing schedule will be brought to the Board at the May meeting. The Board will consider the amended budget at the June meeting.

Mrs. Conkling discussed adding Cross Country as a sport for next year. It would run in the beginning of year at the same time as soccer. We would need to find a coach and be sure that transportation would be available. There would be 5-6 meets over the season with a girls team and a boys team. A decision will need to be made by the end of the school. It will be put on the May agenda for a decision on whether to add it.

Discussion for proposed wages for Extra Support Staff for the 2017-2018 school year will be done in Closed Session.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the appointment of Sharon Ettner as School Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Aubry – AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE  
Member Millard – AYE  
Member Mitchell – AYE  
Member Northcutt – AYE  
Member Olsen – AYE

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve the transfer of \$274,417.29 from the Building Fund to Debt Services for the first payment on the building loan. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Nordmeyer – AYE  
Member Aubry – AYE  
Member Millard – AYE  
Member Northcutt – AYE  
Member Olsen – AYE  
Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve Tenure for Marcus Hostetler, Music/Band/Choir Teacher. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve Brian Johnson as track coach. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation date of Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Olsen made a Motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:56 P.M. for matters concerning personnel. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Millard made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:06 P.M. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT’S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

None

Member Aubry made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 P.M. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Andrews, Riley School Secretary

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Mrs. Anita Mitchell – President

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Mrs. Tamela Olsen - Secretary