

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

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members, Northcutt, Behnke, Mitchell, Aubry, Proberts, and Schnable answered roll call at 7:00 PM. Member Peters was present at 7:05PM. Members of the public in attendance were Mrs. Wojcik, Mrs. Haeflinger, Mr. & Mrs. Tierney, Caitlin Tierney's Grandparents, Caitlin & Jessica Tierney, Mrs. & Mr. Schmitt, Sarah, Ethan & Aaron Schmitt. Also in attendance were Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Conkling and Mr. Trickett.

Superintendent Trickett would like to amend the Consent Agenda by removing item E from the Consent Agenda. He proposed to have an agenda item E added under New Business (item E): Superintendent Trickett to secure quotes from Midwest Transit for the purchase of a school bus.

There were no Freedom of Information requests. To date Riley is well within the budgeted guidelines for fiscal year 2010 operating expenditures. President Behnke had one question on Bills Payable which was answered satisfactorily by Mrs. Schnable. The Policy Committee of Member Northcutt and Member Mitchell will recommend approval of the policy revisions listed. Mr. Trickett is recommending the elimination of Board of Education policy 6:185. This policy will put Riley School in an uncompromising position regarding remote educational programs; policy more suitable for high school.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Member Proberts seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIKING AWARD

The January Viking Awards were presented to Caitlin Tierney, an eighth grade student and Aaron Schmitt, a seventh grade student, by Principal Conkling and Board President Behnke. Congratulations to these outstanding students, keep up the good work.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mrs. Haeflinger asked why students were able to access 'Facebook'. This had already been brought to Mrs. Conkling's attention and has been rectified.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Board Members, as part of their training, will be attending IASB Kishwaukee Division Dinner Meeting March 10, 2010: Members Mitchell, Behnke, Northcutt and Proberts. Superintendent Trickett will also be attending. Alliance Legislative Report (96-43) touches on several legislative issues including the recently signed Senate Bill 315. The components of this bill will affect evaluation procedures for both teachers and principals by 2012. The "Race to the Top" a Federal initiative Reform Act of 2010 stipulates that teacher and principal evaluations use student growth as part of the evaluation criteria. A bill was also signed allowing children 5 years of age who will be 6 years old by December 31 and who have attended a state-certified private preschool through kindergarten may be enrolled in the first grade. The Illinois State Board of Education on the District's Financial Profile Report has given Riley the highest attainable score, a rating of 4. The rating is based upon five financially related categories shown on the Financial Profile for 2010. In 2009 our overall profile rating was 3.5 and 3.1 in 2008. Powerline/Pipeline Newsletter stated that they have expanded its natural gas program into southern Illinois. SEDOM has sent us their Board Briefs. There is a SEDOM Board Meeting March 11, 2010. McHenry County Division of Transportation's Five Year Highway Improvement Program for 2010 through 2014 can be accessed at <http://www.McHenryCountyDOT.org>, or to request a CD or hard copy, contact Jason Osborn at 815-334-4981. The City of Marengo expressed their views on how important it is for people to participate in the Census count; accurate numbers affect revenues for municipalities throughout the state.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Science Fair was Saturday, February 13, 2010. The fair ran smoothly even though Mr. Warren, science teacher, was in the hospital. Mrs. Conkling would like to thank all the volunteers and staff who took the time to help make the Science Fair run smoothly. All the Access Tests for English Language Learners have been administered and completed by Mrs. Dunker and Mrs. Conkling. Member Mitchell inquired as to why the Access Tests are administered. Mrs. Conkling said that they are for students that are not proficient in English. We have eight students that were tested. Each year these students will be tested until they are proficient. The RTI team has completed the first round of our universal assessments. Three teachers and Mrs. Conkling attended a round table discussion on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 and will bring back these ideas to the rest of the RTI team and discuss these ideas on Friday, February 19, 2010. A letter will be distributed explaining the RTI program to parents next week.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Trickett received a telephone call from Mr. Warren February 13, at 5:30 AM explaining that he will be unable to attend the Science Fair due to his hospitalization. Mr. Trickett called Mr. Schnable and Mrs. Hazek at Mr. Warren's request to ask them if they would be able to step in and help run the Science Fair. Mr. Trickett would like personally to express his appreciation and thanks Mrs. Hazek, Mr. & Mrs. Schnable and their son Kirk for volunteering to oversee the administration of the Science Fair. The new building is progressing on schedule. The McHenry County Health Department has determined that we will be able to tie in to the existing septic field with the new building. A holding tank will be installed by the new building with lines feeding into the existing field. The Health Department has requested that a new water meter be installed checking the total volume of water used by all buildings. Member Mitchell requested from Mr. Trickett how much money the County has cost Riley School in regards to the septic field solutions. Superintendent Trickett also reported that there have been fewer roof leaks this year; and believes the money spent for minor roof repairs have been successful to date.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2010-2011 District School Calendar was presented to the Board. Member Mitchell asked why the 2:00 dismissal was changed to 2:15 the first week of school. Superintendent Trickett explained that the School Code for the State of Illinois requires that students attend a minimum of 300 minutes under a certified staff member prior to any early dismissals with the exception of the first and last day of school. Mr. Trickett is requesting that school be dismissed early the first week for purpose of staff development.

Member Schnable made a motion to pass the 2010-2011 calendar as presented. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve Interagency Agreement with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) for management of Medicaid Program Funding. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to authorize the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign final documents from First Midstate Inc., regarding Bond Paying Agent and Registrar Agreement and Proposal of Fees for General Obligation Lease Certificates (Limited Tax) Series 2009 for construction of a six classroom free standing building. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Proberts – AYE
Member Behnke – AYE
Member Aubry – AYE
Member Peters – AYE

Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE

Under Federal guidelines it is required that all schools report post-employment benefits other than pensions and the associated costs according to the accounting requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions (“GASB 45”). The first year will cost the District \$2,500, the second and third years will be \$500.

Member Schnable made a motion to accept Riley CCSD 18 Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions GASB 45 Actuarial Valuation of July 1, 2009. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried on a roll call votes as follows:

Member Northcutt – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE
Member Proberts – AYE

Member Behnke – AYE
Member Aubry – AYE
Member Peters – AYE

Superintendent Trickett would like Board approval to secure quotes for purchase of a used bus from Midwest Transit. Riley would like to trade in our spare 1990 bus with 189,000 miles as opposed to the 1998 regular route bus with 171,000 miles. The Board would like to express their thanks to Mr. Ernie Grimm for the excellent maintenance on our school buses.

Member Schnable made a motion authorized Superintendent Trickett to secure quotes for the purchase of a school bus from Midwest Transit. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:41 PM for the discussion of personnel. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The Regular Board of Education meeting resumed at 8:19 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rooney, Riley School Secretary

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell - Secretary