

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, Illinois, Thursday, July 15, 2010.

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.

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, Mr. Jan D. Ridgely, Mr. Jeff Wilson. Members absent at roll call: Ms. Jervaise McDaniel, Mr. Leon Redman. 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; Ms. Suzanne Hahn, ERES Principal; Mr. Chris Simpson, ERHS Principal; Mr. Chad LeCrone, ERHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. Also present was Mr. Harry Hillis, Jr., Recording Secretary.

(Note: This meeting was held pursuant to previous Board of Education action and Notice given by Mr. Ben Anderson, President, 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 Regular Rescheduled Board Meeting of Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

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. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote 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 & Payroll: The listing of current bills, in the amount of \$93,387.43, to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of July 2010, were presented for payment. Payroll for personnel on regular employment status is the same as for the month of June 2010, with the following.

Additions: None.
Deletions: All 20 pay employees.
Changes: None.

#IV-C. All Other Financial Reports:

1. Comparison of Funds – June 2009 with June 2010.
2. Approval of Activity Funds.
3. Monthly Financial Report.

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

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #V – “Communications” – Thank you from the family of Ralph Fisher for flowers sent at the time of his death. He was the father of Ken Fisher.

AGENDA #VI – “Recognition & Comments from Employees & Public” – Natasha Benton addressed the Board of Education regarding teenage drug use.

AGENDA #VII – “Administrative Reports” –

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

1. Registration: Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010.

2. Financial Update: A brief update was presented relative to finances for fiscal years 2010 and 2011.

#VII-B. Assistant Superintendent’s Report – Larry Bussard: Mr. Bussard presented an update on the progress of the ERES roof replacement project.

#VII-C. Other Administrative Reports: Band Pre-Camp will be held at ERHS July 15-30 and ERHS Band Camp is scheduled for August 2-6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AGENDA #VIII – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA #IX – “New Business” –

#IX-A. Authorize Superintendent to Fill Employment Vacancies Prior to August 16, 2010: The Superintendent recommended that the administration be given approval to fill employment vacancies prior to August 16, 2010.

#IX-B. Authorize Superintendent to Call Back from Reduction in Force Certified and Support Staff as Needed Prior to August 16, 2010: The Superintendent recommended that the administration be given approval to call back from reduction in force certified and support staff prior to August 16, 2010.

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to authorize the administration to fill employment vacancies prior to the beginning of school and to call back from reduction in force certified and support staff as needed. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #X – “Policy” – None.

AGENDA #XI – “Executive Session” – Mr. Ridgely 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 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, to conduct a review of closed meeting audio recordings. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. A closed meeting was held, beginning at 8:40 p.m.

Closed Meeting Ended: Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and reconvene in open session. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried. A quorum being present, the Board reconvened in open, public session for the transaction of business at 9:50 p.m.

AGENDA #XII – “Resignations” – The Superintendent recommended acceptance of the following personnel resignations.

A. Resignations for Purpose of Retirement: The Superintendent recommended acceptance of the following personnel resignations for the purpose of retirement.

1. Transportation Supervisor – Alvin Kocher, effective September 2, 2010.
2. School Bus Driver – Thelma Muhs, effective September 11, 2010.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the resignations of Alvin Kocher and Thelma Muhs the purpose of retirement as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIII – “Employment” –

A. Call Back Educational Support Staff from Reduction in Force: The Superintendent recommended that the following educational support staff be called back from reduction in force:

1. Aides: Gena Bunting, Angel Brown, Jennifer Ellison, Susan Haussy, Michele Reynolds, Janet Leist, Rae Rose, Jeri Blackford.
2. Teacher Assistants: Anita Seiler, Debbie McClure, Pauline Volk, Jeana Webster, Kacie Rodgers.
3. Transportation Bus Aides: Alice Murray, Cheryl Farrar, Amy Angle, Lela Wilson, Dixie Baker.
4. Transportation Drivers: Bobbie Jarvis (noon only), Jan Dowty (noon only), Thelma Muhs (noon only), Pam Ledeker (noon only), Cindy Hart (sp. ed. only), Cheryl Ginder (regular route), Tom Hixon (regular route).

B. Call Back Certified Staff from Reduction in Force. The Superintendent recommended that the following certified staff be called back from reduction in force:

1. 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher: Camelia Stevens.
2. ERES Teachers: Gwyne Doll, Sherry Harmon, Cindy McKinney, Alicia Robards, Jamie Ash, Ashley Stafford.
3. ERMS Teacher: Linda Lanker.
4. ERHS Teacher: Mark Anselment.

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to call back the foregoing educational support staff and certified staff personnel from reduction in force as recommended. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

C. Volunteer Driver and Volunteer Coaches: The Superintendent recommended approving the following personnel as volunteer driver and volunteer coaches:

1. Volunteer Driver for ERHS Music Department: Cliff Deimel.
2. Volunteer Football Coaches: Jerod Kessler, Denny Totten, Brandan Michels, John Reed, Jordan Grinestaff, Luke Carmody, Dane Hawes, Brock Ochs.
3. Volunteer Cross Country Coaches: Leon Stallard, Ted Eagleson, Ben Eagleson.
4. Volunteer Volleyball Coach: Ami Weidner.
5. Volunteer Boys' Soccer Coaches: Jim Spears, Derrick Lawless.

Board Action: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to approve the foregoing personnel as volunteer driver and volunteer coaches as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIV – “Approve Leave of Absence” – The Superintendent recommended approval for a request for a six week maternity leave for Jessica Johnstone-Guzman.

Board Action: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to approve a leave of absence for Jessica Johnstone-Guzman as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman. The motion having received 5 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XV – “Closed Meeting Minutes” – The Superintendent presented the following recommendation relative to closed meeting minutes:

#XV-A. Approve Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording of Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2008: The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy the closed meeting audio recording of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2008.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting audio recording of Thursday, December 18, 2008 as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XVI – “Adjournment” – Dr. Mastio made a motion to adjourn. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 19, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____