

The “Morning” After

April 22, 2008

Monday, April 21, 2008, President David Howard called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. Board Members David Howard, Steve Thomasson, Lynn K. Pease, Barb Schaible, Kathy Knauer Donnie Altfillisch and Raymie Diestelmeier answered roll call. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Pete Scarano, Principal Tom Akers, administrative guest and representatives from the RREA and media.

Approved the regular, special and executive session board meeting minutes of March 17, 2008 and March 24, 2008. Destruction of audio executive session minutes from September 18, 2006.

Reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Investment Report and Activity Reports. Approved bills and payroll in the amount of \$621,963.00.

River Ridge students recognized by the Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocation Center for the third quarter Outstanding Student Awards are:

Kelsey Dascher, Health Occupations
Jared Berlage, Construction Technology

Open House at the Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational School will be Tuesday, April 22nd, from 9:00 am–6:00 pm.

Approved the proposed 2008-2009 School Calendar. Certified staff will begin Wednesday, August 13, 2008 and the first day of student attendance will be Friday, August 15, 2008.

Approved the 2008 Summer School Program as presented. Elementary students will be in session from 8:00-10:15 a.m. July 28 through August 8, 2008. Transportation for summer school was discussed with consideration of a bus stop in Elizabeth and Hanover.

First reading of the 2008-2009 Student Handbook revisions.

First reading of Board Policy updates/additions:

- 2:220 E2 – Exhibit – Motion to adjourn to closed meeting
- 2:220 E3 – Exhibit – Closed Meeting Minutes
- 2:220 E4 – Exhibit – Open Meeting Minutes
- 2:220 E5 – Exhibit – Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
- 2:220 E6 – Exhibit – Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
- 4:70-AP – Resource Conservation
- 4:110 – Transportation
- 4:150 – Facility Management/Building Programs

4:170-AP4 – Emergency Preparedness Response to Homeland Security Codes
 4:170 E4 – Exhibit – Letter to Parents Regarding Student Safety
 4:170 E8 – Exhibit – Inform Parents About Offender Community Notification Laws
 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
 5:190 AP – Plan to Ensure All Teachers Who Teach Core Academic Subjects
 are Highly Qualified
 5:190 E1 – Exhibit – Notice to Parents of their Right to Request their Child's
 Teachers' Qualifications
 5:190 E2 – Exhibit – Notice to Parents when their Child is Assigned to or has
 Been Taught for at Least 4 Straight Weeks by a Teacher Who is Not Highly
 Qualified
 5:190 E3 – Exhibit – Letter to Teacher Who is Not Highly Qualified
 6:30 – Organization of Instruction
 6:90 – Delete – Kindergarten covered in 6:30
 6:170 – Title I Programs
 6:210 – Instructional Materials
 6:240 – Field Trips
 6:240 AP – Field Trip Guidelines
 7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities
 7:15 – Student and Family Privacy Rights
 7:30 – Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer
 7:100 – Health, Eye and Dental Examinations
 7:190 – Student Discipline
 7:250 AP1 – Measures to Control the Spread of Head Lice at School
 7:280 E1 – Exhibit – Placement of Students with AIDS
 7:300 E2 – Exhibit – Certificate of Physical Fitness for Participation in Athletics
 7:300 E3 – Exhibit – Authorization for Medical Treatment
 7:330 – Student Use of Buildings – Equal Access
 7:330 AP – Delete – Student Use of Buildings included in 7:330E
 7:330 E – Exhibit – Application for Student Groups that Are Not School
 Sponsored to Request Free Use of School Premises for Meetings
 8:25 AP – Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by
 Non-School Related Entities
 8:30 – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
 8:30 AP – Definition of Child Sex Offender
 8:40 – Delete – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property included in 8:30

Approved the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) membership for the 2008-2009 school year.

Administrative Reports:

The Junior/Senior banquet will be held Friday, April 25th, in the commons. The Prom Grand March will be at the Elizabeth old school small gym on Saturday evening, April 26th, at 7:00 pm.

The SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group utilized an All-State and IDOT grant to produce a public service announcement on distracted driving.

Forty-seven pints of blood were collected at the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Highland Servant Leadership group assisted by Mrs. Diestelmeier and Mr. Nicholas on April 17th.

Mrs. Thorsen, Ms. Sisler, Mr. Downs and Mrs. Miles chaperoned the eighth grade class trip to Springfield.

Mrs. Albrecht and Mrs. Bussan's fifth grade students sponsored a successful bake sale for Safe Haven.

The sidewalk project is completed.

April 24th – Elementary Learning Fair 1:30-3:00 pm

April 25th – Teacher Institute Day

April 29th – Volunteer Reception at 3:10 pm

April 28th through May 7th – Book Fair

May 2nd – Snack Theatre

May 9th – Middle School Play – “Lady Pirates of the Caribbean”

May 13th – Middle School and 5th Grade Concert

May 14th – 6:00 pm - 4th grade parents and students - band program information

May 15th – last day for pre-school students

Awards Day will be Friday, May 23, 2008 in high school gym.

Middle School - 8:30 am

High School - 10:00 am - 9th, 10th & 11th grades

Elementary - 1:15 pm

Senior awards and scholarships at 7:00 pm

Took the following action after executive session:

Employed Allen Hendren as social studies teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approved a 4% increase in salary for non-certified staff for the 2008-2009 school year.

Approved a 3-year contract (2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011) with a 4% increase in salary for Superintendent Brad Albrecht and Elementary Principal Pete Scarano for the 2008-2009 school year.

Employed Gloria Schleicher for 2008 summer clerical duties as needed at a rate of \$8.94 per hour.

Accepted Kelly Akers resignation as group interpretation advisor.

Accepted Jen Haskens resignation as cheerleader and pon pom advisor.