

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

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

Board members present: Kim Baskett, Pam Cuffle, Mike Klebe, Scott McClure, Debbie Moore, Paul Nonneman, Larry Patterson. Others present: Tom Mulligan, Nancy Galligan, Kelly Fraase, Fred Lamkey, Chris Koerwitz, Bill Geiger, Bill Lamkey, Mike Gum. Guests: Doug Sitton, Lisa Seymour, Julie Klebe, Rob Mehan, Sherri Zara.

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

Communications:

Rob Mehan: Mr. Mehan addressed the Board with regard to "rumors" he had heard concerning the district's possible purchase of the Riverton Athletic Club. He said that he, as well as several others in the community, are opposed to this purchase for various reasons, most importantly, the district's current fiscal condition. He added that this should not even be a consideration in a year where teachers have been laid off. He further stated that he thinks that the Board's main focus at this time should be education. He said that upkeep of the facility will be continual as well as maintenance of the property. He said that perhaps someone else could purchase the property and lease it back to the school district. He asked that the Board give this very serious consideration before moving forward with purchase of the Athletic Club.

President Nonneman thanked Mr. Mehan for his input and assured him that further discussion would take place regarding the possible purchase of that property.

Doug Sitton: Dr. Mulligan introduced Doug Sitton, of Sitton Construction Group Consulting, and explained that Mr. Sitton had helped tremendously with contract negotiations and oversight of the impending "Performance Contract". He reviewed with the Board his role in the

negotiations process and explained that Johnson Controls had been very cooperative regarding the scope of work that the contract entails. Dr. Mulligan said that the district's attorney has reviewed the contract and signed off on it, taking into consideration the district's obligation to assure that wages are paid based on the prevailing wage requirements. The assured performance guarantee and competitive bid language were discussed; he added that the scope of work contains the ECM's. Mr. Sitton confirmed that Dr. Mulligan and Mr. Geiger had spent a great deal of time over the last two months confirming all aspects of the contract; he expressed his appreciation for their assistance. Johnson Controls will provide a list of contractors to the district; sub-contracted work fees were negotiated from approximately 17 percent to 12 percent. Dr. Mulligan told the group that the money the district received through the QZAB bonds, \$2,058,000 is in the bank. Dr. Mulligan also said that the contract's one-stop accountability, guaranteed energy savings, and guaranteed improvement of facilities are very positive.

Mike Klebe: Mr. Klebe reported that a sales tax committee meeting had been held the previous week with various Sangamon County schools participating, as well as Springfield District 186. He said that considering that the issue will be placed on the November ballot, it is imperative that factual information be provided to the public. Dr. Mulligan said that the revenue generated by the sales tax would abate half of the property taxes for the Riverton School District.

Pam Cuffle: Mrs. Cuffle thanked the district for providing a basket for the silent auction for the Goff Benefit. She said the donation was very much appreciated.

Scott McClure: Mr. McClure expressed his thanks to staff and students who are participating in Springfield's Muni Opera this summer.

Administrative Team Reports:

Mrs. Binegar: Report submitted. A brief discussion took place with regard to reimplementation of the Pre-K Program. Dr. Mulligan said that the state has not yet committed to restoring funding, but that information should be available in the very near future.

Mrs. Fraase: Report submitted.

Mr. Lamkey: Report submitted. Mr. Klebe complimented Mr. Koerwitz and the middle school for the success of the 8th grade promotion ceremony.

Mr. Koerwitz: Report submitted.

Mr. Lamkey: Report submitted. Some discussion took place with regard to reimplementing Century Club passes in light of the recent increase in admission fees for athletic events. Dr. Mulligan said that he would look into this. Mr. Klebe asked Mr. Lamkey about post-secondary statistics. There was brief discussion about questionnaire/feedback results from graduates with regard to how well their high school career might have helped them prepare for life after graduation.

Mr. Gum: Report submitted. Dr. Mulligan said that ACT results will be presented at the July meeting.

Mr. Geiger: Report submitted. Mrs. Moore inquired about adding handicapped parking spaces at the high school. Discussion took place with regard to the IT room and the list of items available to sell through an auction. Mr. Geiger said that a list had been put together, but it was not yet complete. This discussion will continue at the July meeting.

Dr. Mulligan: Report submitted. After a brief discussion and as a result of the current financial constraints, it was decided that rather than the entire Board attending the annual conference in November in Chicago, two Board members would be allowed to go. Discussion also took place with relocating monthly Board meetings as there has been some concern voiced about lack of parking at the district office. After the discussion, it was decided that the majority of the meetings would be moved to the high school auditorium. Dr. Mulligan thanked the Village of Riverton for the road work they completed on 3rd Street near the high school.

Business:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PATTERSON TO APPROVE EVALUATION DOCUMENTS FOR COACHES FOR FY 11; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. KLEBE, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MCCLURE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

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

THE DISCUSSION OF SALE ITEMS FOR A PROPOSED SILENT AUCTION WAS TABLED; FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE AT A LATER DATE.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PATTERSON TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING NEGOTIATIONS, THE PERSONNEL REPORT (APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE, PERFORMANCE, OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES) AND TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MRS. CUFFLE, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MCCLURE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES, AND THE MEETING MOVED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 7:22PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MRS. CUFFLE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION; MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCLURE, AND ON A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES, AND THE MEETING MOVED BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 8:49PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PATTERSON TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL REPORT AS PRESENTED (EMPLOYMENT OF MEGAN SHANE AS AN INDIVIDUAL AIDE; RESIGNATION OF JAMIE TOLAND AS HS HEAD GIRLS' SOCCER COACH; RESIGNATION OF TOM WEIR AS HS JV BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH; EMPLOYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING COACHES FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR: JOSH LEE – HS HEAD FOOTBALL; JOHN CHRISTIAN – HS ASST FOOTBALL; JOHN HAMBELTON – HS ASST FOOTBALL; CODY GARDNER – HS ASST FOOTBALL; BRAD POLANIN – VOLUNTEER FOOTBALL; JOE BETZ – VOLUNTEER FOOTBALL; MIKE BINEGAR – VOLUNTEER FOOTBALL; JORDAN BARNEY – VOLUNTEER FOOTBALL; AIMIEE SUTTON – HS HEAD VOLLEYBALL; MANDY PATTON – HS ASST VOLLEYBALL; ELISE ETHELL – HS VOLUNTEER VOLLEYBALL; ASHLEY LUKEN – HS VOLUNTEER VOLLEYBALL; BRIAN FARNSWORTH – HS HEAD GOLF; JAMIE TOLAND – HS HEAD BOYS' SOCCER; MATT UPCHURCH – HS ASST SOCCER; CHRIS BERTOMINO – HS VOLUNTEER SOCCER; MATT LAMKEY – HS VOLUNTEER SOCCER; JEFF KOGER – HS HEAD GIRLS' BASKETBALL; JEFF JESBERG – HS ASST GIRLS' BASKETBALL; CASEY TESTER – HS VOLUNTEER GIRLS' BASKETBALL; KYLE WEBER – HS HEAD BOYS' BASKETBALL; BRAD POLANIN – HS ASST BOYS' BASKETBALL; MATT UPCHURCH – HS ASST BOYS' BASKETBALL; BRIAN FARNSWORTH – HS HEAD TRACK; CODY GARDNER – HS ASST TRACK; KURT CUFFLE – HS HEAD BASEBALL; RON JAGODZINSKI – HS ASST BASEBALL; RON ATKINS – HS VOLUNTEER BASEBALL; BRAD GARCIA – HS VOLUNTEER BASEBALL; BRIAN CUFFLE – HS VOLUNTEER; DOUG SAGLE – HS HEAD SOFTBALL; CARA GATCHEL – HS ASST SOFTBALL; MATT UPCHURCH – HS HEAD GIRLS' SOCCER; CHRIS BERTOLINO – HS ASST GIRLS' SOCCER; JAMIE TOLAND – HS VOLUNTEER GIRLS' SOCCER; PAM GARCIA – HS CHEERLEADING; WENDY KOEHLER – HS DANCE TEAM; JOHN CHRISTIAN – HS BASS FISHING; CURT BEE – HS WRESTLING; DESI DAVIS – MS HEAD SOFTBALL; JENN DAVIS – MS ASST SOFTBALL; DREW KAYS – MS 6TH GRADE SOFTBALL; MIKE ROSCETTI – MS HEAD BASEBALL; BRAD SZOKE – MS ASST BASEBALL; DESI DAVIS – MS 7TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL; CHRIS BERTOLINO – MS 8TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL; ERIC RAIKES – MS 6TH GRADE BOYS' BASKETBALL; CAROL SIMS – MS 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL; DREW KAYS – MS 7TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL; KALEENA LEWISON – MS 6TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL; AMY DOLBEARE – MS TRACK; LISA BOSTROM – MS TRACK); MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PATTERSON, AND ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: BASKETT, YES; CUFFLE, YES; KLEBE, YES; MCCLULRE, YES; MOORE, YES; NONNEMAN, YES; PATTERSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

With regard to the Board's self-evaluation, following distribution of a hand-out by Dr. Mulligan, a lengthy discussion took place ... including areas of focus that were (1) an annual review to align the Board's vision/ expectations to the district's strategic planning; (2) ensuring that the Board's outlook matches the community's desires when making cuts, etc.; (3) gathering more input from "stakeholders" before adopting/implementing policy; (4) establishing agreed upon uniform expectations for Superintendent recommendations; (5) consider input from committees as a possible solution to various needs of Board members in their quest for relevant information

regarding Superintendent recommendations and possibly consider creating a Curriculum Committee; (6) clarify procedures for development of the agenda; (7) general Board procedures.

Mr. McClure expressed his frustration in seeing such a large article in the recent Riverton Register stemming from the May Board Meeting ... especially when it appeared that so much of what was discussed had been discussed at earlier meetings. In his opinion that discussion during a meeting was a waste of time and taxpayer's month. He agreed that discussion should take place with regard to a censure policy for the Board. Mr. McClure said that he felt if there was a problem among Board members to the point of a document being prepared for discussion, that document should be provided from the author to each Board member prior to the meeting so that various rambling does not take place and to ensure that each Board member is prepared to respond if need be.

Announcements and Discussion:

A Finance Committee Meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 28.

Dr. Mulligan reported to the Board that he has been approached by the Riverton Athletic Club to see if the district would be interested in purchasing the Athletic Club property. Dr. Mulligan told them that the district is certainly open to discussion of this subject, but there are a lot of details that would have to be checked into before even having a thorough discussion.

A decision was made that the total amount of money owed to the district by the State of Illinois should be put on the elementary school sign for community awareness.

Pam Cuffle expressed appreciation on behalf of Stephanie Goff for the acknowledgement of her son, Brandon, at high school graduation.

Adjournment:

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY MR. PATTERSON; ON A VOICE VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES, AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:29PM.

Board President

Board Secretary