

TWO RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Two Rivers School District Board of Directors was held on Thursday August 18, 2016 in the Two Rivers High School Auditorium.

Roll Call:

Doug Morell – Present	Justin Dunman – Present
Malcolm Stover – Present	Charlotte Rhoades –Absent
Neil Taylor – Present	B C Rankin – Present
Ryan Milligan – Present	

President Doug Morell called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Others present included Superintendent Nathan Morris, and Principals Mary Lawrence, David Minnie, Barry Fisher, and Business Manager Cindy Dawson. Visitor sign in sheet attached.

Mr. Ray Beardsley was introduced by Mr. Morris to give a presentation on Bond Refunding. Mr. Beardsley stated that Bond interest had dropped and this could save the district money by refunding a couple of Bonds. The 5/1/12 Bonds are currently at 2.88% and he believes he can get this one lowered to 2.11% with a total savings of over \$130,000.00. The savings for the 16-17 SY would be \$90,614.37. He stated he would like to have the ok to also check on Bond Refunding for the 8/1/2012 Bond, if the interest drops lower later he could possibly do this one also, but it would need to drop closer to 1.85% to be able to save enough to refund this one. If refunded they would have a 2 year call.

Malcolm Stover made the motion to submit and “Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds”, with related documents, for \$2,825,000.00 in Refunding Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. Justin Dunman made the second.

Approved 6-0

Malcolm Stover made the motion to submit an “Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds”, with related documents, for \$2,155,000.00 in Refunding Bonds to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley as Fiscal Agent, and to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to accept or reject the best bid submitted in connection with the public sale of the proposed bonds in consultation with the fiscal agent. Ryan Milligan made the second.

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Malcolm Stover moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2016 meeting and the July 28, 2016 meeting as presented. Doug Morell made the second. Vote 6-0

Mr. Morris presented the July financial reports. Doug Morell moved to approve the July financial reports as presented. Justin Dunman made the second. Vote 6-0

Gary Graham with The Cone Group provided an update on the Elementary. Some of the doors arrived today and the others should be arriving tomorrow. The front counter top will be corrected with possibly a temporary one until a permanent solution is made on the counter top. Unsure if the temporary one will be in next week. The canopy is ready to be installed, all the materials are in. The rain has held up the installation. There will be double doors with a window going to the old part of the facility.

Mary Lawrence Elementary Principal gave an update on the excitement from the students, parents and employees of the new facility.

Gary Graham also gave an update on the Athletic Complex. Plans are for the field to be ready for the game on September 9, 2016. Fencing will be installed after the score board is installed. Cabinets for the field house arrived today. Most underground work is completed; some wiring to press box has not been completed. Doug Morell asked them to check on sod or seed by the field house. Check on options for the walkway from field house to field. Check levelness of the field after it dries. Doug stated that the ditch and drain was going to work. Make sure there is enough power in field house to operate heaters, A/C, lights and ETC. Bleachers are here and are being installed. Sewer lift is complete. Water line and fire plug are both complete as well.

Doug Morell asked them to get a price on sod for a place for the cheerleaders. He asked that the price be for installed and not installed.

Mr. Morris stated that he had talked to Kathy Dunn with the Yell County Special Services Center was no longer interested in the use of the facility at Ola. He is going to check with her to make sure that she does not want the 2 year option anymore.

Discussion on the pot holes in the street going to the Ola Gym. Contact City of Ola about the upkeep of the street.

Discussion to check the roof on the old Home Economics and East Room building at the Ola Campus to make sure it is not leaking.

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Board to Board transfer request were presented for 1 student from Two Rivers to Dardanelle and 1 student from Two Rivers to Perryville. Doug Morell made the motion to deny the requests. BC Rankin made the second. Vote 6-0

Board to Board transfer request was presented for 4 students from Perryville to Two Rivers. Doug Morell made the motion to approve the requests. Malcolm Stover made the second. Vote 6-0

Mr. Morris gave an update on enrollment; currently at 795. In May of last year we were at 793.

Mr. Fisher gave an update on high school happenings. Professional Development was great this year and was led by current staff members. Ms. Lawrence was in charge of the Professional Development and did a great job. The kids and new teachers are excited for the SY. Pep Rally will be held Tuesday August the 30, 2016 during 7th period. Thursday August 25, 2016 we will be hosting college night. The buses only took 35 minutes the first day of school to be loaded and gone. The second day of school was only 15 minutes.

Doug Morell recommended that we send Athletic and any other communications to parents by notes to raise parent involvement. Neil Taylor stated that it is free to put on Arkwest Channel 3 community channel. He also stated that he had heard positive feedback from parents about the staff in the hallways and out front when the kids are dropped off and picked up.

Mr. Minnie stated that it had been a great start to the year and lunch was going smoothly. Teachers are breaking down data for RTI. RTI is now 5th, 6th and 7th grades. 8th grade is pulled daily, no RTI. 5th and 6th grade now have more Band time.

Mrs. Lawrence gave an update on the Elementary side. Teacher moral is up across the district. Mr. Mendler did an excellent job bringing the teachers together at PD. Open house went great, parents and students were excited about the new facility for the Elementary. She stated that she appreciated the staff and faculty for the hours spent getting everything ready for the Open House and the new school year. Melissia Benefield and Becky Thomas had been a great help this summer. She feels that we have a group of faculty and staff that are dedicated to the district and their students. The senior workers that worked this summer did an awesome job. One of the workers Rachel Furr is continuing to help in the Elementary this school year.

Mr. Morris presented the staff assignments for Elementary and High/Middle School. Malcolm Stover made the motion to approve. BC Rankin made the second. Vote 6-0

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Mr. Morris gave an update on the Agri Barn. He stated that he was working with Mrs. Beavers on raising money from donations to help with completing the pens for the animals. She will also be buying some tables for animal dissecting.

Mr. Morris presented to the Board a request by Emily Lisenbey to go to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Emily has been chosen as a National FFA Delegate for the Arkansas Association. Chaperons will be the Arkansas State FFA Staff, Chris Bacchus, Jenna Guidry and Bart Draper. They will leave Saturday, October 15, 2016 and will be returning on October 23, 2016. All expenses will be paid or reimbursed to Emily through the Arkansas FFA Foundation. Neil Taylor made the motion to approve the request. Ryan Milligan made the second. Vote 6-0

Mr. Morris presented a request from Melissia Benefield for the Two Rivers Junior Cheerleaders to go to the Liberty Bowl 2016 in Memphis on December 27th -31st 2016. Melissia and three more adults would be chaperons. They are requesting a school bus and they would pay the driver. 8 cheerleaders, 1 chaperon, and 1 Bus Driver for a total cost of \$9550.00. Parents will be responsible for the total cost and would have to sign a financial agreement. They will be holding fundraisers to cover this cost. Malcolm Stover made the motion to approve. Neil Taylor made the second. Vote 5-1 (BC)

Mr. Morris presented bids for moving of the scoreboards and play clocks from Ola to Two Rivers Football Field. Raney Electronics out of Little Rock was the low bid (\$11,617.95); however they are unable to guarantee that they can make the move of the boards by September 1, 2016. Cone Construction has submitted a higher bid of \$16,357.17. Mr. Morris stated that he believed with help from Raney and work from Cone Construction that we will get the cost somewhere in the middle of the two bids. Do not have an exact cost at this time, but Mr. Morris is working on a sponsorship to help cover this cost. Doug Morell made a motion to allow the Superintendent to use Raney if they can move it by September 1, 2016, if not then use Cone Construction with the help of Raney Electronics. Not to exceed \$13,000.00. Neil Taylor made the second. Vote 6-0

Mr. Morris stated that First State Bank said they would pay \$10,000.00 to help move the score board, if we will put their name on it for 7 years. Since Farm Credit purchased the sign and their name is already on it, board would like for Mr. Morris to check with them and see if they would help pay to move the sign. And see if First State Bank would still consider donating the money and put their name on something else.

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Mr. Morris made recommendation to move the September 15, 2016 meeting to September 19, 2016 @5:30pm due to football game being on the 15th. Justin Dunman made the motion to approve the recommendation. Malcolm Stover made the second. 6-0 vote

Mr. Morris presented a recommendation by Rhonda Robinson to hire Brooke Briley as a classified staff person at the preschool. This would be retroactive to the beginning of the school year. Malcolm Stover made the motion to approve. Doug Morell made the second. 6-0 vote

Mr. Morris presented a memo to remove Jimmy Loyd from the Two Rivers Elementary School Funds, Two Rivers School District High School Principal's and the Two Rivers School District checking accounts and add Nathan Morris to all three of the accounts. Remove Sharon Chuculate from the Two Rivers School District Account and add Cindy Dawson in her place. Malcolm Stover made the motion to approve the changes. Ryan Milligan made the second. 6-0 vote

Doug Morell moved to adjourn. Neil Taylor made the second. Vote 6-0

Board Secretary

Board President

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Date Minutes Approved