

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

Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
7:00 PM

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

School Board Members Peters, Haeflinger, Northcutt, Mitchell, Aubry, and Schnable answered roll call at 7:01 PM. Member Behnke was not present. Members of the public in attendance were Ms. Caldwell, McKenzie Caldwell and Mrs. Wojcik. Also in attendance were Mrs. Schnable, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Conkling, and Mr. Trickett.

There were no Freedom of Information requests. No questions on Financial Report April 2011 or Treasurer's Report: Bills Payable May, 2011. No changes to the minutes for Special School Board Meeting for Negotiations of April 11 and 20, 2011, or Regular School Board Meeting of April 20, 2011. No changes to Executive Session Minutes of the Special School Board Meeting for Negotiations of April 11 and 20, 2011, or Regular School Board Meeting of April 20, 2011. Superintendent Trickett recommends tentative approval of summer athletic programs. There is in-house interest for the Athletic Director's position and there may be requests from coaches to make programs available. Superintendent Trickett would like to see the registration fees remain the same with the exception of an increase for the purchase of a yearbook. The yearbook program ran a deficit last year. By increasing the purchase price to \$18.00, reducing the number ordered and requesting staff to purchase the yearbook instead of the school providing them one, the program should recover. The food service program was in the black this year and the recommendation is to keep cafeteria prices the same as in 2010.

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

**RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND VIKING AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Viking award winners for March were 8<sup>th</sup> graders, McKenzie Caldwell and Edi Andrade (not present). Congratulations and keep up the good work.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Mrs. Wojcik expressed her concern in reference to the Habitat for Humanity project in Brookside Meadows. Past Board practice was to waive impact fees. With the increasing economic concerns, Mrs. Wojcik feels that waiving these fees is not in the best interest of the school and would like the Board to reconsider past practices. Mr. Trickett was approached for

the first time today, May 18, 2011, by the Habitat for Humanity in reference to waiving impact fees. The Board's could not formally vote on this issue, however, the Board through consensus recommended Superintendent Trickett to inform Habitat for Humanity impact fees would not be waived for the home in Brookside Meadows.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Projected enrollment for 2011/12 will be 296 students. All classes will be two sections with the exception of 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Rooms 202 and 204 will house the 5<sup>th</sup> grades and room 201 will be 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The junior high sections will remain as is, with the exception of new home room assignments. It is practice with some school districts to have an auditor audit the auditor. Superintendent Trickett feels that this is just an added expense and would like to continue with Eder, Casella & Company performing our audit of the financial statements of Riley Community Consolidated School District 18. Our letter of April 21, 2011 to Eder, Casella & Company regarding our fiscal year 2010 audit is in response to deficiencies that were considered to be either material weaknesses or matter of concern with respect to Riley CCDS 18 financial internal controls. Mr. Trickett mentioned that practically all concerns have been addressed with regard to the audit. The revised levy tax extension computation report has been provided showing changes. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004) Section 616, requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local district with regard to the provision of special education and related services. The Illinois State Board of Education has determined that Riley CCDS 18 has received the designation of "Meets Requirements". Mr. Stimes provided an agenda and minutes of April 20, 2011, for the Mid-Northern Conference. Schuring & Schuring, Inc. thanked us for extending our milk contract for 2010-11 and 2011-12 school years and provided us with an alternate bid with escalator for the 2011-12 school year. There will be some changes required by ISBE regarding milk; districts are now required to offer only low fat flavored milk along with non-flavored milk. The State is also requiring that water be available to all students during the lunch hours. Riley Food Service Management will comply with these new requirements. Food Service Management will purchase bread through the Co-Op for the 2011-12 school year; this is a change from us having to purchase it ourselves and transport. Superintendent Trickett will attend the annual Executive Committee meeting with CLIC, Wednesday, April 20, 2011. Alliance Legislative Report and Extra Mile continues to update the Districts on budget discussions and legislation. Illinois Statewide School Management Alliance provided the school board with "Myths and Facts about Forced School Consolidation". The Governor has approved a commission to study the pros and cons of consolidation. Member Peters asked Superintendent if a letter was drafted with our concerns of consolidation. Superintendent Trickett held off on this letter because there are just too many bills be considered due to legislative posturing; and he suggests waiting to respond to a more definite group of bills to make the letter more effective. Our biggest objection is the Governor mandating change. Marengo Area Schools sent a letter to the City of Marengo Council Members, May 9, 2011, with their concerns on the 47% reduction of impact and transition fees for North Star Trust and Marengo Development, LLC. The City of Marengo Council Members will meet again next week. Mr. Trickett will attend and again express his concerns as to the

arbitrary decision to reduce these fees and the impact it will have on the area schools as well as other taxing bodies. Superintendent Trickett invited Board Members to attend.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Peter's had no report on President Behnke's behalf.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Principal Conkling would like to congratulate Kelsey and Carter Paprocki on their highest award of Gold at the 2011 Science Fair at the University of Illinois. Mr. Warren along with the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will be planting a rain/butterfly garden and wild flower garden. These gardens were provided by a grant from the Wild Flower Preservation Propagation Committee and McHenry County Water Conservation District. The rain/butterfly garden will enhance the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade curriculum. Principal Conkling would like to thank Mr. Warren and Mrs. Kunde for their hard work. The planting will be Friday, May 20, 2011. The ACCESS Tests have been received for the English language learners. We will be able to exit two students from this program. This was our goal to be able to exit students by the time they reach 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade for those students coming into kindergarten not speaking English. Mrs. Conkling and Mrs. Doane met to discuss the summer cleaning crew projects. The bus barn will be cleaned out for the upcoming garage sale and an inventory will be made determining what will stay or be disposed. School Year 2011/12 registration days have been set for June 28 and July 21, 2011 from 1:00PM to 7:00PM to accommodate those who are unable to come during regular business hours. The school office will be closed on those days. 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be Tuesday, May 31, 2011, and all Board Members are encouraged to attend. There will be reserved seating for those who would like to attend. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra letters will be going out pending the approval of the program by the Board. The elementary staff has reviewed curriculum text book materials for reading and writing. Mrs. Conkling attended a workshop for common core standards which has made her more aware of what is required.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Trickett would like to acknowledge Mrs. Conkling's and the staff's hard work toward curriculum. Mrs. Conkling will be preparing a proposal to enhance the reading and writing curriculum. Mr. Trickett reported a major problem with the roof over rooms 106, 107, 108 and kindergarten. It has been determined that this roof was replaced in 1985. Mr. Trickett has consulted roofing companies and will be meeting with our architect, Bradley and Bradley, Tuesday, May 24, 2011, to advise us on the next course of action. Once the roof is repaired, he would suggest we have some air sampling done to address any issues regarding dampness and mold. Superintendent Trickett informed the Board of Education that the Energy Grant was denied in the first round mainly due to our local wealth and ability to raise funds based on our EAV. The Tri-Annual Asbestos inspection will be done by Public Health and Safety Inc., along with required asbestos training, totaling \$1,350.00.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Because of the two snow days used this year, the current calendar needs to be amended and approved as a final calendar for the 2010-11 school year.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve amended 2010-11 school calendar and approve end of year final calendar for 2010-11 year. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve authorization for administration to prepare and submit all required Federal and State Grants and ISBE Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2012. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Schnable made a motion to approve the current 8<sup>th</sup> grade Algebra program for Riley CCSD 18 for 2011-12 school year as implemented. Member Mitchell seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve renewal of membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for Fiscal year 2012. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to approve Resolution for Permanent Transfer of Working Cash to Education Fund for Fiscal year 2011. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Haeflinger – AYE  
Member Peters – AYE  
Member Aubry – AYE

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

Each quarter we are to report to the Regional Office of Education any student that has left the District. Any student under the age of 16 is required to be enrolled in school.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve McHenry County Regional Office of Education Quarterly Report of Pupils no longer enrolled in school. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Aubry made a motion to approve the Tri-Annual Asbestos Inspection and training of staff and administration. Member Northcutt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Northcutt made a motion to adjourn for Executive Session at 8:47 PM for the purpose of Negotiations, Real Estate, and Personnel. Member Schnable seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The regular School Board Meeting resumed at 9:31 PM.

Superintendent Trickett reported that there are ten 7<sup>th</sup> grade students under consideration for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade algebra program for 2011-12 school year; after review of data by the administration, the Board's decision was not to approve the algebra program for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in year 2011-12.

Member Schnable made a motion to adjourn at 9:33 PM. Member Aubry seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Jay Behnke – President

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Mrs. Anita Mitchell – Secretary