

RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL  
District 18  
9406 Riley Road  
Marengo, IL 60152  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
7:00 PM  
School Library

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

School Board Members Bindner, Borhart, Kaczkos, Koelper, Maniates, and Nordmeyer answered roll call at 7:01PM. Also in attendance were Christine Conkling, Superintendent, Karen Schnable, Business Manager, and Elizabeth Sheahan, Secretary. Board President Millard was absent.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additional Agenda Items - None

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Freedom of Information Requests: University of Kentucky-Directory information to provide college information to students.
- Approve destruction of Board of Education Executive Session Tape Recordings with 18 months longevity for the following meeting dates: November 17, 2021
- Financial Report April 2023
- Treasurer's Report: Bills Payable May 2023
- ~~Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting for Wednesday, April 19, 2023~~ and Executive Session Minutes, April 19, 2023
- Approve Second Reading of Press Policy Updates, Issue 111, March 2023:  
2:110, 3:40, 4:60, 5:30, 5:90, 5:125, 5:150, 5:170, 5:260, 6:135, 6:230, 8:20

A motion was made by Member Nordmeyer to approve the consent agenda omitting the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 19, 2023 (Member Maniates budget question(s) and Mrs. Schnable response(s)). Member Maniates seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

### **RECOGNITION, INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS, PUBLIC INPUT**

April's Viking Award winners were 7<sup>th</sup> Graders Angelica Mandujano and Eli Brase. The Board offered their congratulations and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Superintendent Conkling received many wonderful comments for both students.

## **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Mrs. Campanelli, Riley School Teacher, Mr. Matz, Riley Bus Driver, Mrs. Christina Coffman, new parent in Riley School District, Members of Brase Family.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **COMMUNICATIONS – discussions took place on the following:**

- The Extra Mile, May 1, 2021
- Library Grant Award of \$850.00
- ISBE: Clean Transportation/Clean School Bus funding opportunities
- ISBE: 2023 Financial Profile Designation

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- New School Phycologist interview scheduled 5.18.2023
- Renewed Electric/IL energy Consortium at low rate for 2023-2024 (currently only electric- Riley gas is separate). Riley will have option to revisit/renew contract 12/24
- One of the Riley school buses will be listed for sale; ad to publish in the paper; starting bid starts at \$500
- Superintendent Conkling and Mrs. Schnable met with representative from Midwest Transit to discuss bus purchase (approximate quotes for diesel vs. electric buses and necessary infrastructure discussed). Midwest offered to come out in June to demo an electric bus
- Superintendent Conkling suggested future purchase of a new van
- New Superintendent Jason Grey will be meeting with Retiring Superintendent Conkling prior to July 1, 2023 start date
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation scheduled on May 31, 2023. Member Kaczkos will assist with Diplomas.
- Mr. Warren, retiring Jr. High Science Teacher unable to attend Board Meeting tonight
- Mr. Andy Racz's (former Riley School Teacher) wife recently passed; Arrangements pending and Mrs. Conkling will advise Board Members
- Mrs. Conkling completed grant application for new bottle filtration fountain in Jr. High
- Appraisal on the building and new building will be scheduled via Mrs. Schable
- Dan Kane will be ordering new computers and working on computer rotation for K-4 and 5-8 grades using the REAP Grant
- New legislation for Kindergarten; mandating Play Based curriculum teaching going forward. Mrs. Mallegni already trained and currently using Play based (2 years)
- Budget Hearing \*

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Personal Property Replacement Tax – redirect funds; BOE to discuss with incoming Superintendent Grey

Maintenance Grant – Applied transfer to site construction fund for asbestos removal

Joint Annual Conference – November (Maniates attending)

SSR: HVAC Design Review Report – Adam updated members on current report status

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS - ENACT MOTION TO:**

**Tabled until July 19, 2023 Board Meeting** - Approve proposal for test plan and cut verification in the amount of \$12,260.

Member Maniates made a motion to Accept retirement/resignation notice from John Matz, bus driver. Member Borhart seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Koelper made a motion to Approve authorization for administration to prepare all required Federal and State Grants for 2024; and all required ISBE Annual Reports for Fiscal Year 2023. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Approve membership renewal 2023-2024 in the Illinois Association of School Board Dues in the amount of \$2,182.00 will be charged. Member Maniates seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Maniates made a motion to Approve asbestos abatement quote for asbestos abatement of sinks and tile in Riley Elementary School for an amount not to exceed \$5,800.00. Member Nordmeyers seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Accept asbestos abatement quote for asbestos abatement of ceiling tiles and window in the Riley bus barn not to exceed \$19,587.00. Member Bindner seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Koelper made a motion to Approve continuation of coop girls' softball team with Marengo-Union District 165. Member Borhart seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**Tabled until further review by Administration** - Approve Resolution Personal Property Replacement Tax funds distributed by the State of Illinois to be allocated to the Building and Operations Fund after required allocation to Illinois Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund.

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Approve Resolution to transfer \$50,000.00 received from the Maintenance Grant from Building and Operations Fund to Capital Projects Fund. Member Kaczkos seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Approve adoption and purchase of Lab Aids Curriculum for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades for \$49,500 and Elevate Science Curriculum for grades 4-5 for \$21,525. Member Kaczkos seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

**Tabled until after Closed Session** - Approve 2023-2024 school year wage increases for Riley School Support Staff at a rate of \_\_\_\_\_%

Member Maniates made a motion to enter Closed Session at 8:23PM. Member Koelper seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Kaczkos made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:38PM. Member Borhart seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Approve 2023-2024 school year wage increases for Riley School Support Staff at a rate of 6%. Member Bindner seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart – AYE  
Member Kaczkos - AYE  
Member Koelper - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

**PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

- Member Koelper – praised Mr. Hostetler and the Band/Choir for their wonderful program through the school year and recent Spring Concert.
- Member Kaczkos commented on the great effort of students at the Scholastic Bowl.
- Member Maniates questioned Superintendent Conkling if the fund balances are at an acceptable level for year end.
- Member Bindner questioned the history of fund balance limits.

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sheahan, Riley School Secretary

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Mr. Bryan Millard – President

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Mrs. Victoria Kaczkos – Board Secretary