

**Riverdale School Board Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 19, 2011**

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Present**

Todd Caves, member, Jim Toppert, member, Sherry Turkal, member, Lori Wirt, member, Rick Kessler, Vice President, Brian Plumb, President

**Absent**

Sherry Green, member

**Public Participation**

Grandparents from our community attended the November meeting and returned to continue the discussion regarding bullying policies. Mr. Jacobs noted that it will follow the Principal Reports.

**Principal Reports**

Mrs. Evans reported the following:

- Mrs. Olson had a baby girl, Hailey Renee.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Festival of Trees raised over \$900 to purchase presents for children in our community to be distributed through Ann's Helping Hands. Mr. Jacobs added that for all the efforts in our buildings at different times of year, it is amazing how our students and families that can contribute to help those who are less fortunate. This is a big tribute to our students and families in our district.
- Winter program was wonderful with a full house and a great variety of songs.
- Holiday parties are December 20.

Mr. Jennings reported the following:

- Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Verbeckmoes and Mr. Jennings attended a Raising Student Achievement Conference through a grant received from the ROE.
- FOR (Friends of Rachel) Club had Gerad Hall, former Riverdale graduate and Youth Pastor at Wildwood, talk about the 5 challenges, sharing his personal experiences about dealing with bullying when he was a student and providing simple behaviors and actions to help face bullies and implement challenges.
- Band and Choir had another outstanding performance at their holiday concert wrapping up the evening with a Festival of Lights grand finale including all 118 musicians. Mr. Jacobs added that it is a huge accomplishment to Mr. Reece, music program director for band/choir, stepping up at this busy time of year, and seems to be enjoying the opportunity.
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys put the finishing touch on a successful basketball season by winning their conference tournaments.

Mr. Boyd reported the following:

- It is hard to believe that first semester is almost over. Finals are December 20-21. Report cards will be handed out about January 6.
- National Honor Society sponsored a contest between 5<sup>th</sup> period classes, raising \$2658 for Cash for Kids. Congratulations to our students for raising the most money ever for this activity! Mr. Jacobs added that as a result, they got to see Mr. Boyd in a Santa suit handing out finals waivers which brought lots of smiles from students.
- Second semester for students starts January 4. Teachers begin Tuesday, January 3.

Mr. Boyd also reported for Mr. Hemm that the winter seasons are off and running. Wrestling record stands about .500 with some good individual performances. Girls' Basketball got off to a hot start winning their first 9 games. Boys' Basketball overall record stands at 7-2. Speech team has been winning numerous individual entries this season.

### **Bullying Policy**

Mr. Jacobs reviewed Board Policy 7-180 which comes from the Illinois Association of School Boards, and is a very similar policy in use by about 90% of schools districts across the State of Illinois. We utilize a policy service from the School Board Association called Press Policy Review Editing Service. They use legal opinions of counselors that work for the school board association and they meet with other counsel throughout State of Illinois, and recommend Board policy to school districts across the State of Illinois.

Mr. Jacobs said that if we are going to handle discipline differently, it needs to come in the form of what's in the student handbook and how administration and teachers are guided to deal with bullying.

Mr. Jacobs added that bullying has been added to the next agenda of the district curriculum committee consisting of administrators, certified faculty and community members who will review documents and consequences, and share results with the Board of Education.

### **Conference Expansion**

Mr. Boyd reviewed a tentative proposal to expand the Three Rivers Conference changing from 9 to 15 schools and a north/south division.

### **FOIA**

No requests to report.

### **Consent Items**

Motion to approve the following as presented:

- Open/Closed Session Minutes (11/14/11, 11/28/11)
- Accounts Payable/Financial Reports
- Personnel

*Motion (Wirt), Second (Turkal) - Roll Call: All yeas, Motion carried.*

**2011 Tax Levy**

Motion to approve the 2011 Tax Levy as presented.

*Motion (Kessler), Second (Wirt) - Roll Call: All yeas, Motion carried.*

**Bus Lease**

Motion to approve the lease of 4 buses to replace buses with expiring leases, from Central States Bus Sales as presented.

*Motion (Kessler), Second (Wirt) - Roll Call: All yeas, Motion carried.*

**Grade Point Calculations**

Motion to approve a change in grade point calculations for class rank effective the 2011-12 school year.

*Motion (Wirt), Second (Turkal) - Roll Call: Yeas (Plumb, Toppert, Turkal, Wirt), Nays (Caves, Kessler), Absent (Creen), Motion carried.*

**Into Closed Session**

Motion to go into closed session at 8:43 p.m.

*Motion (Wirt), Second (Kessler) - All yeas, Motion carried.*

**Out of Closed Session**

Motion to come out of closed session at 9:02 p.m.

*Motion (Wirt), Second (Toppert) - All yeas, Motion carried.*

**Personnel** *(approved under consent items, effective immediately unless otherwise noted)*

*Hire:*

- William Blomgren, asst. high school girls' basketball coach (2011-12 school year)

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

*Motion (Toppert), Second (Kessler) - All yeas, Motion carried.*