

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

Wednesday, August 17, 2011
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Haeflinger, Northcutt, Behnke, Aubry, and Schnable answered roll call at 7:07 PM. Member Mitchell arrived at 7:10 PM. Members of the public in attendance were Mrs. Wojcik and Mrs. Olsen. Also in attendance were Mrs. Conkling, Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Rooney, and Mr. Trickett.

Superintendent Trickett would like to add to XII. New Business-Enact motions to: G: Change September 21, 2011, Board of Education Meeting to Tuesday, September 20, 2011. H: Accept resignation letter for 8th grade Boys' Basketball from Mr. Josh Maas, and I: Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2012.

There were no Freedom of Information requests. Member Mitchell directed questions to Mrs. Schnable on the Financial Report of July 2011 and were answered satisfactorily. There were no questions on the Treasurer's Report: Bills Payable August, 2011. No changes to the minutes for Special School Board Meeting of June 1, 2011, or Regular School Board Meeting of July 20, 2011. No changes to Executive Session Minutes of July 20, 2011.

Member Aubry made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as amended. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to convene Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2012 at 7:12 PM. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Superintendent Trickett presented the Board with a spread sheet comparing the Fiscal Year 2011 budget with the Fiscal Year 2012 budget. There will be a 2.3% increase in revenue, a 4.9% increase in expenses, and the estimated fund balances at the end of the 2011/12 school year will be increased by \$726,000.00. Major budgetary items for Fiscal Year 2012 Budget are estimated at \$199,700. 00. Mr. Trickett also shared with the Board of Education the current rates for the Health Benefits. There is approximately a 21% decrease in overall premium cost from 2011 to 2012.

Member Schnable made a motion to close Budget Hearing for Fiscal year 2012 at 7:25 PM. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

We would like to welcome a former Board Member Tammy Olsen. There was no public input.

COMMUNICATIONS

Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick, & Kohn LLP continue to keep us informed on various legal matters. SEDOM sent us a current list of Governing Board Members. Superintendent Trickett has informed SEDOM of the conflicting meeting dates and will recommend that our representative attend the SEDOM meeting should there be need for a quorum. President Behnke noted that SEDOM is requesting an alternate be named in case our representative is unable to attend. Again, their meeting dates are the same as our regular board meeting dates. Member Mitchell will volunteer to be the alternate. Illinois Association of School Administrators provided us with an update on Governor Quinn's veto on Senate Bill 1744. This bill is to eliminate the shortening of the first and last day of school. This Bill may be recalled for July 1, 2012. Principal Conkling provided the Board of Education with the Back to School letter and agenda for the Riley Staff In-service on August 22, 2011. Letters for the Annual Safety Review Meeting for Monday, September 12, 2011, at 6:30 PM in the Library were sent Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Any and all Board Members are welcome to attend. Superintendent Trickett would like to bring to the Board's attention to some of the new legislation that will be imperative to our District: HB 1706 for the instruction of homebound or hospitalized students, HB 2397 for low level reading students in grades kindergarten through third grade, and SB 7 on education reform provisions regarding teacher dismissals, layoffs, mandatory training for school board members, etc. The Fiscal Year 2012 General State Aid will not be prorated over 24 payments; instead the state will not make the final two payments to cover the decrease in revenue. The entire reduction will be applied to the last scheduled payments in June. For most districts, it eliminates the June payment entirely. Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP has provided us with a newsletter and Superintendent Trickett encourages all Board Members to read thoroughly. Superintendent Trickett expressed to newly elected members and a reminder to all Board members, if they have any questions on this newsletter, not to call the law firm directly as the District will be charged by the hour. Please direct all questions regarding use of attorneys to Mr. Trickett or Mr. Behnke. Eder, Casella & Co. will be conducting the audit on August 22, 23, & 24, 2011. President Behnke will be available during this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Behnke thanked the Riley Board Members, Riley administration, staff and teachers for a very successful year, a safe year, and always striving for excellence. Riley has accomplished many great things over the past year with the completion of the new building and a three year teachers' contract.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Summer cleaning is almost complete with just a few minor jobs to be completed. Some staff members have been involved in common core math training with Districts 165 and 154. There are some dramatic changes and teachers are finding there are many differences between the State standards and these new standards. The mapping that was done in math last year will make an easier transition between the two standards. We received our new reading series and received our first half day of training, today, August 17, 2011, and will receive another half day of training, free of charge. Our in-service on August 22, 2011, will be the mandatory training required by the State. The Insurance Meeting scheduled for 11:00 AM has been changed to Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 12:30 PM. Our enrollment for the 2011/12 school year is presently at 290.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Trickett commented that the new core standards will affect the new teacher evaluation system as part of the new reforms under SB 7. A study conducted by the State shows that three quarters of our high school students are not prepared for college. There is still no Regional Superintendent for McHenry County and all business has been conducted through the Lake County Regional Office. Lake County has issued the permit for the roof and is reviewing our temporary facility inspection. The seal coating of the driveway and parking lot area has been completed. The drains have been partially installed in the rooms for the roof and baseline core samples have been taken from the existing roof for warranty purposes. The roofing project is due to start on September 6th with a projected completion date of September 30th. The roofing company will be doing the project in sections. Eder, Casella & Co. will be conducting our annual audit on August 22, 23 and 24, 2011. Governor Quinn signed a bill to conduct a study on consolidation. This study will be completed by July 1, 2012. The summer crew has been working hard, preparing for the start of the 2011/12 school year. We have a few minor residential and custody issues that will be resolved in time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Trickett would like to discuss the possibility of putting up a bus shelter to house seven or eight buses. The existing bus barn is not long or high enough to house the new buses. Exposing the buses to the elements poses a safety hazard with the electrical cords, clearing off the snow, and impacts on the deterioration of the buses due to the heat, rain, and snow. The proposed lean-to type shelter would cover the front of the buses and provide safer electrical hook ups to plug in during the colder months. It would assist with providing an organized and consistent parking area for the buses and alleviate hazardous conditions in the parking area. Superintendent Trickett is asking the Board's permission to have Bradley & Bradley draw up plans for a seven or eight bay lean-to and to investigate the cost to construct. Member Haefflinger asked if we could obtain architectural plans of the bus structure shown in the pictures provided in the Board packet. Mr. Trickett commented he was not sure if it is legal or professionally ethical to use another architect's plan design from another District; and whether such a design would be acceptable for our situation. He would prefer to have a design from an architect that has done work for the District; and Bradley & Bradley originally built the second edition in 1975, the new junior high annex, and drew specifications for our re-roofing project. President Behnke said we are probably looking at a \$75,000 building. The Boards' consensus was to check into the cost and go from there.

Superintendent Trickett would like the Board to actively not support HB3793 PTELL-Extension Limitation which will be detrimental to the public's responsibility to provide a free and appropriate education for the children of today. This not only affects the schools but all taxing bodies.

OLD BUSINESS

Open house is scheduled on Monday, August 22, 2011, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Schnable made a motion to approve a threshold value for accounting purposes of Capital Assets totaling \$1,000.00. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve Development Impact Fee Report for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to accept ISBE Audit Adjustment Summary Report for Transportation Audit of March 2, 2011, for school year 2008/09. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to deny Habitat for Humanity's request for a waiver of impact fees on a future house. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to pass Resolution 8-17-2011-1 regarding HB 3793. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Haeflinger asked how the mass communication system for School Reach works. Principal Conkling can conduct this system from school or home by recording a message and send it to School Reach via internet. If the internet is down Mrs. Conkling will need to find a site with internet access.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve a one year contract with School Reach Instant Parent Contact Mass Communication System for \$641.25. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Haeflinger – AYE
Member Behnke – AYE
Member Aubry – AYE

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

Member Schnable made a motion to change the Wednesday, September 21, 2011, Regular School Board Meeting to Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to regretfully accept the resignation letter for 8th grade Boys' Basketball from Mr. Josh Maas. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Behnke – AYE
Member Aubry – AYE
Member Haeflinger - AYE

Member Haeflinger made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:19 PM for the purpose Personnel. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The regular School Board Meeting resumed at 8:28 PM.

Member Haeflinger asked why we do not have an answering machine at Riley School. Mrs. Rooney spoke of an incident over an emergency call left on an answering machine which was of concern and past practice by the previous administration was not to have the answering machine reviewed until late afternoon. Mr. Trickett commented that there are pros and cons to having an answering machine and the administration will discuss such with the office staff and make a recommendation.

Our next Board of Education meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at 7:00 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – Secretary