

The “Morning” After

January 20, 2021

Tuesday, January 19, 2021, President G. Allen Crist called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 6:30 PM. Board Members G. Allen Crist, Barb Schaible, Amy Finn, Diane Haring and Lisa Walters answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Member Raymie Diestelmeier and Don McLane were absent. Also present: Principal Mike Foltz, Principal Beau Buchs and a representative from the RREA. Superintendent Brad Albrecht was absent.

The Board took the following action:

Approved the regular and executive session minutes of the December 21, 2020 Board Meeting and Reviewed/Released Executive Session Minutes from July 20, 2020 – December 21, 2020.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$724,157.66 for bills and payroll.

Administrator News:

*February 12th Valentine's Parties for PK-5

*February 14th PTO Share Night #2

*February 15th No School – President's Day

Spelling Bee was held on January 12th. Thank you to Laura Kuzniar for organizing and to Doug Vandigo, Dianne Allendorf and Molly Mensendike for their willingness to serve as pronouncer and judges. Thank you to Apple River State Bank and Illinois Bank and Trust for donating awards for the winners! Congratulations to Carson Dodd – 1st Place, Katie Cobine – 2nd Place and Christian Morhardt – 3rd Place.

The importance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Right movement was taught in each classroom at the appropriate level and each grade completed a different activity.

State testing will be in April for grades 3-5. 5th grade will also take the State Science Assessment.

The 5 Essentials Survey will open on February 3rd for parents, students and staff.

The senior class has narrowed down their class trip this year to three locations. The three locations are Colorado, Tennessee and the Dakotas.

Juniors will be taking the PSAT test next week in preparation for the SAT test when they are seniors.

MS and HS drama departments hope is still to have an in person musical/play in the spring, but if that is not possible both will be recorded and broadcasted to the public.

Congratulations to Bethany Diederich, Early Childhood Education; Connor Tippet, Automotive Technology; Dominic Geerts, Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice; Kaitlin Kilgore, Graphic Communications and Travis Slattery, Computer Networking & Security; CTE 2nd quarter outstanding students.

Approved the 2021 Seniority list as presented.

After executive session the Board offered Principal Beau Buchs the position of Superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year @ \$115,000/yr.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board - Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6:30 PM.