

RIVERTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #14
Board of Education
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010
Regular Meeting

The Regular Meeting of the Riverton Community Unit School District #14 Board of Education was held on Monday, February 8, 2010, at the district office. President Nonneman called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board members present: Kim Baskett, Pam Cuffle, Mike Klebe, Debbie Moore, Paul Nonneman, Larry Patterson. Absent: Scott McClure. Others present: Tom Mulligan, Nancy Galligan, Stacey Binegar, Fred Lamkey, Chris Koerwitz, Bill Geiger, Bill Lamkey, Mike Gum, Kyle Price. Guests: Lisa Seymour, Curt Bee, Larry Dickerson, Dirk McCormick.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. MOORE TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES; TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT, THE REVENUE REPORT, AND THE EXPENDITURE REPORT; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. KLEBE, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. CUFFLE TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR FEBRUARY; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PATTERSON, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Communications:

FOIA Request: Dr. Mulligan told Board members that the new Board policy requires him to tell who has asked submitted a request for information. OCC-North American submitted a request for information on the current copier contract. He added that their request was acted on, and they were provided with the information they had requested.

Curt Bee: Mr. Bee, who is the wrestling coach, addressed the Board with regard to using the high school's industrial technology room as a location for storing the sports mats and for future wrestling practice. Currently, wrestlers are practicing on the middle school stage. Dr. Mulligan said that this would be an administrative decision. Mr. Bee also asked about the possibility of co-oping wrestling with Williamsville. Mr. Nonneman said that when he voted on starting the program, he had an understanding that this would be a Riverton program only. Mr. Bee said that co-oping with Williamsville would put the program into 2A competition. He said that next year he would like to see the middle school compete in the IKWF as well as the IESA; that would allow more student participation. He told the Board that there are approximately 25-30 middle school students participating; six of the current 8th graders will be moving on to high school in this sport. Mr. Bee said that he would like to start a summer program.

Kyle Price: Mr. Price presented the Board with high discipline data from the first semester. Mr. Price told the Board that minor referrals are up due to continued efforts by teachers to redirect and/or pre-correct student behaviors. He added that the security system at the high school has been very effective in deterring students who previously had skipped classes and students who are late to school. The total

number of major referrals for the school year is on track to approach 1000 by the end of the school year; that is 150 fewer referrals than last school year. Mr. Price noted that several chronic offenders are no longer attending RHS as they have been placed at Safe Schools or at SCLA. Mr. Price addressed student suspensions and reported that a number of them are due to tobacco violations which are higher this year. He reported to the Board that students are complying with the new cell phone requirements. In closing, Mr. Price told the Board that in his opinion, in-school suspensions have been instrumental in the success of discipline at the high school this year.

Mike Klebe: Mr. Klebe reported to the Board that District 186 has decided to go ahead and pursue the School Facilities Sales Tax as a funding vehicle for their building projects. He added that county school districts will be getting together to look into this issue as well.

Administrative Team Reports:

Mrs. Binegar: Report submitted. Mrs. Binegar reported that tardies are a real problem this year; there were 2,080 tardies during the first semester. She said that she will be addressing this issue in the immediate future and added that it will involve serious conversations with parents. Mr. Klebe congratulated the elementary students who performed the National Anthem last week at the high school boys' basketball game.

Mrs. Fraase: Report submitted. Mrs. Fraase told the Board that there was a major decrease in referrals during the second quarter.

Mr. Lamkey: Report submitted. Mr. Lamkey said he will be holding off on filling middle school vacancies until after the budget cuts have been determined.

Mr. Lamkey: Report submitted. Mr. Lamkey explained how course offerings are arrived at; he said that offering an elective would not necessarily be based on a large enrollment; each elective will be considered independently of enrollment numbers. A concern was raised about recognition of the high school cheerleaders with regard to their advancing to state competition. Mr. Lamkey assured the Board that there will be an assembly or some other activity to recognize their accomplishments. Mr. Lamkey said that PBIS does a great job of recognizing individuals and groups throughout the year as well. Mr. Fred Lamkey mentioned that the middle school dance team is advancing to state competition as well; they'll be "sent off" with the usual "hallway run". A brief discussion took place with regard to implementing PLTW at the middle school level; if a grant is available, it would operate similarly to the high school program. Mr. Fred Lamkey said that while it is critical to keep costs down, he would like to give consideration to offering another elective at the middle school (possibly the Gateway Program).

Mr. Gum: Report submitted.

Mr. Wagahoff: Report submitted. Boys' and girls' indoor track meets are being scheduled. Dr. Mulligan will get back to Mr. Klebe on participation numbers.

Mr. Koerwitz: Report submitted. Mr. Koerwitz told the Board that finding drivers is very difficult.

Mr. Geiger: Report submitted. Mr. Geiger and Dr. Mulligan said that there is a lot of work being done to prepare for bids to go out (reviewing building security, elementary school playground, putting specs together, etc.).

Dr. Mulligan: Report submitted. Dr. Mulligan told the Board that an Athletic Advisory Committee meeting would be scheduled in the near future. He said that he would like to have the Board member's perspective on the Drug and Alcohol Policy; Board members will be receiving a survey for their input. Dr. Mulligan said that Mrs. Moore and Mr. McClure will be working on Dr. Mulligan's evaluation. Dr. Mulligan told Board members that currently, administrators do not feel moving forward on potential dress code changes is warranted as issues this school year have been minimal. With that said, Dr. Mulligan asked where the Board stands with regard to a uniform policy. Mr. Klebe reiterated that he feels that ultimately a uniform policy would be a cost savings to families; however, he added that as there have been no real problems this year, he agrees that it would be acceptable to not pursue such a policy at this time.

Business:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KLEBE TO APPROVE AN RFP FOR PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PATTERSON, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR KLEBE TO APPROVE A POLICY CHANGE TO THE DISTRICT'S "ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY"; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. CUFFLE, AND ON A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. MOORE TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE PERSONNEL REPORT (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES); MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. CUFFLE, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES, AND THE MEETING MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:42PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. MOORE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. CUFFLE, AND ON A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES, AND THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 8:24PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. MOORE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: CORINNE FUQUA – REQUEST FOR MATERNITY LEAVE OF ABSENCE, JARED BORRELL – EMPLOYMENT AS HIGH SCHOOL CUSTODIAN; LISA BOSTRUM – EMPLOYMENT AS MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK COACH; BRIAN CUFFLE – VOLUNTEER EMPLOYMENT AS HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT BOYS' BASEBALL COACH; JEFF HIGGINS – EMPLOYMENT AS PART-TIME BUS DRIVER; STEPHANIE LAW – EMPLOYMENT AS PART-TIME BUS DRIVER; MATT UPCHURCH – HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT GIRLS' SOCCER COACH; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. KLEBE, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PATTERSON TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTEER EMPLOYMENT OF ANN HOLLIDAY AS A MIDDLE SCHOOL ASSISTANT DANCE COACH; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. KLEBE, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, NO; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MOORE, NO; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH 4 AYES AND 2 NOS.

Announcements and Discussion:

Dr. Mulligan reminded Board members of the Board Self-Evaluation Meeting scheduled for February 22, at 6:00pm, at the district office.

Mr. Klebe told Board members that he would e-mail information to them on the school sales tax meeting that he will be attending.

Adjournment:

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MRS. CUFFLE; ON A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES, AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8428M.

Board President

Board Secretary