

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

River Bend Community Unit School District #2

October 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of River Bend Community Unit School District #2, Whiteside County, Illinois, was held on October 19, 2022, at Fulton High School.

President Portz called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30pm. Upon Roll Call by the Secretary the following members were present: Eric Fish, Andy Meyers, Dan Portz, Jay Ritchie, and Mary Simmons, Absent: Chris Barnett and Jane Orman-Luker, Others present: Darryl Hogue, Superintendent, Virginia Petersen and Jennifer Griser, Recording Secretaries.

Additions to the agenda. There were no additions to the agenda.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Simmons to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.

President Portz welcomed all visitors including: Kyle DeMus, Jeremy Leitzen, Kathleen Schipper, Principals: Bob Gosch, Patrick Henrekin, Jeffrey Hoese, Assistant Principal/AD: Jeffrey Parsons, and Media: Jerry Lindsey, cityone.com.

There was no communication from the RBEA.

President Portz asked if anyone would like to speak as part of public forum. There was no one wishing to speak during public forum.

Principal Reports. Mr. Gosch recognized junior Nicole Griffith for all her hard work with the Steamer Suite. The high school has hosted over 100 people on the open house type nights to help promote the Steamer Suite. Dr. Hogue would like to promote the use of the suite to more local businesses and also give the business an opportunity to set up a marketing table in the lobby. Mr. Gosch also informed the Board of an update on the new secure office space. Tri City electric will be working with the construction students to oversee the running of the electrical for the new office space.

The Board had no questions for Mr. Henrekin and he had nothing to highlight at this time.

The Elementary school hosted a math night in which Breanna Kastelic presented the math curriculum to parents. Mr. Hoese just returned from a principal's conference where he was able to share "Rocco to the Rescue" and the process of obtaining a service dog certification. The House Day reveal went very well and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Mr. Hoese is looking forward to building on this throughout the year.

Dr. Hogue reminded the Board of the Fall Northwest Division Dinner Meeting on October 24, 2022 in Scales Mound.

Dr. Hogue reported on the River Bend Educational Foundation meeting held on October 18, 2022. The first round of Distinguished Steamer banners have been hung up in the schools. The Foundation approved \$7,144 in mini grants for the teachers and approved funds to continue supporting the Mentoring Program. The

Mrs. Schipper provided a curriculum update. She has been busy going over scores and meeting with teachers and providing them with more tools and resources for students to practice skills. Mrs. Schipper also shared with the Board the work that has been done with the District's Graduate Portfolio. This is the first step in competency work. She shared the success indicators and the survey that will be going out to the community for input. Member Portz asked that Mrs. Schipper put an article in the paper to let community members know about the survey and how to access it.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve the consent agenda including the September 21, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as printed; September Treasurer's report; and October Bills recommended for payment in the amount of \$214,640.46 subject to audit. Roll Call Vote:

<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the FY 2022 audit report.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish to approve the fiscal year 2022 Financial Audit as presented. Roll Call Vote.

<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommend approval of the Workman's Compensation Insurance proposal from Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for an annual premium of \$57,674. This is an increase of \$14,518 over last year primarily due to the increase of salaries.

It was moved by Member Ritchie, seconded by Member Simmons to approve the Workman's Compensation Insurance proposal presented by IPRF for an annual premium of \$57,674. Roll Call Vote.

<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Technology Disaster Recovery Plan (TDRP). River Bend is required by the insurance company to have a TDRP if they carry cyber insurance.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Meyers to approve the Technology Disaster Recovery Plan as presented. Roll Call Vote.

<i>Member Fish, yea</i>	<i>Member Ritchie, yea</i>
<i>Member Meyers, yea</i>	<i>Member Simmons, yea</i>
<i>Member Portz, yea</i>	

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the resolution to adopt the 2022 Whiteside County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. River Bend is part of this plan as the transportation fleet would be needed to help evacuate the community in the event of an emergency.

Foundation is also interested in helping fund Fulton Elementary School's new STEAM lab once plans are finalized. The Foundation has spoken with, and is anticipating having, former student Ryan Reynolds as the speaker at the Academic Excellence dinner. Ryan is the strength and conditioning coach for the Kansas City Chiefs football team.

Dr. Hogue reported on the October 19, 2022, Citizens Committee Meeting. Bob Gosch, Jeremy Leitzen, Kathleen Schipper, Mary Simmons, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance.

1. Mrs. Schipper reviewed the graduate portfolio. Mrs. Schipper has created a survey about the graduate portfolio that will be sent out to parents and others in the community. The survey was created to generate feedback on the success indicators of the graduate portfolio and to help frame what those indicators mean. Mrs. Schipper asked for suggestions for improvement of the survey. The survey will be sent out this week.
2. Dr. Hogue provided the committee with a document that provides details about the Safe2Help Program. Safe2Help is a communication tool for students and families to report threats, suicide concerns, bullying, and other incidences to adults in a confidential manner. The Safe2Help program will be brought to students in late October or early November.

Dr. Hogue reported on the October 19, 2022, Finance Committee Meeting. Kyle DeMus, Eric Fish, Craig Hafner, Andy Meyers, Rachel Snyder, and Darryl Hogue were in attendance.

1. The treasurer's report was not reviewed due to the length of time spent on the auditor's review.
2. Kyle DeMus presented the District's audit.
 - a. River Bend's finance status was a 3.8 with a 4.0 being the highest available
 - b. Overall the District had a clean audit and had a few small findings that were reported.
 - c. The District showed improvement in the grant reporting procedures.
3. Three levy options were presented – flat, 4.9%, and 9.5%. The committee preferred the 9.5% so as to capture all funds available.
4. The District has a \$350,000 CD up for renewal in October. The District would like to keep the funds local. Currently Community State Bank is offering 2.25% for 11 months, Dr. Hogue will ask them to honor the 2.25% for 6 months.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board that enrollment is holding steady at 898.

Kyle DeMus from the Benning Group presented the audit to the Board. Overall the District looks very healthy, there were only a few findings but nothing to be concerned about. The District received a rating of 3.8 out of 4, this is still in the highest rating category. Kyle mentioned there is a new standard that has been put into place regarding leases and he will be working with Rachel to make sure that change in reporting process goes smoothly.

Dr. Hogue presented levy options of a flat rate, 4.99% increase, and 9.5% increase. The Board recommended the 9.5% increase so that if the Estimated Assessed Valuation changes the District will capture all available funds.

Dr. Hogue updated the Board on the School Maintenance Project Grant. The bleachers were recently inspected at the high school and it was determined that the West gym bleachers are okay, however the East gym bleachers are showing wear and should be replaced soon. Dr. Hogue will move forward with the grant process to obtain funds for new bleachers in the East gym at the high school. Member Portz asked Dr. Hogue to also check on the status of the bleachers at the middle school to see if those should be replaced as well.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers to approve the resolution to adopt the 2022 Whiteside County Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Fish, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Meyers, yea</i> | <i>Member Simmons, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Portz, yea</i> | |

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board estimated expenses for Board Member requires pre-approval. Jennifer Griser will also be attending conference this year as there are seminars designed specifically for Administrative Professionals.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish, to approve the estimated Board Member expenses for the Triple I conference in the amount of \$1,420 for Mary Simmons and \$499 for Jane Orman-Luker. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Fish, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Meyers, yea</i> | <i>Member Simmons, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Portz, yea</i> | |

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended to the Board the use of Health Life Safety funds for the secure door and lock upgrades at Fulton Elementary School and River Bend Middle School.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Ritchie, to approve a Health Life Safety Amendment #17 for Fulton Elementary School secure doors and locks in the amount of \$42,780.20 and Amendment # 22 for River Bend Middle School secure door and locks in the amount of \$22,340.00. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Fish, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Meyers, yea</i> | <i>Member Simmons, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Portz, yea</i> | |

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended approval of the Behavior Interventionist job description. This position will provide support to the regular, special education, and para staff as it relates to working with students with specific behavior needs. All Board Members are in agreement they would like for the position to be full-time.

It was moved by Member Simmons, seconded by Member Fish to approve the Behavior Interventionist job description as presented. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Fish, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Meyers, yea</i> | <i>Member Simmons, yea</i> |
| <i>Member Portz, yea</i> | |

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue recommended declaring ten (10) red rectangle and four (4) gray round cafeteria tables at Fulton High School as surplus goods. Mr. Gosch informed the Board the new cafeteria tables are working great, they're easy to move around and the students really enjoy the tall tables.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Fish to declare surplus goods as presented and dispose of in an appropriate manner. Roll Call Vote.

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| <i>Member Fish, yea</i> | <i>Member Ritchie, yea</i> |
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Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

Dr. Hogue informed the Board the district received from the Eric Ottens Memorial \$3,630 for Fulton Elementary School tablets and from the Albany Food Pantry \$1,200 for milk cards and lunch accounts.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Meyers, to accept Gifts to the District as presented.

Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to approve the following personnel items:

- Approve the resignation of George Graham as River Bend Middle School Wrestling Coach effective immediately.*
- Approve the resignation of Jared Wessels as Fulton High School Fresh/Soph Baseball Coach effective immediately.*
- Approve the recommendation to hire Shawn Price as River Bend Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2022-23 school year.*
- Approve the recommendation to hire Tyler Swanson as Bus Driver, effective October 3, 2022.*
- Approve the following Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coaches at Fulton High School for the 2022-23 school year: Adam Hamstra and Cody Sanderson*
- Approve the following Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coaches at River Bend Middle School for the 2022-23 school year: George Graham, Jesse Kennedy, and Seth Spooner*
- Approve the recommendation to hire Alanna Ganzer as night custodian at Fulton High School effective October 3, 2022*

Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body or collective negotiating matters at 7:51 pm.

Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

Member Simmons, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Meyers, seconded by Member Simmons, to come out of closed session for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors or volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body or collective negotiating matters at 8:26 pm. Roll Call Vote.

Member Fish, yea

Member Ritchie, yea

Member Meyers, yea

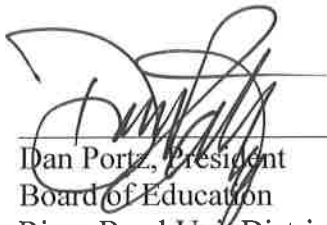
Member Simmons, yea

Member Portz, yea

Motion Carried.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 6:30 pm, at Fulton High School.

It was moved by Member Fish, seconded by Member Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. Voice vote, all yea, motion carried.



Dan Portz, President
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Eric Fish, Secretary
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