

Riverdale C.U.S.D. #100
Rock Island County
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 23, 2017

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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Tim Baldwin, Rick Kessler, Jim Toppert, Vice President Todd Caves, President Brian Plumb, Todd Jackson arrived at 7:01 p.m.; Absent: Tom Walston

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Illinois State Scholars

Illinois State Scholars were introduced and presented with a Whitey's gift card: Max Grau, Jurnie Hinde, Sarah Hogren, Grace Mercer, Jacob Miller, Allen Pratt, and Devin Scott.

HVAC Presentation

Bob St. Mary, from Elara Energy Services, Inc., gave a presentation on possible options for HVAC and air conditioning at the Elementary and High School.

Principal Reports

Elementary School Principal Temple:

- Annual winter concert was well attended as usual. Miss Harris prepared a great program, and students did a great job! The spring concert is May 11.
- The Pre-K program has just completed the ECERs audit. This is a State mandated audit for programs receiving funding from the Preschool For All grant. We expect results in 6-8 weeks, and hope to maintain our Gold rating status.
- Congratulations to the following students who competed in the annual Spelling Bee: 5th grade - Ty Moore, Elijah VonMour, Rylynn Grant, Nick Reiman, Jake Willems, Cael Hinde; 4th grade - Makayla Oleson, Ray Horn, Tyler Bull-Welch, Jorie Sloan, Matt Downey, Kolton Kruse; 3rd grade - Aiden Smith, Dean Wainwright, Maddie Burkland, Claire Beeler, Gaige Heinsen, Kendra Brown, Noah Green, Katie Cox. Congratulations to Tyler Bull-Welch for his 4th place finish!
- School Improvement:
 - ELA curriculum and content development committee have heard presentations from three programs: Pearson's *Ready Gen*, Houghton Mifflin's *Journeys*, and *Benchmark Advanced*. We are making plans to pilot two programs either at the end of this year or the beginning of next year. Teachers are scheduled to visit other schools that are currently using the programs that we are looking into.
 - Rti Benchmarking period and DRA testing to begin. These assessments help us to determine groups for additional intervention in reading.
 - Several staff members attended the Temple Grandon conference on Autism at The RiverCenter in Davenport. The conference focused on how we can better serve, understand,

and accommodate for those students who struggle with the different types of sensory disorders.

Middle School Principal Jennings:

- 8th graders head back to Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena on Friday, February 10, for their annual ski trip. They will meet with a Chestnut Mountain representative February 1, to fill out paperwork and discuss plans and procedures for that day. Mr. Krier and Mrs. Rolling use class time to do drills, discuss proper skiing technique, ski attire, and dress for the weather.
- Quiz Bowl practices start next Monday. Matches start the first week of March. Home meets are scheduled for February 27, 28, and March 6, 7, and 15.
- On top of their work in the classrooms, teachers are busy preparing for P/T Conferences on Friday, February 3, PARCC Testing in March, and the second round of the new State mandated NGSS Science Assessment that will be administered this coming May.
- Wrestlers have had a good start to the season. They continue to get their young team some valuable experience at the West Carroll and Rockridge tournaments. They have rattled off several dual meet victories losing only to Rock Falls. They take on Morrison at home on Thursday night with their last home meet scheduled for February 7. We are once again hosting an IESA Regional Tournament on February 25.
- 7th/8th grade Girls' Basketball teams continue their conference season tomorrow night in Fulton. Both groups were able to start the conference season with a victory over Morrison and a weekend trip through the Seton tournament where 8th grade was able to bring home the championship trophy. Tonight, both teams defeated Kewanee by over 20 points.
- Spelling Bee - Top three place finishers from this year's spelling bee: 3rd Jordan Bull-Welch (7), 2nd Rhaena Reece (8), and returning Spelling Bee Champion Izzy Sloan (6). Izzy won on the word Gesticulations.

High School Principal Dwyer:

- Based on ACT scores and GPA's, 7 qualified to be Illinois State Scholars this year. Congratulations to Devin Scott, Allen Pratt, Max Grau, Jurnie Hinde, Sarah Hogren, Grace Mercer, and Jacob Miller. Their pictures are in our Hall-of-Fame. They are now choosing their paths for next year. As of today, the students are looking at the following schools for next year: Allen will be attending WIU and studying engineering; Devin is planning on attending a 4-year school and studying finance; Jurnie plans on attending either Northwestern or Iowa State and studying bio-chemistry/Spanish in hopes of pursuing a career in medicine; Sarah is planning on attending either Augustana or Iowa State University; Grace is looking at attending either Iowa State or Blackhawk to possibly study science and Spanish; Jacob is planning on attending Iowa State University and studying STEM sciences and/or engineering; Max plans on attending Iowa State in the fall and studying materials engineering. Congrats for being in the top 10% of students recognized by the State of Illinois for outstanding academic achievement!
- Student Council hosted 4th annual Military Appreciation Night on Friday the 13th. We recognized over 20 armed forces personnel during half-time, including Vietnam veterans, Korean War veterans, and active duty members. A special thank you to Wendy Neely for the beautiful and delicious cake, and Michele Hemm for organizing the overall night for our community.
- Scholastic Bowl is ranked 4th in the State. We will be hosting the Masonic Sectionals on February 18, the IHSA Sectionals on March 11, and probably the IHSA Regionals on March 6. Mr. Campbell would like to invite Board members to try and make one of these

events to see both an exciting competition and our communities' support for this great group of students.

- On Friday, January 13, we had our 2nd quarter rewards celebration. 165 students qualified for the reward celebration by meeting the requirements for 2nd quarter (no tardies, no discipline referrals, no unexcused absences, and no D's or F's). A special thanks goes out to Reba Plumb, Pam Smith, and Jessica Johnson, for their work helping to organize the event. The students enjoyed a quick treat, and numerous raffle prizes were given away. Also, one student from each class was selected by the staff as being the best examples of being a RAM (Respect, Attitude, Motivation, and Success). Congratulations to senior - Sam Barber, Junior - Lauren Graham, Sophomore - Ashley Garber, and Freshman - Sydney Grau.
- This year, all juniors have spent two days each week since the beginning of the school year preparing for the SAT exam. I want to thank Mr. Campbell (Math), Mrs. Johnsen (Math), Mr. White (English), Ms. Dean (Reading), and Mrs. Creen (Khan Academy), for helping our students prepare for this important test. The class prep has changed a little this year, as we are blending the test prep to include both ACT and SAT materials. Many of our students are opting to take the ACT on their own as well as preparing for the State-mandated SAT that we will give to all juniors on April 5.
- A special thanks goes out to Bill Mathias, Rick Guinn, and the entire custodial staff, for all the work they have done this winter! The staff has done a great job in keeping our parking lots and walk-ways clean and safe for students, staff, and parents, visiting our school for extracurricular activities. In addition, I have had several comments from visitors to our school about how well kept our building is, and I wanted to pass along my thanks to our staff for their efforts in this regard.
- Our winter sports seasons are coming to a close, and I want to personally thank all the coaches, athletes, and parents, for their spirit, effort, and sportsmanship, this past season. Our community and several others came together to raise over \$10,000 for Mark Lofgren's family as Blaine continues to battle against Burkitt's lymphoma. In addition, I want to thank Mr. Reece and our outstanding pep band for another memorable season. Our pep band truly exemplifies some of the great things happening at Riverdale High School!
- This year has been a learning experience for myself and all our faculty in regards to collecting student growth data for evaluation purposes. I have been happy with the teachers' ability to build meaningful assessments to measure student learning objectives, and collect data that will hopefully guide our future instruction. Students are learning how to prepare for 9-week assessments, which will hopefully help them understand the work it takes to study for a comprehensive exam.
- I wanted to let the Board know that we are planning on holding graduation outside again this year, with the high school gym as a backup location in case of inclement weather. Our hope is that we can begin to plan and streamline our process this year, so that this can become a tradition for future graduations here at Riverdale.
- Mr. Vysoky's advanced communication class, with the help from Jason Dennhardt, has begun live streaming some of our winter sport events. The hope is that within the next year, we will be able to live stream all home events and add color-commenting to this as well. The live-stream will be broadcasted through our Riverdale Facebook page, so there is no cost for any of our community members to view the events. The games will also be fed through to the new TV's that are in our lobby area - one screen will be dedicated to the concession stand, and the other will be dedicated to the live stream video.

FOIA Requests

There were no FOIA requests.

Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the following as presented:

- Open Session Minutes, 12/19/16
- Accounts Payable/Financial Reports/Interfund Loans
- Gorenz and Associates as Independent Auditors, 2016-17 Fiscal Year
- Personnel, 1-3

Motion (Baldwin), Second (Kessler) - 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.):*

- Retirement of Debra Slothower as 4th Grade Teacher, end of 2016-17 school year.
- Resignation of Kyle Rodriguez as part-time Asst. Boys' Track Coach.
- Position of Courtney Riley as part-time High School Individual/Classroom Special Education Paraprofessional, and to continue as part-time Bus Aide.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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