

RIVER FOREST COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Tuesday, August 25, 2015
Special School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
Minutes

HS Auditorium in the Round, 3300 Indiana Street, Hobart, IN 46342

1.0 Call to Order - 7:05 p.m.

- 1.01 Roll Call – Dave Mefford was absent. All other board members were present along with Superintendent Steven Disney, Assistant Superintendent James Thorne, and School Board Attorney Dan Whitten.
- 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance – Marshall Gilliana
- 1.03 Requested Visitor Participation – Ms. Fine, Band Director, talked about how her student, Ronny Smith, decided we didn't have enough drum heads so he took it upon himself to write to Remo, Inc., and they sent us almost \$1,000 worth of drumheads. Ms. Fine also told about a donation of a used bass guitar and amp donated by Julie Jachimczak, a former band director in the area and a friend of Ms. Fine's. Dr. Disney added that Mr. George Sims, who will be moving away from this area soon, is donating a spinet piano to our school district.

2.0 Consent Agenda

- 2.01 Agenda – August 25, 2015
- 2.02 Minutes – August 4, 2015
- 2.03 Financial Reports, Payroll Claims, Vendor Claims - \$
- 2.04 Programs
- 2.05 Resignations/Non-Renewals/Retirement
 - 2.05.01 Middle School Teacher – Pamela Engels
- 2.06 Employment and Transfers
 - 2.06.01 MS Football Coach – Joseph VonBank
 - 2.06.02 MS Football Coach – Ian Standefer
 - 2.06.03 Meister Elementary Teacher – Tracey Dibble
 - 2.06.04 Middle School Art Teacher – Theofano Rutherford
 - 2.06.05 Middle School Math Teacher – Christopher Foss
 - 2.06.06 Title Director/Literacy Coach – Gina Wagenblast
 - 2.06.07 Evans Academic Coach – Denise Delaney-Wrolen
 - 2.06.08 ENL Teacher – Estela Nunez
 - 2.06.09 Evans Title I Teacher – Becky Raycroft
 - 2.06.10 JV Volleyball Coach – Grace Myers

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2.07 Leave Requests

2.08 Use of Facilities

2.09 Donations

2.09.01 Remo, Inc. – Drumheads to RF Band valued at \$959.92

2.09.02 George Sims – Spinnet piano to RF Schools

2.09.03 Julie Jachimczak – used Yamaha 4 String Bass Guitar and gig bag valued at \$150 and used Peavey 500 watt Combo Amp valued at \$100 to RF Band

Mrs. Martin moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Mrs. Trezak seconded, and the motion carried.

3.0 Old Business - None

4.0 New Business/Discussion/Action Items

4.01 Consideration to approve request from Boy Scouts of America hold a registration event at the elementary schools on September 17, 2015 – Dave Clemente, district executive of Boy Scouts of America, said that on September 17th, all across the region, sign-ups are being held at elementary schools and each youth that joins will receive a rocket and an invitation to participate in a rocket launch. Mr. Halcomb moved to approve the request to hold a registration event for Boy Scouts of America at the elementary schools on September 17th, Mrs. Martin seconded, and the motion carried.

4.02 Consideration to approve contract with Northwest Education Association (NWEA) as our partner in formative assessments for grades 3-10 beginning with the 2015-2016 school year – Dr. Disney recommended the board approve this consideration. Mr. Halcomb moved to approve the contract with NWEA and Mrs. Trezak seconded. Dr. Thorne explained that NWEA/MAP testing is the most widely used formative assessment program across the country but has been difficult to implement due to the cost. The state is now providing funding to schools to select their own assessments. The motion carried.

5.0 Other Business Items/Curriculum & Instruction

5.01 Middle School Vertical Day – Dr. Disney asked HS/MS Principal Mr. Horka and MS Assistant Principal Mrs. Ayers to talk about the Middle School Vertical Day and the opening of River Forest Middle School. Mr. Horka talked about what an amazing opportunity it is to be able to be involved in the opening of a brand new middle school. He said all the middle school staff met as a group to go over issues important to a middle school. He said we have a great mixture of teachers on the teams and they are learning how to meet as a team to look at the data and PBIS (positive behavior intervention and support) to structure classrooms that are conducive to learning and are proactive rather than reactive right from the start of the school year. Mrs. Ayers talked about attending a conference in Washington, D.C. and how she hopes that RFMS will become one of the

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Schools to Watch. Dr. Disney said it is very exciting to be part of the opening of a middle school. The middle level is where you either save or lose kids. When you see a middle school working together it's like watching a fine performance.

- 5.02 Dr. Disney said that the Civil Air Patrol would like the board to consider letting them use a couple of classrooms and the gym or track several hours once a week. Mr. Arocho, Commander, and Rick Mearse, Group Commander, talked about the program. Several board members had questions and Dr. Disney stated that we need more information to make sure that the school is the best setting for this program. Mr. Halcomb moved to table this item of business and Mrs. Trezak seconded. The motion carried.

6.0 Informational Agenda Items and Board Action Item

- 6.01 Board Communication - None
- 6.02 Superintendent/Building Reports – Dr. Disney complimented the staff, parents, and students for a great first week of school and said he is looking forward to promoting the “Ingot Way.”
- 6.03 Mr. Halcomb made a motion to extend Dr. Disney’s contract three years beyond the current ending date of June 30, 2017. Mrs. Martin seconded and the motion carried.
- 6.04 Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the board, Mrs. Martin moved to adjourn. Mrs. Trezak seconded and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

H. Marshall Gilliana II, President

James Halcomb, Vice President

Michelle Martin, Secretary

Linda Trezak, Member