

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

Wednesday, December 21, 2011
7:00 PM

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

School Board Members Peters, Haeflinger, Behnke, Mitchell, Aubry, and Schnable answered roll call at 7:02 PM. Board Member Northcutt was not present. Members of the public in attendance were Mr. & Mrs. Stoiber, Sophie Stoiber and Sophie's Aunt. Also in attendance were Mrs. Conkling, Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Rooney, and Mr. Trickett.

There were no Freedom of Information requests. There were no questions on the November Financial Report, December Treasurers' Report: Bills Payable or the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011. Recommendation for approval of revisions for the School Board Policy as listed and Brian Warren as 7th grade girls' basketball coach for 2011-12 season.

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

RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

The Viking Award winners for the month of November were 7th grader Sophie Stoiber and 8th grader Adam Bauer. Adam Bauer will be recognized at the January 18, 2012. Congratulations to you both.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

The Alliance Legislative Report (97-35) touches on tax bills and budget changes. Proximity provided school districts with a summary of general demographic characteristics which is based on the 2009 American Community Survey. Member Mitchell commented that some of the statistics are skewed. Superintendent Trickett agreed, but there are other factors that are included in these figures that we are unaware of. There will be a hearing on a zoning change, for Unilock Chicago, Inc., on IL Route 23. Unilock would like to change their classification from "A-1C" Agriculture District with a conditional use to "I-2" Heavy Industrial District. The hearing was December 8, 2011. The McHenry County Department of Health has scheduled our next biennial sanitary survey on or around February 18, 2012. All owners of a non-community public water system are required to monitor for bacteria and nitrate. Mrs. Schnable reported to the Board of Education as the Riley Township Supervisor regarding adjacent property. The Riley Township Board of Trustees would like a letter from an attorney stipulating that the correcting of the legal description is all that needs to be done.

Superintendent Trickett, representing Riley School and Ted Oberg, representing Riley Township, met with Attorney Jay Filler of the Marengo Law Offices. Mr. Filler agreed that the Deed's legal description be changed to establish the Township's boundary lines to be consistent with the Districts' 2011 Plat of Survey. However, Mr. Filler, as a representative of both parties cannot issue the letter requested by the Township. Mrs. Schnable approached the Township's attorney, Mr. Gottemoller, asking him if he would be able to supply the township with said letter. Mr. Gottemoller would like to review all documents presented by Mike Fischer, surveyor, HR Green, Inc., who conducted the survey, to make sure everything is in order before issuing the letter. Mrs. Schnable hopes to have the letter by the next Township meeting, January 10, 2012. Tim Imler from the Illinois State Board of Education granted a three year audit spread for the negative Special Education Pupil Transportation audit adjustment of \$19,904.00 in fiscal years 2012, 2013 and 2014 respectively in the amount of \$6,634.67 each year. The Illinois Association of School Boards has provided the District with a \$100.00 coupon for a local board workshop. The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce will be conducting the Annual Business & Consumer Expo 2012. Pollock, Meyers & Eicksteadt, LLP have notified Riley School of the Zoning Variance for the reclassification from "A-1" Agriculture District to "A-2" Agriculture District for property on Grange Road. Winfred Krause Declaration of Trust is the owner of Record and the Petitioners are owners of a beneficial interest. The hearing will be December 22, 2011. The Report Card Newsletter from Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP also touches on Senate Bill 7 and the Performance Evaluation Review Act.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Behnke would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and joyous New Year. President Behnke also reminded all Board Members to start thinking about long and short term goals for our January 18, 2012, meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Conkling once again reported on the wonderful Holiday Music programs presented by Ms. Burns, the kindergarten through fourth grade students, and the Junior High Band and Choir. The playground renovations were completed with the two bench installations. All testing material has been ordered. Mrs. Dunker and Mrs. Conkling will be conducting the ACCESS testing to all our English language learners. This year we will be testing 12 students which are up from last year's 8. ISAT and IAA testing materials have been ordered and will be testing the second and third week of March just prior to our Spring break. We have received numerous correspondences from The McHenry County Department of Health on the outbreak of Pertussis (whooping cough) and most recent, the norovirus, a gastroenteritis illness. Member Mitchell asked when the last vaccine was issued to current students. Mrs. Conkling said that kindergarten would probably have been the last vaccine for Pertussis, but the State will be requiring all incoming 6th graders to receive a booster next year. Member Aubry also added that it is recommended that people ages 18 through 65 get tetanus shot every 10 years and include one Pertussis vaccine with one of the tetanus shots. Our school nurse, Mrs. Anderson, will be conducting our second lice check after the New Year for precautionary measures. All floors will be waxed along with general maintenance. The boiler room will be organized for future life safety work.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Trickett would like to present an overview for District Goals. Superintendent Trickett canvassed the Board as to whether they would like Illinois Association of School Boards to provide an over

view for goal setting. It was the Board's consensus to come up with ideas on their own. The joint committee for honorable reduction in force has met and are still learning and understanding the requirements under SB 7. Principal Conkling commented that having administration meet with staff members has been a good experience. The bus shed is progressing. Trench-It will be out next week to trench for the electric. The building materials will be delivered sometime after December 26, 2011, and once construction begins, it will be 3 to 4 days for completion (weather permitting). Once the building is erected the electric will be installed. Member Peters suggested that a light be installed near the gas tank for better visibility. Superintendent Trickett is confident that the legal description discrepancy will be rectified and plans to continue with the construction. There was some concern as to the curing of the concrete in such cold weather. It was suggested that the footings be covered with blankets if the temperature is too cold. Superintendent Trickett provided the Board with a spread sheet with quotes from Brackmann Construction Co., and Steffen & Strahm LLC., for the proposed Health Life Safety work needed to be compliant. Member Mitchell commented that she would like to see the door panels be thicker than ¼". Superintendent Trickett will request Brackmann to provide a 3/8" or ½" panel. President Behnke is glad to see the boiler room being remedied.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Trickett handed out the four proposed calendar options from Marengo Community High School. The Riley Calendar Committee has met and will meet again next month. It has been past practice to make every effort to coordinate Winter break, Spring break, and teacher in-service days with the Marengo Area Schools. Superintendent Trickett asked the Board to review the proposals and be prepared to move on a calendar proposal from the administration in January.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Trickett advised the Board that there was an article in the Northwest Herald concerning tax information with regards to Districts 165 and 154. The article alluded to District 165 property taxes being abated back to the community. He felt the taxpayers within the Riley District may interpret this as a tax abatement by the school district for taxpayers, on the contrary, it affects only three businesses in Marengo as part of the Business Incentive Program offered through the Economic Development Commission.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve Resolution to Adopt 2011 Certificate of Tax levy to be filed with the McHenry County Clerk before the last Tuesday in December for the amount of \$3,643,000.00; and related documents consisting of the Secretary's Certificate and Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Haeflinger – AYE
Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE

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

Member Aubry made a motion to approve membership in the Elementary District Organization for \$200.00 per year. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Mitchell made a motion to re-designate Superintendent Jerry Trickett and Principal Christine Conkling as District F.O.I.A. and Open Meeting Act (OMA) officers and approve training for designated officers. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The District would like to purchase more licensing for the AutoSkill Reading and Math Software for use with Response to Intervention Program (Rtl) with Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grant. Member Peters asked if this was a grant that we wrote. Superintendent Trickett responded that it is a Federal Grant, non-competitive, whereby communities that meet specific criteria to be "rural" may be entitled to funding under this grant.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve use of the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Grant for fiscal year 2011 in the amount of \$29,093.00 for the purchase of AutoSkill Reading and Math Software from Educational Technology Partners for use with Response to Intervention (Rtl) Program; Reading and Writing Series and technology equipment to support utilization of the programs. Member Peters seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

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

Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE
Member Haeflinger – AYE

Member Peters made a motion to accept Brackmann Construction Co., Inc. to furnish and install sliding door panels above existing cabinets in the new Junior High Annex for \$3,783.00 with authorization for Superintendent Trickett to negotiate a price to increase the thickness of the ¼" sliding doors on cabinets; and to construct in the boiler room a dividing wall for \$4,062.00. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Mitchell – AYE
Member Schnable – AYE
Member Haeflinger – AYE

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

After all Board Members had a chance to review the first draft of the Athletic Handbook, there was a discussion. All script in red, are changes to be considered. Member Haeflinger had several suggestions that were discussed. Some of the suggestions from Member Haeflinger were having coaches with the ability to demonstrate skills in the sport they are coaching and allowing all student/athletes participate to the point of helping them decided if this is something they would like to pursue or find another activity in which to participate. Members Peters and Mitchell also had some suggestions for language change and deletion, some of which were to be included in the final draft. Superintendent Trickett expressed that he appreciated all of the Board's input regarding the development of the handbook. Superintendent Trickett would like to keep the Athletic Handbook as an informational guide for parents more than an instructional coaching manual. How one coaches and/or teaches is part of the district's job description and district philosophy. A coach's performance is to be reviewed by the athletic director and administration for purposes of staff development and retention in the position.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the Riley Community Consolidated School District 18 Athletic Handbook based on final draft. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Haeflinger suggested that a recording be made of the band and choir Holiday Concert and sold as a fundraiser.

Our next Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Jay Behnke – President

Mrs. Anita Mitchell – Secretary