

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

Wednesday, May 18, 2016
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Mitchell, Olsen, Millard, Coffman, and Nordmeyer answered roll call at 7:00 P.M. Member Northcutt was absent. Member Aubry arrived late. Also in attendance were Superintendent Davis, Principal Conkling, Mrs. Schnable, and Mrs. Andrews. Members of the public present were Sultana and Fatimah Becovic, Joe, Kathy, and Jack Conway, Ed Olsen, and Kevin Wills.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Additional Agenda Items.

There was one Freedom of Information Act request from Brian McSherry. He requested the names of the contractors that were awarded the construction project. Mrs. Schnable sent him the information and let him know that Brackmann Construction will be handling the project.

There are no Board of Education Closed Session Tape Recordings with 18 months longevity for destruction.

There were no questions on the Financial Report for March 2016.

There were no revisions discussed for the Treasurer's Report: Bills Payable for April 2016. Mr. Davis pointed out that Mrs. Schnable will be sending a check for the \$250,000.00 bond, which is 25% of the total building cost. The check will go to Gallagher Bassett.

There was a correction to the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 21, 2016 which included removing Member Olsen from the roll call vote on the Consent Agenda as she was not in attendance. There was a correction on the Closed Session minutes for Thursday, April 21, 2016 which added Mrs. Conkling to being in attendance. There were corrections to the Regular and Closed Session minutes for the Special Board Meetings on Thursday, April 28, 2016, Friday, April 29, 2016, Monday, May 2, 2016, Friday, May 6, 2016, and Wednesday, May 11, 2016, which added Mrs. Conkling to being in attendance.

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

Member Coffman – AYE
Member Olsen – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Nordmeyer – AYE
Member Millard – AYE

VIKING AWARD

March's Viking Award winners were 7th grader Fatimah Becovic and 8th grader Jack Conway. Congratulations and keep up the good work. Principal Conkling received many wonderful comments for both students.

INTRODUCTION OF VISTORS

Ed Olsen and Kevin Wills introduced themselves. Mr. Olsen is a member of the public who wanted to speak in regards to his tax bill. Mr. Wills is with First Midstate, Inc.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Olsen came to the meeting to discuss his tax bill. He lives in Riley School District. He received a significant increase for his property taxes. He said that 74% of his taxes go to the schools, and if you are paid by tax money, then there should be a limit on how much you can make. Mr. Olsen said he was starting with the School Board meeting and then taking his concerns to other meetings.

Kevin Wills is with First Midstate, Inc. He attended the meeting to explain the Resolution portion of the Debt Certificate. The Resolution gives the finance committee authorization to continue with the project. The Resolution doesn't set the rates/funds in stone but gives six months to borrow up to \$1,000,000.00. The amount makes extra finances ready should there be any kind of unforeseen issues. It is a way to protect the school. Nothing can be changed without the Board's approval. Member Millard asked what the finance approval timeframe is. We should have a decision in June. Mr. Wills stated the interest rates are stable right now around 4-5%.

Mr. Wills also explained what the Reimbursement Resolution is. This allows the school to pay some expenses for the new building with money on hand and then use the building loan funds to pay those funds back. The Reimbursement Resolution has a 12 month shelf life. It allows the school to be flexible. Member Millard asked where the money is coming from to pay the building financing back. Mr. Davis stated it was state dollars that the school has received. Member Nordmeyer asked about how the funds are paid to Brackmann Construction. He asked if it was done by draws and if waivers would be signed. Mr. Davis stated that Bradley & Bradley Architects will take care of all these processes.

COMMUNICATIONS

The "Extra Mile" Newsletter is now available in digital form only. Information in this newsletter includes current issues/events being debated and discussed.

There was no discussion on the Alliance report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Eighth Grade Springfield trip was successful. Everyone had a great time. In the future it will be discussed moving the trip to a one day trip instead of an overnight night trip due to liability and chaperone issues. Member Nordmeyer and Member Millard said that the overnight is a treat for the students who have worked so hard.

The band trip to Johnsbury High School and Great America will be Friday, May 20, 2016.

Graduation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Member Nordmeyer, Member Aubry, and Member Millard are scheduled to present the diplomas.

Mrs. Conkling and Mr. Davis did a building walk-through this week. There are many things that need to get done this summer. They have made a list in order of priority.

The mobiles are getting cleared out and ready for destruction.

The High School approached Riley School with a new math plan. They would like to fund the purchase of their Algebra series for Riley students to use. Ms. Marsh met with them to go over the materials, and she is willing to go with it. There will be a few minor transition issues, but Mrs. Conkling recommends we accept their offer.

Mrs. Conkling and the science teachers are working on the Next Generation Science Standards. The standards are not what Riley has for materials right now. They are recommending Stem Scopes as a curriculum change to adapt to the new standards. Teachers have been testing the materials out and really like them. The majority of the material is online and can be copied instead of purchasing text books. The materials will cover Kindergarten through Eighth Grade.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Davis stated that the Principal's report is very important, and Mrs. Conkling does a great job with it.

A new Superintendent is being hired. Mr. Davis will call him to meet in June to make the transition as smooth as possible. Mr. Davis will also work with the state to make the transition with them. He stated the biggest transition will be the budget. The tentative budget will be brought to the Board for the June or July meeting, and then in September for final approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Davis reviewed timelines for all year end reports. The Transportation Report is due in September/October, and the State Aid Report is due by June 30, 2016. All information and reports are being worked on and will be submitted on time.

The CLIC Insurance Renewal Meeting will be May 19, 2016. Mr. Davis stated that all funds are in good shape. An increase is expected, but not a large one.

Mr. Davis gave an update on the construction project. Mrs. Conkling will be taking notes at the weekly construction meetings. The project is scheduled to begin as soon as school is out.

There was no discussion needed on the status of the budget revision.

IDEAL will begin the asbestos project on June 20, 2016. The tentative end date for the project is July 5, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The approval of Extra Support Staff salary and wage increases for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 was moved to Closed Session.

The approval of salary increase for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 for Mrs. Conkling was moved to Closed Session.

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve the resignation of Julie Bough as Head Cook and Bus Driver. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The approval of the Concussion plan was tabled until the June 15, 2016, Board of Education meeting.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of school building improvements, in, and for the District, and for the issue of, not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, General Obligation Debt Certificates (Limited Taxes), Series 2016, of said School District, evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement, providing for the security for and the means of payment under said Agreement of said Certificates and authorizing the sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Olsen made a motion to approve the Resolution of official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the District. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Aubry made a motion to approve registration fees for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 to remain at the same level as Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve employment of the new Superintendent, Dr. Robert Willis. Member Coffman seconded the motion which carried on a roll call as follows:

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

Member Olsen made a motion to enter in Executive Session at 8:24 P.M. (for Employment matters concerning “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees”. Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1)) at 7:46 P.M. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Millard made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:31 P.M. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve a 2.5% increase for Karen Schnable, Business Manager, and a 2% increase for all other Extra Support Staff salary and wages. Member Olsen seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve a 2.5% increase for Mrs. Conkling, Principal, salary for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

PRESIDENT’S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

None

Member Millard made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 P.M. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Andrews, Riley School Secretary

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – President

Mrs. Tamela Olsen - Secretary