

Riverdale C.U.S.D. #100
Rock Island County
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 19, 2016

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

Roll Call

Present: Tim Baldwin, Todd Jackson, Rick Kessler, Jim Toppert, Vice President Todd Caves, President Brian Plumb; Absent: Tom Walston

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Principal Reports

Elementary Principal Temple:

- The 5th grade Festival of Trees annual fundraiser contributed nearly \$1000 to local charities. Thank you to the community for supporting their efforts! Thanks to the teachers and students for doing such a great job in preparing for the event as well.
- Deputy Jim Miller sponsored our local Shop With a Cop program. He has been the foundational organizer for this program which has spread to other communities as well.
- Bri Carbaugh's Early Childhood, Pre-K Special Education, class will be splitting after break. The program will be up to 8 special needs students that require more intensive instruction than would be possible in the regular classroom. The students she serves have typically received services at The Center through Blackhawk Special Education. This program allows our students to remain in their home District to receive instruction.
- School Improvement - ELA curriculum and content development committee: We have scheduled presentations from Benchmark Advanced - Presented on the 13th; Journeys - To present on the 19th; and Reading Street - Hope to schedule in after break.
- We will be getting initial cost estimates and reconvening as a committee to talk about plans for piloting programs for Math – Rti, initial stages in grades 3-5. Hope to begin fact practice with 2nd grade next semester.
- Upcoming events: Board Meeting; Elementary Winter Concert; 1 hour early dismissal; Winter Break; Teacher Institute - Dave Markward presentation.

Middle School Principal Jennings:

- FOR Club hosted their third annual Cookies, Cocoa, and Kindness activity. They shared the important meanings of the holiday season and encouraged students to make holiday cards for those living in extended care facilities. Holiday treats were shared by all the students.
- The band and choir students are putting on another outstanding winter concert at this very moment. The 6th grade choir is giving their debut performance sharing a few of their first semester favorites. The Band is poised for another amazing performance. The evening will be wrapped up with some holiday songs from our 7th/8th grade choir. A special Thank You and Good Luck to Mr. Reece and all three groups.
- Second quarter Recognition Assembly and Winter Activities on Wednesday. Students will be recognized for Straight "A" Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and their participation in

Basketball, Cheerleading, and FOR Club.

- 7th/8th grade boys' basketball teams wrapped up their season at the Conference Tournament. 8th grade fell in semi-final game to Morrison while the 7th grade came up short in championship game with a hard fought battle vs. River Bend.
- Raising Student Achievement Conference - Mr. Kerr (Math), Mrs. Temple (Science/SS), and myself, attended the conference in St. Charles, IL, thanks to ROE grant. Both teachers really enjoyed breakout sessions and were able to pick up new classroom strategies in both social studies and math.
- PSAT - 8th graders will be taking their first shot at the PSAT on January 5th. Students will be testing all morning in Reading, Writing, and Math (Calc/No Calc).
- Practices for the second half of our winter sports season have begun. Wrestlers and the 8th grade girls' basketball players have been able to get a few days of practice in before the start of the holiday break as they prepare for the start of the 2016-17 season. 7th grade girls will start practice as soon as we return from break.

High School Principal Dwyer:

- We have switched from ACT Aspire to PSAT 8,9,10, and PSAT/SAT for student standardized testing system in order to keep up with the State's decision to offer free SAT tests in the spring to all juniors. Our team has done a lot of research on the New SAT test and were given the opportunity to share our plan with local school districts when we presented at the Atkinson Roe in November. In essence, we have "rebuilt" our test prep program for juniors so that our students are exposed to both ACT and SAT test prep. We are encouraging students to take either the ACT or SAT early this year, and we will be administering the SAT on April 5th to our juniors. Our freshmen and sophomores will be taking the PSAT 9 & 10 after break to give them an opportunity to take a practice test similar to the SAT they will be taking their junior year. Our hope is that we will be able to create a database system to share all the scores with teachers, so the scores may be used to make instructional-based decisions for individuals. We will also be using these scores in the future, to help make decisions for student placement in courses. Unfortunately, it will take us a few years to collect enough data in a longitudinal system, so our hope is that by next spring we should be able to look at trend data to determine if students are making appropriate growth in each subject area, each year.
- NHS, STUCO, and ROTARY INTERACT have been working hard collecting funds to help our families with clothes and food for the holiday season. I want to personally thank Michele Hemm (STUCO) and Nicole Bowers (NHS and INTERACT) for their hard work.
- I had an opportunity to attend the RSAC with Jennifer Robinson and Caytie Arnold. Our focus this year was on bringing back different ideas to help build a social emotional learning component to our 8th hour advisory period. I was able to spend the two days attending a variety of workshops to take back ideas for our SIP team. I am always pleased with this conference, and appreciate being able to attend each year with a team of teachers.
- Illinois State Scholar recipients: Max Grau, Jurnie Hinde, Sarah Hogren, Grace Mercer, Jacob Miller, Allen Pratt, and Devin Scott, will be invited to next January's Board meeting for recognition of their outstanding achievement.

Superintendent Jacobs thanked Principal Dwyer for working with students and staff to rally for Coach Lofgren, stating that he is more than appreciative of kids and faculty for what they have done.

FOIA Requests

We received one FOIA request from Nathan Mihelich, Illinois Retired Teachers Association (IRTA), requesting the name/title/email for teachers/administrators retiring in 2017.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following as presented:

- Open/Closed Session Minutes, 11/28/16
- Accounts Payable/Financial Reports/Interfund Loans
- Personnel, 1

Motion (Jackson), Second (Kessler) - Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.

2016 Tax Levy

Motion to approve the 2016 Tax Levy as presented.

Motion (Baldwin), Second (Kessler) - Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.

Bus Lease

Motion to approve the lease of 8 Blue Bird School Buses from Central States Bus Sales, to replace those with expiring leases for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion (Baldwin), Second (Toppert) - Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Personnel

Motion to approve Personnel as presented (*For approval under Consent Agenda, effective immediately unless otherwise noted, pending all requirements are met.*):

- Permanent status for Julie Craigmiles, High School Night Custodian (12/15/16)

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Motion (Toppert), Second (Baldwin) - Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried.