

RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
District 18
9406 Riley Road
Marengo, IL 60152
Wednesday, May 17, 2017
7:00 PM
School Library

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Mitchell, Aubry, Nordmeyer, Millard, Northcutt, and Coffman answered roll call at 7:00 P.M. Member Olsen was absent. Also in attendance were Dr. Willis, Superintendent, Mrs. Conkling, Principal, Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Andrews, Joseph Stimes, Jean Wittlief, Joe, Laurie, and Kelly Karczewski, and Fidel, Gabriela, Diego, and Perla Lopez.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Additional Agenda Items.

There was one Freedom of Information Act request from SMART Workforce Development asking about potential construction work. The request was responded to in a timely matter.

Board of Education Closed Session Tape Recordings with 18 months longevity approved for destruction:
None

There were no questions on the Financial Report for April 2017. Mrs. Schnable handed out an updated report that includes the Blue Cross Blue Shield payment.

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

There were no questions on the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

There were no questions on the IASB PRESS March 2017 regular policy updates that are being presented for a first reading: 2:100, 4:15, 4:130 - E, 5:120, 7:100, 7:190 - E2. PRESS March 2017 - 5 Year updates: 3:70, 4:180, 5:70, 5:80, 5:110, 5:140, 5:210, 5:220 - E, 5:230, 5:270 - E, 5:285, 5:300, 5:320, 7:70, 6:185.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 Coffman – AYE

VIKING AWARD

April's Viking Award winners were 8th grader Kelly Karczewski and 8th grader Diego Lopez. 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

Mrs. Conkling, Dr. Willis, and the Board addressed retiring Riley employees Jean Wittlief, Bus Driver for 31 years and Joseph Stimes, Junior High Teacher for 32 years.

Mrs. Conkling spoke about Jean and shared some memories. She said Jean always knew the students on her bus and was very caring and understanding of their needs. One of the hardest day of Mrs. Conkling career was the day that Jean was in an accident while driving the bus.

Dr. Willis spoke about Mr. Stimes and said what a great male role model he has been in the life of children. Mrs. Conkling shared some stories about Mr. Stimes. She said that every student knew when they entered Mr. Stimes classroom they were going to be given a chance, and teachers like Mr. Stimes are those who touch the lives of students.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 8th Grade Springfield trip is Thursday and Friday this week.

Graduation is Tuesday, May 23rd.

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be Monday, July 10th. Mrs. Conkling will be sending an all call to parents as a reminder.

The Spring Concert was last Tuesday night. It was a wonderful night, and the kids in our band are amazing. The band competition was last Friday in Johnsbury, and the Riley band received a superior rating.

We have finished our food audit along with the financial part of it. Next is the procurement audit which has new policies that are in the packet for a first and second reading and then approval.

We are getting ready for summer maintenance. Mrs. Conkling and Mr. Greif did a walk around to make a list of projects to complete. A few priorities will be the ramp to the band mobile and getting quotes on new doors for the gym. We don't have a full summer crew this year, but Mrs. Conkling believes they will get everything done.

Member Nordmeyer asked about the gym lockers that were discussed in an earlier meeting. Mrs. Conkling said that the expense is too big at this time, and we have to work on the Health/Life Safety projects first.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The pre-bid meeting for the parking lot will be Thursday, May 24th at 9:00 A.M. The bids will be received on Tuesday, June 13th at 2:00 P.M. Bids will be presented to the Board at the June 21st meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mrs. Conkling, Mrs. Schnable, and Mrs. Andrews are all working on the year end reports. The reports will all be sent to the State Board when complete.

Mrs. Conkling discussed adding Cross Country to Riley's athletic program. At this point we can't field team mainly due to transportation. We are short drivers, and we already have four open coaching positions. Mrs. Conkling did talk to District 165 about sharing a team, which could be an option for next year (2018). Dr. Willis stated that Cross Country is great sport for kids to start early.

Mrs. Schnable discussed purchasing a new bus and/or van. She gave background information on what has happened with transportation since Sedom no longer exists. District 165 was transporting some of our students but will not be doing it this school year. We will have to transport the Riley students who will be attending other schools. As of right now, we have one student going to Woodstock, two going to Crystal Lake, and four trips into District 165 to transport the Riley preschoolers. We are not sure how we are going to schedule all these routes. Mrs. Schnable would like to purchase a new bus and a van. A driver for a van would be easier as they will need a bus driver endorsement but not a CDL. The Board agrees that we should pursue both a bus and a van. Mrs. Schnable will research each and bring the information back to the Board for the June meeting.

Mrs. Conkling stated that Mr. Greif has finished his asbestos training program. Mr. Grief met with the Building Committee to present refinishing the tile floors with epoxy. The epoxy process would eliminate removing the current tiles which would take a long time to complete. Using the epoxy would mean stripping the wax off the tiles and then putting the epoxy over the current tiles. The Board would like to see additional quotes to have the epoxy complete and get more information on the process to confirm that it will work and not create additional problems. There are too many questions and concerns at this time to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve the Extra Support Staff salary and wage increase of 3% for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Millard – AYE

Member Aubry – AYE

Member Mitchell – AYE

Member Coffman – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve the salary increase of 3% for Christine Conkling, Principal for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the employment of Stacey Wessel as .85 FTE Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Sixth Grade Homeroom Teacher. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the employment of Michelle Polizzi as 1.0 FTE Special Education Resource Teacher. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to approve the purchase of camera systems for 8 buses not exceed \$20,000.00. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the McHenry County, Illinois Regional Safe School Program. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to set the Amended Budget Hearing date for June 21, 2017. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval for the installation of epoxy coating to the hall floors for the cost of \$18,200.00 has been tabled.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve the offer of the Superintendent contract for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a Motion to enter into Closed Session at 8:38 P.M. for matters concerning personnel. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:40 P.M. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Mitchell mentioned the IASB free workshop that is being offered. All members are choosing to pass on the workshop.

Member Aubry made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 P.M. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Andrews, Riley School Secretary

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – President

Mrs. Tamela Olsen - Secretary