

# The “Morning” After

February 22, 2023

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Tuesday, February 21, 2023, President G. Allen Crist called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. Board Members G. Allen Crist, Amy Finn, Barb Schaible, Raymie Diestelmeier, Diane Haring and Lisa Walters answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Member Don McLane was absent. Also present: Superintendent Colleen Fox, Principal Laura Kuzniar, Principal Mike Foltz, a member of the RREA and a paraprofessional.

Approved the February agenda as presented.

Presentations from the audience:

- Tammy Smith gave an update on CATS Care and the projects they have been doing. Crockpot cooking and supplied 12 students with glasses.
- Deb Nobis presented the Board with some of the benefit requests the paraprofessionals are wanting the Board to consider.

Approved the minutes of the January 17, 2023, Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting and destruction of audio executive session minutes from June 22, 2021.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$823,141.64 for bills and payroll.

Superintendent Fox reviewed the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy Board of Control minutes from February 6, 2023. Little Learners Academy did not receive the building grant. Stacy Kloss is working with the birth to 5 committee on a new grant to resubmit. There are 50 students on the roster with a waiting list of about 24.

President Crist spoke on bullying statistics.

Administrators News:

- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Snack Theatre 6PM
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - Jr/Sr Trivia Night fundraiser
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter
- March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Preschool Screening
- March 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM (1:30 dismissals each day)
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - No School
- IAR testing is scheduled March 21-March 31, 2023. Mrs. Leitzen and Mr. Nicholas have been working with the teachers so the students will be able to test in their classrooms.
- February 6, 2023 Elementary held an Open House prior to the girls basketball game. All those attending got a pom pom for the game and turned in raffle tickets for a variety of prizes. Senior Taco Night was also tied in with senior night with a nice turn out.
- FFA News – Avery Engle and Cora Ritchie have been recommended by the section for their State FFA Degree. The FFA Chapter placed first out of 14 teams in the section at the poultry CDE. Arthur Horn placed first overall as an individual.

Superintendent Fox reported Mrs. Potter has reached out to Loras College about possible collaboration. 5 Essentials is available until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Working to complete the compliance review for the ROE. Updated the board on the possibility of National Sex Education Standards becoming mandated for all districts. Shared information on what other districts are offering paraprofessional staff.

Approved the Benning Group Audit Extension.

Approved Veterans Floors Inc, quote of \$3,395 to refinish the main gym floor.

Approved Superintendent Fox to prepare the FY24 budget.

Approved the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year.

After executive session:

Accepted Jennifer Soesbe's resignation as a paraprofessional effective February 1, 2023.

Accepted Kelli Brook's resignation as MS English teacher as of 5/26/2023.

Accepted Tiffany Edmond's resignation as a paraprofessional effective immediately.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board, March 20, 2023.