

The Morning After

April 20, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 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, Diane Haring and Lisa Walters answered roll call. President Crist announced a quorum was established. Raymie Diestelmeier and Don McLane were absent. Also present: Superintendent Colleen Fox, Principal Laura Kuzniar, Principal Mike Foltz, an RREA representative and 11 high school students.

The April agenda was approved as presented.

Newly elected board members: Barb Schaible, Diane Haring, Brian Engle and Michael Kuzniar recited the "Oath and Conduct of Office" as mandated by 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5.

For the purpose of re-organizing the Board of Education, Superintendent Fox was selected to act as president *pro tem* and secretary *pro tem* to request a motion to nominate a board member for the office of President at 7:10 PM.

The following appointments were approved for the re-organization of the School Board subsequent to the April 4, 2023 Consolidated Election:

President – Amy Finn; Vice President – G. Allen Crist; Secretary – Diane Haring; Member – Barb Schaible; Member - Lisa Walters; Member - Brian Engle; Member – Michael Kuzniar; Treasurer – Gloria Schleicher

The board took the following action:

Approved the regular and executive session minutes of March 20, 2023 and destruction of audio executive session minutes from August 16, 2021.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$759,597.54 for bills and payroll.

Supt. Fox reported on the Jo Daviess Carroll Career Technical Education Academy minutes from April 3, 2023. Kitchen Partnership Agreement was approved. Manufacturing Day was a huge success. Seven high schools sent their students and they were introduced to 10 companies/industries at the CTEA.

Member Crist presented a powerpoint on board procedures and expectations for new and existing Board members.

Administration News:

- April 24th MS/HS Spring Concert
- April 28th & 29th Senior Banquet/Prom
- April 25th & April 26th Mobile Dentist
- May 1st Kdg to Cannova's Pizza and Rec Park
- May 4th 8th Grade trip to Kalahari
- May 5th 5th Grade to Elizabeth Community Bldg and Fort
- May 5th –May 9th Senior trip to Pigeon Forge
- May 11th 3rd Grade to Vilas Zoo and 2nd Grade to Grant's Home
- May 11th Graduation Walk/Senior Awards/HS Awards

- May 12th Graduation 7 PM
- May 19th MS Awards 9 AM
- May 19th PreSchool to White Park
- May 23rd Elementary Awards 1 PM
- May 22nd & 23rd Finals
- May 24th Track & Field Day/Last student attendance day, 1:30 dismissal

-Kudos to Mr. Knauer for organizing a square dance party for all K-5 students the day before Spring Break. It was a gym full of line dancing for the kids and boba drinks for the teachers.

-Middle School did a tremendous job with the play Jungle Book. Unfortunately night two was cancelled due to the weather.

-Online registration opened April 1st through April 21st.

-Summer school will begin Monday, July 31st, ending on Friday, August 11th.

Supt. Fox shared information on the need to consider a cooling tower for the geothermal system, bid received from Mississippi Valley Tree Experts for spruce and linden tree treatments, COPPS Grant application, and gathering information for non-certified staff compensation.

Approved the 2023-2024 Board meeting dates. Third Monday of the month except, January & February will be the third Tuesday due to holidays and the meeting time will be at 6:00 PM starting with the May 2023 meeting.

1st Reading of PRESS Policy, Issue 111, March 2023

Hired Marie Brzezinski as MS/HS Counselor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board, Monday, May 15, 2023