

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

Wednesday, January 20, 2010
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Peters, Northcutt, Behnke, Mitchell, Aubry and Schnable answered roll call at 7:00 PM. Member Proberts was not in attendance. Members of the public in attendance were Mrs. Kasch, Mr. Karlow, Mrs. Karlow, Brian & Madison Karlow, Mr. Blaisdell, Ms. Evans, and Madison and Olivia Evans. Also in attendance was Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Conkling and Mr. Trickett.

Member Mitchell directed a few questions to Mrs. Schnable in regards to the Bill's Payable for January 2010.

Members Mitchell and Northcutt will review IASB revisions of the Board Policy with Mr. Trickett and present the Board with their recommendations.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

VIKING AWARD

The December Viking Awards were presented to Madison Evans a seventh grade student and Brian Karlow a sixth grade student, by Principal Conkling and Board President Behnke. Congratulations to these outstanding students, keep up the good work.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Certificate of Status of Exempt Property was completed by Mrs. Schnable and submitted. The Extra Mile publication from Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick and Kohn has supplied us with some interesting cases. The Alliance Legislative Report informed the Board of the pending legislation on the "Performance Evaluation Reform Act of 2010" which is being prepared as an amendment to SB 315. The Marengo Union Chamber of Commerce would like to thank us for our continued support as a chamber member. The "Press" highlighted on the new Freedom of Information Act and Open Meeting Act requirements. Training will be required at a future date. The Illinois State Board of Education, Department of Special Education supplied us with the 2008-2009 Illinois Special Education Profile. This gives us background information on the student population, race/ethnicity, and disability category in our district. Specialty Floors, Inc.,

came out to repair a buckle in the gym floor at no charge. CLIC provided the Board with our Loss Run by Policy/Contract Year – through 12/31/2009. Member Peters questioned the indemnity portion of the spread sheet. Mr. Trickett explained that it is the claims filed and he would investigate if the term indemnity meant more than those claims. Mr. Helmuth Redschlag from Bradley & Bradley replied to The Regional Office of Education in regards to their comments generated by the plan review. His report shows we are in good shape with the progress of the designed building with the exception of the septic system. The State Plumbing Inspector has taken some exceptions to the McHenry County Health Departments requests; and his assistance should be helpful in our negotiations with McHenry County. Riley submitted to Katherine C. Schultz, McHenry County Clerk, a list of all Riley School personnel who are required to submit Statements of Economic Interest. These will be sent to the individual's home address for completion and return to the McHenry County Government Center. The Illinois Department of Transportation is requiring all school buses in Illinois to be equipped with a two-way radio. IDOT requires the driver to test the two-way radio to ensure that it is functioning. Mrs. Rooney has implemented a plan to check daily with drivers to assure that these radios are in working order. McHenry County Zoning Ordinance informed us of a hearing on February 4th, at 1:30 for a Conditional Use Permit by Bednarz Tover L.L.C. on Harmony Road to house snow removal equipment. IASB mailed a "Call for Proposals" to all Board Members of local school districts. If anyone is interested in submitting a proposal please contact Mr. Trickett; proposals must be received in the IASB office by 5:00 PM on February 19, 2010.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 8th graders completed the Explore test on Monday, January 11th. The results will be sent to us by MCHS this summer. We are in the process of administrating the ACCESS Test to all students in the ELL program. Our Aims-Web training by SEDOM for our Response to Intervention program was our in-service January 4, 2010. ISAT testing will be the first two weeks in March. ISAT material has been mailed from ISBE and we should be receiving it soon. Our Riley All School Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010. Our top speller was 6th grader Kelsey Paprocki who will compete at Heinemann School in Algonquin on February 2, 2010. If Kelsey is unable to attend on February 2nd, 8th grader Matt Holze was the runner up and will take her place. Congratulations to you both. Marengo Community High School will be sponsoring another parent night after a sports meeting, February 18, 2010 at 7:30. The subject materials are "The Dangers of Texting and Sexting". There will be more information in the Riley NEWSNOTES. D.A.R.E. graduation for our 5th grade students will be tomorrow, January 21, 2010 at 1:00PM in the gym. The McHenry County Sheriff Department's K-9 unit will be doing a demonstration for our K-5th grade students at the conclusion of the D.A.R.E. graduation.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The motion detectors have been installed and tested as part of the building security system. A special thanks to member Kurt Schnable for his guidance in this process. The possibility exists for our school building to be observed from home by the administration using our camera

system and the internet. Revenue from the State is not coming in as fast as we would like, but we are on track with our budgeted expenditures showing 42%. The new building will have all the duct work completed and furnaces installed by next week with the drywall and ceilings following within the next two weeks. We received a letter from John A. Raber and Associates, Inc. regarding the investigation of the existing septic system; which they found it in acceptable condition. The County is still requesting a Plat of Survey be drawn and Mr. Trickett will be contacting Mr. Fischer, Smith and Associates Engineering, who within the past three years had completed the most recent survey of the property to see if the cost would be less than that of ARC Design. He intends to meet with the County officials to see if a Plat of Survey is absolutely necessary before any expenditure is made. ComEd replaced the old transformer with a new one but discovered it was the wrong transformer and since has replaced it with a transformer correctly sized for our project and building. Because of a power outage in the Riley School vicinity our boiler went down requiring attention at 3:30 AM. Mr. Trickett would like to be informed of any power outages in the Riley School District. He encourages board members and staff to call him about such outages at any time of the day in order for him to investigate the status of the boiler and building.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Member Peters would like to apologize for any missed communications through his e-mail account. All Board Members should have his new address. Mr. Trickett would like Board Members to look over the school calendar for the 2010/11 school year. Mrs. Conkling and the teacher calendar committee worked very diligently to coordinate significant breaks and days off with Districts 165 and 154; which accommodates parents who have children in dual districts. Mr. Trickett reminded Board Members that the calendar is just a draft and not for publication or distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Trickett read the Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status to the Riley Board of Education. All Board Members are asked to sign above their names. Member Behnke asked if this was Board Policy. Mr. Trickett said that it is not part of policy but part of the school code.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve Board of Education Members Acknowledgement of Mandated Reporter Status. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve the Certified Staff Seniority and Extra-Support Personnel (ESP) lists for school year 2009/10. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CLIC is our liability insurance cooperative with 146 other districts at the cost of approximately \$46,000 yearly.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the 7/1/10 Renewal Application Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) for 2010/11. Consisting of, but not limited to, Property, Casualty, Workmen's Compensation, Liability, Vehicle, etc. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Mitchell made a motion to approve Riley Community Consolidated School District 18's list of people who should submit Statements of economic Interest to McHenry County Clerk. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Trickett and Member Schnable are recommending the release to the public of February 18, 2009, August 19, 2009, and November 18, 2009 Closed Session Minutes.

Member Mitchell made a motion for public release of Closed Session minutes for the following dates: February 18, 2009, August 19, 2009 and November 18, 2009. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Rooney, Riley School Secretary

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell - Secretary