

The “Morning” After

April 16, 2013

Monday, April 15, 2013, President David Howard called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 7:01 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 Mike Foltz, Principal Beau Buchs, representatives from the RREA, a representative from the AVC/HOSA Club, and River Ridge students.

Approved the amended regular and executive session board meeting minutes of March 18, 2013 and destruction of audio executive session minutes from September 19, 2011.

Reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, Investment Report and Activity Reports. Approved bills and payroll in the amount of \$558,521.14.

Member Diestelmeier reported on the Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational April 2, 2013 meeting. Students from River Ridge who attended the state HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) were Kelley Koester and Morgan Smith. Irene Thraen-Borowski extended an invitation to members for the National Art Honor Society closing ceremony on Sunday, May 5, 2013, at Woodbine Bend Golf Course. The Board of Control approved a \$5,000 roof repair assessment for each participating district for the 2014 school year. Clarification of the 2 lawn mowing bids was discussed. River Ridge outstanding students of the third quarter were: Brett Brown, Law Enforcement; Erin Heidenreich, Child Care; and Maggie Shanks, Computer Networking & Security.

Supt. Albrecht reported on the meeting with the engineer in regards to building updates. More information to follow at the reorganization meeting, April 29th.

First reading of the 2013-2014 Student Handbook changes presented by Principal Foltz and Principal Buchs. - Include Elementary Behavior Matrix; Guidelines for athletic eligibility for students who transfer to River Ridge; Highland classes to be included in GPA; Detentions times; Late arrival/early dismissal; Communication process for D-F list.

The Board set the 8th grade promotion date for Friday, May 31st, at 7:00 PM. A survey was distributed to 6th and 7th grade parents for input on daytime or evening event in the future.

The Board approved a maternity leave request from Kerri Rijpma beginning approximately May 15th.

First reading for Board Policy updates.

Approved the two week 2013 Kindergarten-5th Summer School Program as presented by Principal Buchs with a budget of \$4,530 (depending on paraprofessional assignments). Elementary students will be in session from 8:30-11:30 AM August 4th through August 16th, 2013. Transportation will be provided with one bus stop in Elizabeth and one in Hanover.

The Board accepted the resignation request from Robin Harkness as Pom Pon advisor.

Administrative Reports:

- Juvenile Justice Council county wide assembly at River Ridge on Friday, April 19th for grades Kind-4th.
- 4th grade students and teachers, Mrs. Fry and Mrs. Walters, travel to Laredo Taft in

Oregon, IL to participate in outdoor educational activities May 1-3. Thank you to the PTO who helped fund this trip.

- Elementary counselor, Lynn Sisler, will take the 5th grade classes to Fried Green Tomatoes for the fine-dining experience on April 19th.
- High school testing will be on April 23rd & 24th. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring some of the incentive packages for those students who strive to do their best on the PSAE.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Diestelmeier and the WYSE team for earning 1st place at the state level.

April 24th - Senior Class "GIVE BACK" Community Service Day

April 24th - K-5 Math Night/HS Math Club

April 26th - Teacher In-Service – No School

April 26th - Senior Banquet

April 27th - Prom at Chestnut

April 29th - Reorganization of the School Board meeting

May 7th - Snack Theatre

May 14th - 4th Grade Band Night

May 17th-18th - 8th grade trip to Springfield

May 18th - Seniors leave for Washington DC

May 24th - Awards Day

June 3 - Last student attendance day

- Congratulations to Mrs. Bussan and her 5th grade class for sponsoring the JDRF activity. They collected over \$6,000 for diabetes research. River Ridge students and staff and members of the community walked over 931 miles April 5th. Special thank you to Moni Klippert, Marianne Murphy, Donna Noon and Candy Albrecht for their help.
- The River Ridge Servant Leadership group sponsored a spaghetti dinner on March 25th with proceeds going to the Scleroderma Foundation. Each elementary class donated "theme" baskets that were part of the successful silent auction/raffle.

The Board entered into executive session to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and report on student information and discipline and took the following action after executive session:

Approved a 2.25% salary increase for the non-certified employees for the 2013-2014 school year. Approved a 2.25% salary increase for the 2013-2014 school year and one year contract extension for Middle/High School Principal Mike Foltz's contract which will extend through 2015-2016. Approved a 2.0% salary increase for the 2013-2014 school year and one year contract extension for Superintendent Brad Albrecht's contract which will extend through 2015-2016. Approved a 2.25% salary increase for the 2013-2014 school year and a one year contract extension for Elementary Principal Beau Buch's through 2015-2016.

Employed Celia Priegel as second grade teacher for the 2013-2014 school year.

River Ridge juniors, Kelley Koester and Morgan Smith, have earned the opportunity to attend the Nat'l Leadership Conference/Health Occupation Students of America in Nashville, TN through the Area Vocational School. The Board granted each student \$250 towards expenses.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board on May 20, 2013.