

**Riverdale Board of Education
Rock Island County
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 25, 2023**

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.

Call to Order

President Baldwin called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Scott Beeler, Wendy Kelley, Kevin Mahraun, Amber Sensabaugh, President Tim Baldwin, Blake Enloe (arrived at 7:08 p.m.); Absent: Vice President Todd Jackson

Public Participation

Rochelle Arnold has attended several community meetings sharing her safety concerns about the CO₂ pipeline. She said it is an important decision and appreciates everyone's consideration for the proposed resolution.

Superintendent Temple said he received the resolution and has shared it with the Board, but no action would be taken at this meeting.

Kevin McGinty asked for the Board to work with the RTA to add a second paid girls' cross country coach for the remainder of the current school year as well as going forward.

Superintendent Temple said expectation has been raised due to exceptional students who decided to take part in this sport, and we are fortunate to have somebody running a great program.

Evan Murray added that many boys who were in cross country and have graduated are still running in college, and that the hard work going into cross country carries over and helps the track team.

Larry Chapman said everyone in the community should ask to look at the tentative budget and that he does.

Mr. Chapman added that at last month's meeting, he was for adding the skylights to the elementary addition, but the impact is not going to do what was thought, so no action was taken. He said this Board takes care of what is needed.

Mr. Chapman asked where the radios are going to be located and who will use them.

Superintendent Temple responded that the 20 radios are for transportation to use in buses and in the building offices.

Mr. Chapman said he looks at his property taxes and that everyone needs to. He said we have one of the best small rural schools in the state and cannot have quality education if we don't look forward. He asked if there was some way to get this information to every resident in the District, to let them know what's going on and how we are spending money.

Superintendent Temple said he appreciates his call each month before the Board meetings and thanked him for his support.

Student Ambassadors

Superintendent Temple welcomed the Student Ambassadors and asked William Cox, who was unable to attend the previous meetings, to recite the Oath of Office.

Carrieanne Hungate said it is good to have diversified ambassadors with the activities that they are involved in. She is a volleyball player and team captain, which has been fun with good turnouts at games. We are hosting regionals this year and hoping to take home the plaque. Soccer has had recent success, and having one of best years, also hosting regionals this year. Homecoming week was very successful. She is a member of the student board and a lot of students were involved in organizing that. We didn't have to rent DJ stereo equipment due to the new sound system. The student leadership team has started meetings again, scheduling two each month before the Board meeting. All grades meet at one meeting during lunch to discuss what to keep, change or improve around the schools. The other is just a meeting of the four ambassadors. She is hoping to have a formal ambassador report next time. All members of the national honor society and one of the most popular programs is the big buddies program, working with Principal Lofgren and the elementary teachers, helping in classrooms. It has been a good experience. Fall festival between the elementary and high school, with turnout increasing and becoming more popular. Most sports and activities will have a trunk.

Ian Smiddy said his JV golf season just ended. What a season for both JV and varsity, completely undefeated in their conference. Varsity won several tournaments and the Sterling invite as the only 1A school, beat 2A and 3A teams in these tournaments and also hosting regionals September 27th. They are a spectacular team. I know from watching them, they are going to go far in their long season ahead of them, with a potential state appearance. Musical casting for "The Drowsy Chaperone" role as cast member has been amazing. It is hilarious and everyone is enjoying it. He can't wait for the performance in November. Homecoming was a wonderful success with dancing and the music was good and enjoyable. The sound system worked beautifully. Band and choir is going along very well this fall. Ian has been working with the student leaders to learn more information about the school. They are receiving some suggestions and will share information in the future. Mr. Reece and Mrs. Seevers are working very hard with us for the fall concert, competition in choir and the musical. Thanks to the public for coming to the meeting. He said he hasn't been to a cross country meet, but is aware of their success and knows how hard they work.

Adam Benoit thanked everyone in the public participation section. He said that Mr. Claus has put a lot of work in the last few years for cross country and that everyone appreciates it. Homecoming was great this year. Everyone loved the music a lot. The music rehearsals have been going well with a big cast, great crew and pit orchestra. Cross country for boys and girls are a great success. Regionals are next week, then sectionals, then state series. Interact club works with Mrs. Hemm to host a blood drive here in the library. We allow community members to come in, teachers and anyone who wants to donate can. We receive a grant if we get enough donations. The big buddies program and national honor society are excited to get started and work with the elementary school.

William Cox said he is an avid football fan and glad to have them back representing us against other schools. He is extremely grateful for our community support, and glad programs push forward toward development of our younger players to make it even better. As a member of the booth and stage crew of the musical, we are getting into form to bring the best show to make people proud.

Principal Reports

Principal Reports are attached.

Blackhawk Division Dinner Meeting

Superintendent Temple told the Board that the Blackhawk Division Dinner Meeting is to be held October 25, 2023, at the Kewanee High School, and to let us know if they plan to attend.

Joint Annual Conference

Superintendent Temple reminded the Board of the Joint Annual Conference that is to be held November 17-19, 2023, in Chicago. Reservations have been made, and more information will be available soon.

Future Capital Project Initial Cost Estimates

Superintendent Temple said there was a meeting last October to discuss plans and vision, and was asked for priorities and cost estimates for 5 projects: 1 - High school additional gym connection; 2 - High school kitchen prep remodel; 3 - Middle school parking and asphalt, driveway and parking for softball and baseball diamonds; 4 - Middle school concession stand; 5 - High school HVAC in gym. The estimated cost was a little over \$14 million for all projects if taken on at one time. Superintendent Temple thinks there is a path to get this accomplished in the next 4 - 5 years without asking taxpayers for more. Nothing is set in stone, and there is no path accomplishing these in any priority or order. Superintendent Temple thinks it is possible to chart a path forward with Board direction and feedback from the community, staff and students. Superintendent Temple would like to schedule a working committee meeting ahead of the October Board meeting to share things and potentially put a plan together to get started. It is exciting to talk about these projects.

FOIA Requests

Janine Asmus requested information on the District's Certified Librarians. We do not have a Certified Librarian. We currently have Paraprofessionals who serve as librarians.

Consent Agenda *(approve as presented)*

- A. Open/Closed Session Minutes 8/28/2023
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Board Policy Updates
- D. Personnel 1-4, 6 *(5 was removed from the agenda)*

Motion (Sensabaugh), Second (Kelley) – Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried

2023-24 Budget

Motion to approve the 2023-24 budget as presented.

Motion (Beeler), Second (Mahraun) – Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried

Portable Radios

Motion to approve the purchase of 20 portable radios for a total of \$35,083.75.

Motion (Kelley), Second (Beeler) – Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried

Bus Leases

Motion to approve 5 year bus leases for 4 new buses and 1 activity bus at an annual total of \$127,610.04.

Motion (Sensabaugh), Second (Mahraun) – Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried

SIP Provider

Motion to approve Cady Business Technical as our new SIP provider.

Motion (Enloe), Second (Sensabaugh) – Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Personnel (*Approve as presented under Consent Agenda, pending all requirements are met.*)

1. Kathleen Lennon-MacLennan, approve resignation as high school cook, 9/1/23.
2. Guy Dierikx, approve resignation as part-time high school track coach, end of 2022-23.
3. Liza Mueller, approve resignation as musical set/costume asst., end of 2022-23.
4. Jana Kovacic, approve as bus driver, 2023-24.
5. ~~Goldie Ellis, approve probationary status as bus driver, when all requirements are met.~~
6. James Turkal, approve as middle school cross country coach, 2023-24.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Motion (Mahraun), Second (Beeler) – Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried