

The “Morning After”

June 21, 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, President Amy Finn called the regular 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, Brian Engle, Barb Schaible and Lisa Walters answered roll call. Member Michael Kuzniar entered at 6:13 PM. Member Diane Haring was absent. President Finn announced a quorum was established. Also present: Superintendent Colleen Fox, Principal Mike Foltz, Principal Laura Kuzniar, and a representative for the RREA.

Approved the June agenda as presented.

Approved the regular and executive Board Meeting minutes from Monday, May 15, 2023 and destruction of the October 18, 2021 audio executive session minutes.

Approved the consensus items, which includes the treasurer’s report, investment report, bills and payroll. Total amount of bills and payroll were \$954,605.17

The treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$13,073,420.67 in investments. Currently \$10,047,825.25 is held at the Apple River State Bank and \$3,025,595.42 at Citizens Bank.

Supt. Fox reported on the CTE (Jo Daviess Carroll Technical Education Academy) minutes from June 6, 2023. 52 preschoolers are currently enrolled. Hired Maggie Grissinger as the Little Learners Aide.

President Finn reported on the Illinois School Report Card complimenting River Ridge for having the highest graduation rate in Jo Daviess County with 97%.

Administrative Reports:

July 31st – First day of Summer School

August 11th – Last day of Summer School

August 14th – Teachers first day back

August 16th – Students first day back, 1:30 dismissal

River Ridge Red Carpet, aka Elementary Awards took place on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 1:00 in the the large gym. Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Lehman and Ms. Sinagra worked very hard on all aspects of planning for the Oscar-like event. Mr. Knauer organized the activities for Track and Field Day on May 24, 2023. K-2 coordinating cooperative activities such as sidewalk chalk, relay races and blowing bubbles. Grades 3-5 participated on several teamwork activities as well as kickball tournaments.

The track repair has begun and it looks as if we will have a functioning track for the 23-24 school year. Mrs. Potter was able to help our new school counselor, Marie Brzezinski, with her transition into River Ridge, as they were both in and went over many different things. Middle School summer program will take place in August, invitations have been mailed.

Superintendent Fox reported the new bus garage was ahead of schedule but, the electrical panels will not be in until August 4th. We are still in need of bus drivers. A school magnet was sponsored by Apple River State Bank. Administrative goals for FY24 were discussed. ELA, attendance, parent connection and schedules were some of the main topics.

1st Reading of the Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approved the Team REIL, Inc quote of \$27,046 to update the playground. We received a grant from Willow Springs for part of the cost. We are still waiting on a grant from Jo-Carroll that was applied for. Also, the PTO was asked to assist with the repairs and updates.

Appointed District Superintendent Fox to review, accept and sign-off on the financial statements of the District which include the audit report, the annual financial report to the state and the Data Collection Form (for single audits only) on behalf of the River Ridge School District #210 for the fiscal year and to sign the transmittal letter for River Ridge auditors, Benning Group.

Approved the districts expenditure of funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and liabilities of the district incurred for fiscal year 2024 until the time the annual budget of the district is adopted.

Discussed soccer, moved for motion, no motion was made.

Approved lunch/milk fees for FY24 – Elementary \$2.60, MS/HS \$2.85, Adults \$3.35 lunches and milk \$.40.

1st Reading of PRESS Issue 112, June 2023

Tabled the Cooling Tower project.

No Executive Session

Accepted the resignations of Paraprofessionals Bethany Diederich and Trisha Ostendorf.

Subject for approval at next regular board meeting, July 17, 2023, at 6:00 PM.