

The Morning After

March 22, 2022

Monday, March 20, 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 representative for the River RREA, Cory Walters, Brenda Potter, Kristy Leitzen, a community member and 8 high school students.

The board took the following action:

Approved the March agenda.

Approved the regular and executive session minutes of February 21, 2023 and destruction of audio executive session minutes from July 19, 2021.

Mr. Walters, Mrs. Potter and Mrs. Leitzen gave a presentation to the Board on the discipline procedures for River Ridge School District.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$791,870.06 for bills and payroll.

Supt. Fox reported on the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy minutes from March 6, 2023. Tentative FY24 enrollment 146 and Manufacturing /Trades Day March 15th with 7 high schools and 11 business's attending.

Administration News:

-March 21–March 31	IAR Testing
-March 30 & 31	MS Play; 6 PM
-April 3-10	Spring Break
-April 21 st	Midterm Q4
-April 24 th	Timely and Meaningful Consultation Meeting; 9 AM
-April 25-26	Mobile Dentist
-April 28 th	Senior Banquet
-April 29 th	Prom

-Preschool screening was held on March 13th & 14th with 28 new students and 49 students signed up for preschool next year.

-Registration will look different this year. On 3/27/23 an email will go out to current parents explaining that online registration will open on 4/1/23 and run through 4/21/23. Starting July 1, 2023 registration fees, lunch applications and fee waivers will be available online. August 3 & 4, 2023, will be new student registration in person.

-FFA Update: Avery Engle advances for the District Job Interview contest, in Geneseo this April. Arthur Horn won at section level for his record book. Sawyer Fry was 3rd in "The Creed" speaking category.

-The River Ridge WYSE team competed and placed 3rd at the sectional competition in DeKalb on March 2nd. Arthur Horn placed 1st and Isaac Rife placed 2nd in Engineering Graphics. They will be advancing to the state competition in Charleston at Eastern Illinois University.

-Solo and Ensemble contests were held at West Carroll High School. Band students brought home 5 division 1 ratings, 2 division 2 ratings and one division 3 ratings. With our combined band and choir scores, we are tied for 6th place in the IHSA Music Sweepstakes Competition for Class D schools.

Superintendent Fox reported, Mrs. Potter heard back from HCC and will be offering Dual Credit courses of Intro to Psych in the Fall and Regional Geography in the Spring. Working to complete the compliance review for the ROE. Continuing to gather information to create a proposal for the Board regarding non-certified staff. Applied for the Jo-Carroll Energy Grant for repairs, additions and rubber mulch for the playground in the amount of \$10,000 and shared a letter from 3rd grade regarding playground repairs.

Approved the following:

- 2023-2024 IHSA Membership

- Repaying the unused \$26,650.50 Maintenance Grant to the state.

- MS ELA textbooks in the amount of \$19,814.62

- The Consolidated District Plan that explains the grant proposal for all federal and state grants.

After executive session took the following action:

- Approved the 2023-2024 non-tenured certified staff. Stephanie Lehman, Carmen Holcomb, Brittany Sinagra, Emily Winders, Kristy Leitzen, Michelle Haas, Jay Dickerson, Jacob Dickman, Sarah Hansen, Nicole Diederich, Cory Walters and Kylie Smith.

- Hired Cole Havens as a MS English teacher for the FY24 school year.

- Tenured Jacob Green and Peggy Trone.

- Accepted the resignation of Lisa Lounsbury, Paraprofessional as of 3/15/23.

- Hired Bethany Diederich as a Paraprofessional.

- Hired Mike Smallwood for lawn mowing for the spring and fall.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board, Wednesday, April 19, 2023.