

RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

District 18

9406 Riley Road

Marengo, IL 60152

Thursday, March 16, 2017

7:00 PM

School Library

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Mitchell, Millard, Nordmeyer, Aubry, Olsen, and Coffman answered roll call at 7:00 P.M. Member Northcutt entered at 7:03 P.M. Also in attendance were Dr. Willis, Superintendent, Mrs. Conkling, Principal, Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Andrews, Thomas, Jamie, Lily, and Elayna Goode, Elvira Velazquez, and Saul Escorza.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Additional Agenda Items.

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests.

Board of Education Closed Session Tape Recordings with 18 months longevity approved for destruction: September 16, 2015

There were no questions on the Financial Report for February 2017.

There were questions on the Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable for March 2017. Member Olsen asked what was paid out to Brackmann Construction. Mrs. Schnable stated it was a payment for repairing the bus barn from when the truck driver hit it. The trucking company will be reimbursing for the damages. Member Millard asked why there are pay outs to multiple schools in Woodstock and Crystal Lake and asked why we can't consolidate. Mrs. Schnable stated that each school fits the individual needs of the students we have attending.

There were no questions on the Regular Board Meeting minutes for February 15, 2017.

There were no questions on the Seniority List.

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 Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Millard – AYE

Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Olsen – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE

Member Coffman – AYE

VIKING AWARD

February's Viking Award winners were 6th grader Lily Goode and 8th grader Saul Escorza. 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

None

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Member Mitchell and her husband, Craig, put together an outline for repaving the playground and parking lot. The outline will be given to the Building Committee for review. The outline covers what process will be used and estimated rates.

Member Nordmeyer asked how they measured the area. Jay Behnke's company came out and took measurements, pro bona.

Member Coffman asked if they can get bids with and without putting a new base down. Member Mitchell said she will work on that.

Mrs. Conkling said that Larry Greif can put down the pavement markings. She also said that the funds for the project will have to come out of the building fund but some could be reimbursed from the Transportation Fund.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Conkling said if any member who did not get the Statement of Economic Interest email, they should let Mrs. Schnable know. She can request a new email be sent. Mrs. Schnable will have the email resent to all members to be sure everyone completes it by the May 1, 2017 deadline.

The new stove is now in the ordering process. Member Coffman will be submitting the school Tax ID Number. Once the stove is ordered, it will have a 4-6 week turnaround time for delivery.

We are working on PARCC & Science Assessments. Grades 3-5 will be taking paper and pencil tests while grades 6-8 will be taking computer tests. Testing will begin after Spring Break on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

The evacuation plans have not been posted in the new building yet. Usha Sundaram of Bradley & Bradley Architects is working on creating mechanical drawings. Mrs. Conkling has shown all teachers where to go in case of an emergency. The evacuation plans will be posted as soon as we receive them.

Young Authors will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

Spring Break is March 27 – 31, 2017. Mrs. Conkling will be out of the office traveling March 25 – 30, 2017.

The lunch audit will be Monday, April 3, 2017. We will have some issues since we have a new person running the kitchen this year. The auditor plans on being at school for three days.

The band solo and assemble will be Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Marengo High School.

The Red Shoe Run is Saturday, April 8, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Member Olsen made a motion to approve the release of Executive Session minutes from March 11, 2015, April 23, 2015, January 17, 2016, February 10, 2016, April 21, 2016, April 28, 2016, April 29, 2016, May 2, 2016, May 6, 2016, May 11, 2016, and May 18, 2016. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Olsen made a motion to approve the re-employment of Christine Conkling as Principal for 2017-2018 school year. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Olsen – AYE

Member Aubry – AYE

Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Millard – AYE

Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE

Member Coffman - AYE

Member Millard made a motion to approve employment for the 2017-2018 school year as amended:

Certified Staff: Lisa Gruber, Social Worker, Rebecca Cosman, Speech Pathologist, Richelle Lagerstrom, Teacher and Carole Mortimer, Teacher

NCLB Aides: Geri Doane, Sandy Darlington, Cheryl Wojcik, Leticia Gomez, and Pam McAllister

Administrative Assistant: Lis Bergman

Bus Drivers: Geri Doane, Chris Felde, Lori King, Laurie Karczewski, and Nora Perez

Maintenance: Larry Greif and Cesar Serrano

Bus Mechanic: Ernie Grimm

Custodial: Jacob Hazek

Cafeteria: Lori King and Chris Felde

Office Manager: Renee Andrews

Business Manager: Karen Schnable

Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Olsen made a motion to pass resolution authorizing the dismissal of Part-Time Program Assistant serving as NCLB Highly Qualified Aide Kim Simonson and Julie Mateja. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Aubry made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation of Jean Wittlief as bus driver effective at the end of the school year. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a Motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:40 P.M. for matters concerning personnel. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:34 P.M. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

None

Member Millard made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 P.M. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Andrews, Riley School Secretary

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – President

Mrs. Tamela Olsen - Secretary