

The Morning After

May 16, 2023

Monday, May 15, 2023 President Amy Finn called the meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 6:00 PM. Board Members Amy Finn, G. Allen Crist, Diane Haring, Michael Kuzniar, Barb Schaible and Lisa Walters answered roll call. President Finn announced a quorum was established. Brian Engle entered at 6:05 PM. Also present: Superintendent Colleen Fox, Principal Laura Kuzniar, Principal Mike Foltz, a RREA representative and a community member.

A community member spoke on school safety and gun control.

The board took the following action:

Approved the regular and executive session Board minutes of April 15, 2023 and destruction of audio executive session minutes from September 20, 2021.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. Approved and authorized payment of \$795,732.60 for bills and payroll.

Superintendent Fox reported on the May 1, 2023 Jo Daviess-Carroll CTE minutes. Mrs. Kloss presented a proposal to expand the Early Childhood Education program. Enrollment and Budget considerations. Community Foundation Grant for preschool door security was received.

Administration News:

- May 19th – MS Awards 9:00 AM
- May 23rd – Elementary Awards 1:00 PM
- May 23rd – Last day of PreSchool
- May 24th – Track and Field Day for K-5
- May 24th – Last Student Day, 1:30 Dismissal
- May 25th – Last Teacher Day

-The school year is winding down with lots of field trips and celebrations of learning.

-Thank you to Mrs. Trone and the FFA for a fun and successful Ag Day on April 28th. It was big fun for students and we are lucky to have area sponsors like Citizens Bank to support events like this.

-Willow Springs Grant was received to cover the cost of a calming sensory room and a new tire swing on the playground.

-2023 Social Emotional Learning Symposium will be held on June 15th in Rockford.

-The senior trip to Pigeon Forge went well. Mrs. Miles deserves some major kudos for all of her extra efforts in planning the trip.

-Thank you to Mrs. Potter for all of her efforts as she heads into retirement. She will be missed by many and we wish her all the best.

-5 of the 8 CTE Student of the Year Awards went to River Ridge Students. Cameron Harris, Graphic Communication; Ty Spahn, Construction Technology; Kelsey Randall, Early Child Education; Dylan Diehl, Automotive Technology and Dolan Geerts, Health Occupations.

-FFA News, Avery Engle was 3rd in the district Job Interview CDE; Ty Spahn was elected Section One Secretary and the Poultry Judging team placed 5th in the state. Both Avery Engle and Arthur Horn were in the top 10 out of over 200 competitors.

-Congratulation to Zoe Eisenberg, shot put/discus; Addison Albrecht, long jump; Gwen Miller, triple jump and Arianna Pedrin, 800 moving on to state.

Supt. Report –COPPS Grant update, Highland Dual Credit and Bus Driver update.

Approved PRESS policy, Issue 111, March 2023 updates.

Approved a resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Contract and By-Laws document of the ISC Membership.

Approve Midwest Medical Trainer contract for the 2023-2024 school year, \$6,050.

Approved the following bids:

SYSCO Foods – Cafeteria Commodities, paper and cleaning supplies

Prairie Farms – Milk/dairy

Elizabeth Garage – Wrecker service, hourly shop rates, tire repair, oil and filters

Saunders Oil – fuel and bio diesel

After executive session

Approved all non-certified staff as presented for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approve hourly employees a \$1.75/hr increase, 8 paid holidays and \$25,000 Life Insurance.

President Finn adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.

(Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board, Tuesday, June 20, 2023.)