

Riverdale School Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
November 28, 2011

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

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

Present

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

Sherry Creen, member, arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Absent

Lori Wirt, member

Public Participation

Grandparents from our community talked about bullying policies and asked that they be looked at and consequences be made specific. Mr. Jacobs told the audience that the District has the responsibility for each child to come to school free from bullying. The Board agreed to review the policy on bullying at the next meeting.

Principal Reports

Mrs. Evans reported the following:

- “Catch the Reading Bug” family reading night was a huge success. Planning to add family math night and physical fitness night.
- 5th Grade Festival of Trees is December 1, from 5:30-6:30.
- Mrs. Petersen and Mrs. Evans continue to work in the classrooms on bullying issues.
- Winter program is scheduled for December 3, at 7:00 p.m.
- Holiday parties are December 20, at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Jennings reported the following:

- Boys’ basketball is coming to an end.
- Raising Student Achievement Conference Grant was received from the ROE to attend a 2-day conference in St. Charles.
- 25, 8th grade students will be joining 1100 other 8th graders from the Illinois Quad Cities at the 4th annual Construction Career Expo, and will receive information and hands-on experience about careers in the construction trades.
- Deputy Miller has started a Crime Stoppers program and has over 60 students interested in being part of the program.
- 240 students participated in a food drive for Ann’s Helping Hands. They raised over \$1,000, gathered 980 cans/boxes of food, 21 turkeys and 3 hams.

Mr. Boyd reported the following:

- Athletic conference voted to allow Ottawa Marquette to leave, and to replace them with Spring Valley Hall Township for the 2012-13 school year. Three Rivers Athletic Conferences will meet and discuss possible expansion to allow an East/West divisional play.
- Student Council collected a truck load of food products for Ann's Helping Hands. National Honor Society will have a "Cash for Kids" campaign in December and use the money to buy presents for children in our District.
- Riverdale's Art classes had a tree and several art projects on display at the Festival of Trees.
- Winter Music concert is December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Betty Plum Auditorium.
- Final exams for first semester will be December 21-22.
- Textbooks are in need of repair being 10 years or older with a life expectancy of only 5 years.
- Reviewing grade policies for class ranking.
- Teams are off to a good start with the transition from fall to winter sports.

Mr. Jacobs added that Bill and Rick have worked very hard creating the new shot put and discus venue now located down at the track.

IASB Conference Reports

Board Vice President, Rick Kessler, and Superintendent, Ronald Jacobs, attended the annual Illinois Association of School Boards Conference in Chicago and gave brief reports on sessions they went to. Lori Wirt also attended the conference.

IASB Blackhawk Division Governing Committee Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at The Cellar in Geneseo, for discussion on planning activities for upcoming meetings.

FOIA

No requests to report.

Consent Items

Motion to approve the following as presented:

- Open/Closed Session Minutes (10/18/11, 10/24/11)
- Accounts Payable/Financial Reports
- Early Graduation Request
- Personnel 1-5

Motion (Toppert), Second (Creen) - Roll Call: All yes, Motion carried

District Risk Management Plan

Mr. Jacobs discussed the plan stating that it formalizes the practices that are already being used when determining the tax levy and budget using a percentage of individual salaries and insurance premiums that are going to be paid for out of the TORT fund. We can levy the TORT for the purpose of limiting liability and risk management for the District.

Motion to approve the new District Risk Management Plan.

Motion (Toppert), Second (Creen) - All yes, Motion carried

Into Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion (Creen), Second (Toppert) - All yes, Motion carried

Out of Closed Session

Motion to come out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

Motion (Kessler), Second (Creen) - All yes, Motion carried

Personnel *(approved under consent items, effective immediately unless otherwise stated)**Permanent Status:*

· Leanne Stickler (11/8/11)

· Nikki Stuart (11/14/11)

FMLA:

· Melissa Olson (beginning on or about 12/16/11)

Leave of Absence:

· Melissa Creen, asst. girls' basketball coach (2011-12 school year)

Volunteer:

· Brandon Duncan, wrestling volunteer

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Motion (Toppert), Second (Kessler) - All yes, Motion carried