

The “Morning” After

October 20, 2009

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, Barb Schaible, G. Allen Crist, Raymie Diestelmeier, Merri Sevey and Matt Wild answered roll call. Member Donnie Altfillisch was absent. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Pete Scarano, Principal Mike Foltz, Elementary Guidance Counselor Lynn Sisler, MS/HS Guidance Counselor Brenda Potter, students, representatives from the RREA and members of the community.

The River Ridge Board of Education, 4141 IL Rte 84 South, Hanover, IL, took the following action:

Approved minutes from the September 21, 2009 budget hearing and the regular and executive session board meeting and destruction of the executive session minutes from March 17, 2008.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity Fund reports.

Approved bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,016,567.11.

Mr. Diestelmeier reported on the Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational Center October minutes.

Elementary School Counselor, Lynn Sisler, reported on the 2009 ISAT (mathematics and reading) test scores for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. Middle School/High School Counselor, Brenda Potter, reported on 6th, 7th & 8th grade 2009 ISAT scores. She also reported on 2009 9th grade Explore, 10th grade Plan, 11th grade Prairie State and ACT test results.

First reading for School Board Policy updates:

2:20 – Powers/Duties of School Board; 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications; 2:70E – Exhibit – Checklist for filling Board Vacancies by Appointment; 2:110 – Qualifications, Terms & Duties of Board Officers; 3:40 – Superintendent Duties; 4:30 – Revenue & Investments; 4:40 – Incurring Debt; 4:100 – Insurance Management; 4:110 – Transportation; 4:110-AP2 – Admin Procedure – Post-trip Inspection/Bus Driving Comments; 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees; 4:140E – Exhibit – Application for Fee Waiver; 5:30 – Hiring Process & Criteria; 5:90 – Abused/Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 – Staff Development Program; 5:120 – Ethics; 5:120AP2 – Admin Procedure – Employee Conduct Standards; 5:250 – Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence; 5:280 – Educational Support Personnel – Duties/Qualifications; 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays & Leaves; 6:110 – Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School & Graduation Incentives Program; 6:300 – Graduation Requirements; 6:300E1 – Exhibit – Application

for a Diploma for Veterans of WW II, Korean Conflict or Vietnam Conflict; 6:310 – Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs and Course Substitutions; 6:320 – High School Credit for Proficiency; 6:340 – Student Testing/Assessment Program; 7:100 – Health, Eye & Dental Examinations: Immunization and Exclusion of Students; 7:190 – Student Discipline; 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities; 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics; 8:100 – Relations w/Other Organizations/Agencies.

Middle School student, Kelley Koester, spoke to the Board about the National Young Leaders State Conference she will be attending in February 2010.

Administrative reports:

Mr. Scarano reported family participation at the Elementary Open House on October 8th was around 90%.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 22nd from 3:00-8:00 pm and Friday, October 23rd from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. **The middle and high school Science Fair will take place on Thursday, October 22nd from 5:30-7:00 pm in the Commons.**

P.T.O. was complimented for the excellent craft fair October 10th-11th. Thank you to the many volunteers; P.T.O. committees, parents, students, custodians, faculty and staff for a job well done.

A committee composed of school board members, parents, administrator and athletic director discussed the high school football program on October 6th. Many options were reviewed.

Superintendent Albrecht discussed the tentative Levy.

The Benning Group has been approved an extension on the 2008-2009 audit.

The board entered into executive session to discuss the appointment, employment and compensation for personnel and placement of special education students and other student matters. There was no action taken after executive session.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – Middle and High School Fall Concert – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – Veteran's Day – no school

The above information is subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education, schedule for Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm.