

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2016
7:00 PM
School Library

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Mitchell, Olsen, Northcutt, and Coffman answered roll call at 7:01 P.M. Also in attendance were Dr. Willis, Superintendent, Mrs. Conkling, Principal, Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Andrews, Richelle Lagerstrom, Mike, Elizabeth, Landon, and Caden Oine, and Valerie and Morgan Coffman. Members Millard, Aubry, and Nordmeyer were absent.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Additional Agenda Items.

There was one Freedom of Information Act request: Better Government Association for information on Collective Bargaining Agreements, Administrator Contracts, Budget, Legal Settlements, and Payroll documents for all employees. Response was sent the day after the request. The request is a standard request sent via email every year.

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

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

Treasurer's Report, Bills Payable for November 2016: Mrs. Schnable handed out an updated Treasurer's Report with one additional payment to Brackmann Construction. Member Olsen asked why there were so many small amounts listed. Mrs. Schnable stated that the amounts are for Amazon purchases.

There were no questions on the Regular Board Meeting minutes for October 16, 2016.

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

Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Coffman – AYE
Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Olsen – AYE

VIKING AWARD

October's Viking Award winners were 7th grader Morgan Coffman and 8th grader Landon Oine. 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 VISTORS

Richelle Lagerstom, Riley Jr. High Teacher

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Lagerstrom was glad she attended the meeting to see the Riley Viking Award.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Vetaran's Day assembly at the high school was last Friday. Mrs. Conkling said Riley students were good and very respectful as always.

The Jingle Bell Run is this Saturday. There are not as many students participating this year as previous years.

Friday will be the Health, Life Safety Inspection. Mrs. Conkling does not predict any issues. They may also do the occupancy inspection on the new building if the building is ready for it.

The Turkey Shoot is next week. Preliminaries will be Monday, November 21st and Finals will be Tuesday, November 22nd.

EXPLORE Tests will be given to 8th graders in the beginning of December. These are placement tests given by the high school. High School registration and orientation will be held in February sometime.

There will be two holiday programs. Kindergarten through Fourth Grade will be December 8th and Fifth through Eighth Grade will be December 13th. The Book Fair will be open during both programs.

The re-zoning for Henning Estates did not pass. The builder will have to re-apply for the zoning to be reconsidered.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

No Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Finance Committee met and went through the Tax Levy step by step. Dr. Willis handed out an overview of the Tax Levy. Dr. Willis and the Finance Committee recommend the Tax Levy be sent in requesting the maximum allowable extension. After it is reviewed, it will be returned to us early Spring with corrections.

Mrs. Schnable spoke about getting a new school bus. As long as it is a used bus, we do not have to go out to bid. All past buses Riley school has purchased have been used buses. We are looking to add to the fleet of buses we have to have another spare. Mrs. Schnable said we have the funds to purchase a bus, and she did some research and found a used one from Midwest Transit. Member Coffman asked if she had researched other sales places to compare prices. Mrs. Schnable had not researched other places yet but would be looking in to it.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Member Olsen made a motion for administration to prepare documents for the purchase of a used bus to be approved at the December meeting. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve the tentative 2016 Tax Levy collectable Fiscal Year 2017. Member Coffman seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Coffman – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Olsen – AYE

Member Olsen made a motion to change the December Board of Education meeting to Tuesday, December 20, 2016. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Olsen made a motion to approve the employment of new custodian, Jacob Hazek. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Olsen – AYE
Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Coffman – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE

PRESIDENT’S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Member Olsen mentioned an article she read about bus sharing between all local districts. Mrs. Schnable said that this is not possible for us as all our districts in town have the same start time. Mrs. Schnable will also be eliminating driveway to driveway bus stops. There will be designated bus stops for students to walk to.

Member Olsen made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, December 20, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Andrews, Riley School Secretary

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – President

Mrs. Tamela Olsen - Secretary