

Riverdale School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 26, 2010

The Board of Education of Riverdale C.U.S.D. #100 met in the High School Library, 9622 256th Street North, Port Byron, Illinois for a Regular Meeting on Monday evening.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present

Todd Caves, member, Sherry Creen, member, Steve Gibson, member, Rick Kessler, member, Lori Wirt, member, Brian Plumb, Vice President, Tom Schroeder, President

Public Participation

Jennifer Temple invited the Board Members to attend the 3rd and 6th Grade Science Mentoring Program that was created through a grant offered by 3M.

Chris Bradshaw shared ideas to improve tolerance for diversity in our schools. Mr. Jacobs would like to implement some of her ideas.

Race to the Top

Mr. Jacobs informed the Board of Education about ISBE's request to have an application signed by the Superintendent, Teachers' Association and the Board of Education. Illinois application will be stronger if the majority of Districts submit a Memorandum of Understanding signed by all three groups.

Editorial

Mr. Jacobs reviewed an editorial on school funding by Jim Nowlan that explains where the State funding is going.

Soccer

Mr. Jacobs told the Board of Education that he received a letter from our soccer coach, Jared Barber, and that he did not intend to recommend any changes, unless the Board of Education wishes to discuss it at the May meeting.

Principal Reports

Handout for Mrs. Evans who is attending a 2-day National Reading Conference in Chicago:

- PTA Founder's Day was a great success.
- Bus Driver Appreciation, Playground Safety and Administrative Professionals Day were all the week of April 19.
- Kindergarten Round Up is April 29.
- Spring concert is May 4.
- Spring Benchmarking begins May 10.
- 5th grade visit to middle school on May 12.
- Elementary field day is May 25.
- 5th grade promotion is May 26.

Mr. Jennings reported the following:

- Tri-County Music Festival (band and choir) is April 27, Tampico Middle School - Students will work under guest conductors to prepare for an evening performance.
- Field trips are April 29 - 8th grade will attend Finance Park; 7th grade will take an environmental cruise on the Mississippi followed by an afternoon on Everest at the Imax; 6th grade will do team building activities at Adventure Quest.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Temple and Mr. Fortney who received the 3M Grant for \$3,500. The Middle School Science Department has received over \$20,000 in grant money over the last 4 years.
- Colonel Nielsen will bring Moon Rocks and other NASA objects to share on May 7.
- Student Council Spring Dance is May 7.
- 5th grade students will visit for introduction and tours on May 12.
- Ninety students were invited to join Erie in listening to MWAH which provided students with messages to stimulate them to react in positive ways.
- 8th Grade Promotion is May 26.

Mr. Boyd reported the following:

- PSAE review was April 23, and testing is April 28-29.
- Prom is at Adventure Quest on May 1.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is May 3-7.
- Music Concert is May 11.
- Class Night is May 12.
- Graduation is May 16.

Mr. Mitchell reported the following:

- Hosting baseball/softball regionals
- Meeting of interest for a baseball/softball trip to Florida over next spring break.
- Bass fishing had their first sectional last weekend. It is completely funded by donations and participants.

Health Insurance

Mr. Jacobs reviewed renewal rates stating that trends this year for groups our size are about 14%. Blue Cross and Blue Shield have sent us a 13% increase which amounts to additional funds of \$132,000. We also have quotes from Principal and Health Alliance, which are significantly lower with initial quotes based on demographics. We have completed information towards the next step of receiving accurate quotes.

Property Casualty/Workers' Compensation Insurance

Mr. Jacobs reviewed information that was put out for formal bid with bid opening on April 30.

High/Middle School Board Participation

Mr. Jacobs reminded the Board members of participation for High School Graduation, May 16, and Middle School Promotion, May 26.

IASB Meeting

Mr. Jacobs reminded the Board members of the IASB Blackhawk Division Governing Committee Meeting at the Cellar, May 12, 2010.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following as presented:

- Board Retreat Minutes (March 12, 2010)
- Open and Closed Session Minutes (March 22, 2010)
- Accounts Payable, Financial Reports and Interfund Loans

Motion (Kessler), Second (Plumb) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Into Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel appointments and employment, Superintendent evaluation, and contract negotiations at 7:40 p.m.

Motion (Green), Second (Kessler) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Out of Closed Session

Motion to come out of closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Motion (Plumb), Second (Kessler) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Personnel

Motion to approve the transfer of Heidi Ringberg from Elementary Special Education Aide to Physical Education Aide, effective the 2010-11 school year.

Motion (Kessler), Second (Green) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Motion to approve Erin Williams as Softball Volunteer, effective immediately.

Motion (Kessler), Second (Caves) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Motion to hire Justine Kinsman as Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective the 2010-11 school year.

Motion (Green), Second (Plumb) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Motion to freeze the salaries of Julia Evans, James Jennings, Andrew Mitchell and Ronald Jacobs for the 2010-11 contract year due to budgetary concerns, with this continuing statement, "That it is very generous of these Principals and Superintendent to step forward and ask that their salaries be frozen, most especially Mr. Jacobs, who is in the middle of a 5-year contract which affects that whole contract. That is a very noble move, and this Board of Education really appreciates it."

Motion (Schroeder), Second (Kessler) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Motion (Green), Second (Plumb) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried