

**Riverdale C.U.S.D. #100**  
**Rock Island County**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 27, 2017**

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**

President Plumb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Fiber Optic Internet Service**

Tom Bussert and Scott Searl, gave a presentation asking community members to vote ([www.FiberMyCity.com](http://www.FiberMyCity.com)) to bring high-speed Fiber Optic Internet Service into our community through Geneseo Communications.

**FFA**

Ag Teacher Richard Houzenga and FFA members gave a presentation on past activities and future plans. Jacob Lester, Sarah Sadoris, and John Searl, who are working on State degrees in FFA, will participate in District competitions.

**Principal Reports**

Elementary School Principal Temple:

- Ecology Club had over 100 students and several staff members volunteer their time for the event. Students learned about the family dynamics and industriousness of beavers as well as seeing a presentation from Riverdale alum Emily (Warren) Santiago, on birds of prey.
- Teachers met with parents to discuss programing and instruction for students in the coming months during Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Jump Rope for Heart raised \$9,842.67. The pie throwing assembly will be this Friday. Students will be throwing 52 pies and dumping 3 buckets of slime.
- Our first ever Donuts for Dad event was a big success. Thank you to PTO for supporting the event. We are looking forward to a similar event for our Moms later this spring.
- 4th grade traveled to Davenport for their annual Symphony Day field trip. Thank you to Miss Harris for continuing to support the trip.
- 5th grade Grandparent's Day had a great turn out and received lots of positive feedback.
- School Improvement - ELA curriculum and content development committee:
  - We will reach out to districts who are currently using the Benchmark Advanced program.
  - We will also contact a company called MyOn. They are an online book resource that may be used to help support the new curriculum.

- Initial discussions have begun on Departmentalizing (Teaming) in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grades for next year. This plan would have teachers focusing on one or two content areas for instruction with students moving to different classrooms for instruction.
- All formal evaluations for certified faculty have been completed. Summative evaluations will be completed in the next few weeks.

#### Middle School Principal Jennings:

- FOR Club hosted their fourth annual Random Acts of Kindness Week. Students were asked to “Keep Kindness Mooving.” The event started with the kick off of our milk jug fundraiser. Students donated money to choose which faculty members would line up to kiss a cow. Wednesday was dress like a farmer day, and special treats were sold throughout the week. Each day students chose an activity during their first period class to help spread kindness throughout the day. The week wrapped up with the announcement of which teachers had raised the most money to kiss the cow. Mrs. Ogden, Mr. Roberts, and Deputy Miller, raised the most money to earn the honors. The students did an amazing job showing kindness and raising funds to support The New Kingdom Trailriders. A special Thank You to Mrs. Stichter and FOR Club.
- Mrs. Verbeckmoes and Student Council wrapped up RAK week by planning an extra-long reward and providing fun activities for all the students. Student Council continued the kindness and sold sweet treats the week of Valentine's Day. Students could buy a chocolate treat for themselves or have it sent to a special someone at the end of the day.
- Wrestlers wrapped up the regular season and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at IESA Regionals this past weekend. The boys finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 13 teams, only 3 points out of second place. Eleven qualifiers are moving on to the sectional meet in Peoria (Thad Jacobs 1<sup>st</sup> at 65 lbs, Tharren Jacobs 4<sup>th</sup> at 65 lbs, Collin Altensey 1<sup>st</sup> at 75 lbs, Eli Hinde 2<sup>nd</sup> at 75 lbs, Brock Smith 1<sup>st</sup> at 80 lbs, Alex Watson 3<sup>rd</sup> at 90 lbs, Cole Stickler 4<sup>th</sup> at 100 lbs, Dalton Cathcart 4<sup>th</sup> at 119 lbs, Bryan Caves 1<sup>st</sup> at 167 lbs, Charlie Mitton 3<sup>rd</sup> at 185 lbs, and Angus Strickland 4<sup>th</sup> at 275 lbs). Top wrestlers will then advance to the IESA State meet in Dekalb.
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders had another successful ski trip to Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena. Many first year skiers were able to enjoy the beautiful weather provided by Mother Nature, and learned some new skills while trying a new outdoor recreational activity.
- Career Day is scheduled for March 17. Steve Gibson, former Riverdale Board member, will be our keynote speaker. Mrs. Stichter has once again filled the morning with some pretty awesome career presentations and activities. Kirk Marske (Riverdale Grad) will be here to write an article featuring our career day activities.
- Teachers are busy preparing for PARCC Testing March 7-9. We will be running a different schedule on those dates due to the longer testing times required for this test. Students will be taking ELA and Math each day.
- 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls’ Basketball teams wrapped up the season this weekend at the conference tournaments. 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at this weekend’s conference tournament while 8<sup>th</sup> grade wrapped up another conference championship and an undefeated season.
- Track sprints into their season taking off the week of spring break, and resume practices on March 27. We have home meets scheduled for April 6, 11, and May 8.
- Quiz Bowl buzzed into their season opener tonight against River Bend. They continue at home tomorrow against Erie with more home meets scheduled for March 6, 7, and 15.

High School Principal Dwyer:

- We have been gearing our juniors up for the first ever SAT test date in the State of Illinois coming up on April 5 this year. Our 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> graders have already taken the PSAT exams this spring. These tests are predictor tests for the actual SAT, so we are eager to begin collecting the data to put together a longitudinal system that we can use to inform our instruction. We just received our 9<sup>th</sup> grade scores last week, and I have included a summary report to share with you so you can see how well our students did compared to State average! Our SIP team, along with our faculty, will begin going through the data on our SIP day this week. There are a lot of interesting trends in the data which will show our teachers both areas where we are strong, as well as areas where we can make improvements.
- Riverdale robotics team advanced to the State finals in Elgin for the first time! The team finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the 36-team competition. Unfortunately, the team came up just short of moving onto the National Super Regionals. I want to thank Mr. Dennhardt, along with all our local sponsors, for helping our team have an outstanding year.
- Riverdale's Scholastic Bowl Team qualified for Masonic State on March 4. The varsity team includes the following members: John Searl, Emmalyn Mueller, Mari Kelly, Aleck Reece, Toto Wongbandit, Caleb Bahr, Christopher Gillman, Andrew Boyer, and Hannah Butler. The team also placed 4<sup>th</sup> at Galesburg's tournament over the past weekend, and they will be competing in IHSA's State series (Riverdale will be hosting the regionals on March 6, starting at 4:30, and sectionals on March 11, beginning at 10:00 a.m.). We are seeded #1 in our sectional, and the team is eager to try and make another State run this year!
- We have 3 Riverdale students who will be competing in the FFA District competitions on March 8. Good luck to Jacob Lester, Sarah Saddoris, and John Searl, as they work toward State degrees in FFA.
- I wanted to remind the Board that High School Civics becomes a mandate for all seniors graduating in the State of Illinois beginning with the class of 2020. In essence, we will need to begin offering this class in the next year or two. It will decrease student's abilities to choose 1 extra elective course over their 4-year career, and we will need to be cognizant of how this will affect teaching loads, as we will need to add 4/5 sections of this class per year.
- Good luck to Anthony Ruthey, who will be moving onto the Sectional competition in the IHSA 3-point shootout.
- Our SIP team will be reviewing our student handbook with input from the faculty at this week's SIP meeting. I plan to bring the Board a copy of all revisions to the March Board meeting for approval. We had to make a few adjustments again this year to ensure that our handbook is completely aligned with the new Senate Bill 100 regulations. In addition, Mr. Dierikx is working on some updates and changes regarding our extracurricular handbook. Those recommended changes will also be part of the student handbook, so I plan on bringing all of those changes to the Board at the same time in March.
- Freshman Orientation will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday, February 28, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in the high school gym. We will have a short student-led presentation to begin the night, and then Mrs. Robinson and I will talk with students/parents on how to be prepared to enter high school. Also, our coaches and sponsors will be there to meet and greet all the incoming freshmen students with sign-up sheets in order to encourage students to sign up for extracurricular opportunities for next year. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Hemm and student council for coming up with an innovative way for us to still be able to serve ice cream, without it being in the actual new gym!

- We will be giving our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mid-terms on March 9/10, to measure student growth from the beginning of the semester until the mid-point break. Teachers will be using the pre-post data on these mid-terms to account for their two assessments to measure student growth for their evaluations. The teachers have worked very hard on building meaningful assessments for the students and the students are working hard to achieve on these assessments because the tests account for 10% of their total semester grades.
- Our spring play, *Sherlock Holmes*, has tickets on sale for performances on 3/10, 3/11, and 3/12. Good luck to Ms. Brittany Harris, Ms. Tobi Drilling, and all the students on the upcoming performances!
- Student Council is participating in Read Across America week this Thursday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>) at the elementary. High school students will be reading to all grade levels.

### **HVAC Update**

Superintendent Jacobs informed the Board that he is working with the District Architect to acquire other HVAC options.

### **IASB Blackhawk Division Spring Dinner Meeting**

Superintendent Jacobs reminded Board Members of the IASB Blackhawk Division Spring Dinner Meeting to be held March 2, 2017, at Orion Middle School.

### **FOIA Requests**

There were no FOIA requests.

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the following as presented:

- Open/Closed Session Minutes, 1/6/17, 1/23/17
- Accounts Payable/Financial Reports/Interfund Loans
- 2017-18 School Calendar
- Personnel, 1-9 (Removed from Consent Agenda)

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

### **Specialized Data Systems**

Motion to purchase Financial/Human Resources software from Specialized Data Systems in the amount of \$18,500.

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

### **Surplus**

Motion to declare bus/truck parts as surplus and sell by the best means possible.

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

### **Closed Session**

Motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the public body, contract negotiations, and to review closed session minutes at 8:30 p.m.

*Motion (Kessler), Second (Walston) - Roll Call: All Ayes, Motion carried*

**Open Session**

Motion to come out of closed session at 9:20 p.m.

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

**Personnel**

Motion to approve Personnel as presented. *(Removed from Consent Agenda, effective immediately, unless otherwise noted, pending all requirements are met.)*

Motion to approve the resignation of Brooke Carty-Wheelan as Pre-K Parent Coordinator, 2/10/17.

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

Motion to approve the resignation of Heather McGeehon as Elementary Classroom Special Education Paraprofessional, 2/17/17.

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

Motion to approve the resignation of Nicole Bowers as Rotary Interact Club Sponsor, end of 2016-17.

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

No action was taken to approve Samantha Gregory on permanent status as Elementary Evening Custodian.

Motion to approve Amy Mitton as Middle School Girls' Track Coach.

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

Motion to approve Taylor Hurry as part-time High School Boys' Track Coach.

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

Motion to approve Earl Nelson and Jason Benoit as Baseball Volunteers, and Lexi VenHuizen as Softball Volunteer.

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

**Closed Session Minutes**

Motion for closed session minutes (8/22/16, 9/26/16, 10/24/16, 11/28/16) to remain closed.

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

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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