

The “Morning” After

October 18, 2011

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, Don McLane, Merri Sevey and Matt Wild answered roll call. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Beau Buchs, member of the media and representatives from the RREA.

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

- Approved minutes from the September 19, 2011 regular and executive session board meeting and destruction of the executive session minutes from March 15, 2010.
- Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity Fund reports. Approved bills and payroll in the amount of \$989,025.66.
- Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational Center representative, Mr. Diestelmeier, reported on the October 3, 2011 minutes. The Board of Control directed Ms. McCready to look into other insurance companies for June 2012 renewal. The AVC Finance Committee proposed two funding models – 1. Tuition only; 2. Fixed expense plus tuition. The Construction Trades Program is looking for a spring 2012 construction project.
- Approved an additional line item on the River Ridge treasurer’s report to include 4:20c – Travel Expense Account not to exceed \$10,000.
- The School Board retreat has been scheduled for Monday, November 14th, at 6:00 PM. No action will be taken during this session.
- The December 19, 2011 regular meeting of the Board of Education will begin at 5:45 PM due to the MS/HS Holiday Concert starting at 7:00 PM.
- Elementary School Counselor, Lynn Sisler, reported on the 2011 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 2011 ISAT scores. She also reported on 2011 9th grade Explore, 10th grade Plan, 11th grade Prairie State and ACT test results.

Administrative reports:

- Principal Buchs reported family participation at the Elementary Open House on October 6th was 84%.
- Spirit Week was a great success. Students and faculty enjoyed the tribute to fall sports week with different dress up days, all-school assembly, contests and concluded with the 3rd annual Powder Puff football game.
- Thank you to the many volunteers from the Elizabeth and Hanover Fire and Ambulance Departments for observing Fire Prevention Week at River Ridge.
- An Anti-Bullying and Harassment Program was presented to kindergarten through 3rd grade students on October 17th. Thank you to the Juvenile Justice Council for such an electrifying assembly.

- Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 27th from 4:00-8:00 pm and Friday, October 28th from 7:30 am – 12:00 pm.
- The high school students will present the play, **State Fair**, November 4th & 5th at 7:00 PM.
- P.T.O. was complimented for the excellent craft fair October 8th-9th. Thank you to the many volunteers; P.T.O. committees, parents, students, custodians, faculty and staff for a job well done.
- Mrs. Potter reported that the S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) group has received a grant, "Operation Teen Safe Driving".
- There will be no school on Veteran's Day, November 11th.
- River Ridge will be hosting their first IHSA Super Sectional event. The volleyball tournament will be held on Saturday, November 5th, at 2:00 PM.

There was no executive session.

The above information is subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education, scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm.