

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Education of East Richland Community Unit School District No. 1, Counties of Richland, Wayne and Jasper, in the State of Illinois, held in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, 1100 East Laurel Street, Olney, Thursday, October 15, 2009.

AGENDA #I – “Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance” – The meeting was called to order at the hour of 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Ben Anderson, President of the Board of Education, who chaired the meeting. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Eagle Scout Derek Novak.

AGENDA #II – “Roll Call” – The Recording secretary called the roll of those present and the following members answered to their names as called and were found to be present:

Mr. Ben Anderson, Mr. Steve Marrs, Dr. Gerald M. Mastio, Ms. Jervaise McGlone, Mr. Leon Redman, Mr. Jan D. Ridgely, Mr. Jeff Wilson. Members absent at roll call: None. A quorum being present, the Chair declared the Board of Education to be in open, public session for the transaction of business.

Present, in addition to Board Members: Ms. Marilyn J. Holt, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Larry Bussard, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Chris Simpson, ERHS Principal; Mr. Chad LeCrone, ERHS Assistant Principal; Mr. Andrew Thomann, ERMS Principal; Ms. Cris Edwards, Assistant Principal at ERMS/ERHS; Ms. Suzanne Hahn, ERES Primary Principal; Mr. Dan Cox, Intermediate Principal. Also present was Ms. Alda Ingram, Recording Secretary.

(*Note: this meeting was held pursuant to previous Board of Education action and Notice given by Ms. Marilyn Holt, Superintendent of School, in writing, to all members, and to news media having requested such notice. A copy of the Notice was also posted at the main office of this school district.*)

AGENDA #III – “Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings” – Minutes as prepared for the following meeting were presented for approval:

A. Regular and Closed Minutes of the Regular Rescheduled Board Meeting of Thursday, September 24, 2009.

Board Action to Approve Minutes: - Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve minutes of the foregoing meeting as prepared, but that closed meeting minutes not be opened to public inspection at this time. Ms. McGlone seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #IV – “Financial Reports” – The following financial reports were presented:

IV. - A. Treasurer’s Report: The monthly Treasurer’s Report was presented.

IV. – B. Approval of Bills and Payroll: The listing of current bills, in the amount of \$420,296.25 to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of October 2009, were presented for payments. Payroll for personnel on regular status is the same as for the month of September 2009, with the following:

Additions: None.
Deletions: None.
Changes: None.

IV. – C. All Other Financial Reports:

1. Comparison of Funds – September 2008 with September 2009
2. Approval of Activity Funds.
3. Monthly Financial Report

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report, bills, payroll, and other financial reports as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #V. “Communications” – The following recent communications were presented:

- A. Thank You from ERCU District Office Staff for raises.
- B. Thank you for Memorial from Kathy Rue Family.
- C. Acknowledgement of ERES Personnel from Sue Crum.
- D. Thank You from Carmae Bussard for flowers sent during her recent illness.

AGENDA #VI. – “Recognition and Comments from Employees and Public”

A. Derek Novak – Eagle Scout – Derek was presented with a Silver Dollar in honor of the hard work and dedication he demonstrated in order to earn his Eagle Scout Badge.

AGENDA #VII. – “Administrative Reports”

#VII-A. Superintendent’s Report – Marilyn J. Holt: Mrs. Holt presented the following informational reports:

1. ISBE – Those Who Excel – Mrs. Holt reported that three ERCU#1 employees, Sherry Baker, Erin Hardy and Alda Ingram, would be recognized at the November board meeting for receipt of awards through the Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel Program. The Awards Ceremony will be held on October 24th in Peoria.
2. H1N1 Letter to Parents – Mrs. Holt informed the board that a letter regarding the H1N1 flu had been sent to all parents or guardians of district students. The letter is also posted on the district web-site.
3. October 12 – 16 – National School Lunch Week – The Superintendent congratulated the food service staff for a job well done.
4. October 19-23 – National School Bus Safety Week – The Superintendent congratulated the transportation department of a job well done.
5. October 29 – ERCU#1 will host the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at the Middle School.
6. November 1 – Standard Time Returns – Set Clocks Back One Hour
7. November 15 – School Board Members Day in Illinois – Mrs. Holt thanked the board members for all that they do.
8. November 17 – November Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
9. 21st Century Learning After School Program – Mrs. Holt commented on the success of the Program, which is held at the middle school.

#VII-B. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Larry Bussard: Mr. Bussard presented the following informational reports: Mr. Bussard presented an update on the ERMS renovation project. The project is very close to completion. Mr. Bussard went over the final punch list items.

The board took this opportunity to give special acknowledgement and express their appreciation to Larry Bussard, Andy Thomann and the middle school staff for the time and energy given to the getting the school ready to open in August..

Mr. Bussard also reported that donuts and fruit trays would be delivered to the bus barn in appreciation during National School Bus Safety Week.

An update on the auction held on Thursday, September 24, 2009, was given by Mr. Bussard, who reported that the district received \$9, 444.00 for their efforts.

#VII-C. Other Administrative Reports: Written reports were presented by other administrators.

AGENDA VIII – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA IX. – “New Business” –

IX-A. Approve Proposal of Audit and Professional Services: The Superintendent recommended approval of a three-year Proposal for Audit and Professional Services from Kemper CPA Group. (*Documentary Registry No. 09-10-01*)

Board Action: Steve Marris made a motion to approve the three-year proposal prepared by Kemper CPA Group for Audit and Professional Services. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marris, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

IX-B. Approve School Improvement Plans: The Superintendent recommended approval of School Improvement Plans submitted by the administrative staff of ERES, ERMS and ERHS. (*Documentary Registry No. 09-10-02*)

Board Action: Jervaise McGlone made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans submitted by ERES, ERMS and ERHS. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marris, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

IX-C. Approve Tennis Co-op with West Richland School District: The Superintendent recommended approval of a high school boys tennis co-op with West Richland School District. (*Documentary Registry No. 09-10-03*)

Board Action: Jeff Wilson made a motion to approve an athletic co-op for high school boys' tennis with West Richland School District. Ms. McGlone seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members voting pass: Dr. Gerald Mastio. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, and 1 pass vote. The Chair declared the motion carried.

IX-D. Approve Revised 2009 Special Education Procedures: The Superintendent recommended approval of the Revised 2009 Special Education Procedures as prepared by Illinois Council of School Attorneys and the Illinois Association of School Boards. (*Documentary Registry No. 09-10-04*)

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve the Revised Special Education Procedures as prepared by the Illinois Council of School Attorneys and the Illinois Association of School Boards. Ms. McGlone seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

IX-E. Accept and Approve 2009 Illinois School Report Cards: The Superintendent recommended approval of a the 2009 Illinois School Reports Cards for release to the public. (*Documentary Registry No. 09-10-05*)

Board Action: Jervaise McGlone made a motion to accept and approve the 2009 Illinois School Report Cards for release to the public. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

IX-F. Appoint Delegate to Represent the Board of Education at the 2009 Joint Annual Conference in November: The Superintendent recommended that the Board appoint Ben Anderson to serve as a Delegate at the 2009 Joint Annual Conference.

Board Action: Dr. Gerald Mastio made a motion to appoint Ben Anderson to serve as a delegate of the District at the 2009 Joint Annual Conference. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #X. "Policy": There were no policies presented for review or adoption at this time.

AGENDA #XI – "Executive Session" – Ms. McGlone made a motion to hold a closed meeting, under Section 2(c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of individual employees of the district; and, under Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act to consider collective negotiating matters; and, under 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act to consider purchase of real property for the use of the school district; and under Section 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act to consider sale or lease of property owned by the school district; and, under Section 2(c)(9) of the Open Meetings Act to consider student Discipline; under Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act to consider pending litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District or litigation which is probable or imminent and, under 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act to consider Executive Session Minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. A Closed Meeting was held beginning at 8:35 p.m.

Closed Meeting Ended: Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and reconvene in open session. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. A quorum being present, the Board reconvened in open, public session for the transaction of business, at 9:40 p.m.

(Note: Separate minutes have been prepared for the foregoing closed meeting.)

XII. Resignations There were no resignations presented at this time.

XIII. Employment: The Superintendent recommended employment of the following volunteer personnel:

A. Volunteer Coaches –

ERHS Girls' Basketball – Brett Gardner and Cindy McKinney and

ERHS Wrestling Coach – Steve Wingert

Volunteer Sports Physician – Dr. Bradley Houston

Board Action: Ms. McGlone made a motion to approve the foregoing volunteers. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

XIV. Leaves of Absence: The Superintendent recommended approval of the following Leaves of Absence:

ERES Teacher Assistant – Anita Seiler

ERES Teacher – Deven Mosbey

ERHS Teacher – Amanda Redman

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the foregoing leaves of absence. Ms. McGlone seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

XV. Closed Meeting Minutes - The Superintendent presented the following recommendation relative to closed meeting minutes.

XV-A. Closed Meeting Minutes - The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy the closed meeting audio recording of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2008.

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting audio recording of Thursday, March 20, 2008, as recommended. Ms. McGlone seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McGlone, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members Absent: None. The motion having received 7 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

XVI. "Adjournment" Mr. Ridgely made a motion to adjourn. The next regular rescheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote, the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved: President _____

Secretary _____