

The Morning After

March 17, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 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, Raymie Diestelmeier, Amy Finn, Don McLane and Lisa Walters answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Member Barb Schaible entered at 6:31 PM and Member Diane Haring entered at 6:38 PM. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Beau Buchs, Principal Mike Foltz and a representative for the River Ridge Education Association.

The board took the following action:

Approved the regular and executive session minutes of February 16, 2021 and destruction of audio executive session minutes from July 22, 2019.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$693,812.58 for bills and payroll.

Supt. Albrecht reported on the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy minutes from March 1, 2021. Emily Nicolin addressed the Board on the CTE Academy Foundation and approved the Little Learners Academy Daycare.

President Crist commended the Board Members on a good job interviewing the Superintendent candidate.

Administration News:

- March 5th end of 3rd Quarter

- March 9th–11th Preschool Screening with 23 students screened

- March 10th-11th Parent/Teacher Conferences

- March 18th FFA Banquet (students only)

- March 20th HS Play

- April 1st-5th Spring Break

- April 13th-30th IAR State Testing

Dr. Suess Spirit Week was March 1st-5th with dress up days and a reading challenge. Mrs Albrecht's 5th grade and Mrs. Byrne's 1st grade class won the challenge.

The FFA Chapter was third in the section Vet Science CDE, with three students placing in the top 10. Connor Brown applied for his American FFA Degree and Kari Conklin won the district proficiency in fruit production and will move on to state!

Superintendent Albrecht reported on the pump house needing to be resingled, gym floor repairs, FY22 budget and Board vacancies.

Approved the 2021-2022 calendar as presented. – First student day August 17, 2021

No action taken on the TRS Supplemental Savings plan.

Accepted with regret, Elementary Principal Buchs resignation as of June 30, 2021.

Approved the gym floor repairs up to \$23,000.

Approved the purchase of 2 new buses from Midwest Transit, \$139,043 after trade ins.

Entered into executive session to discuss Contracts, Negotiations and Student Placement.

After executive session:

Tenured Sara Richmond, Title I

Approved 2021-2022 Certified Staff List as presented.

Hired Brittany Sinagra for the 2nd grade position for 2021-2022.

No action taken on the PreK-5 Guidance Counselor position

Set Elementary Principal, Laura Kuzniar salary at \$80,000 with a 1 year contract.

Approved a 3% increase with an additional year to his contract for Principal Mike Foltz.

Hired Reese Miller as Freshman Volleyball coach for the 2020-2021 season.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board, Monday, April 19, 2021.