

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, February 17, 2011.

AGENDA #I – “Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance” – The meeting was called to order at the hour of 7:00 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, Ms. Jervaise McDaniel, 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.

Also present, in addition to Board Members: Ms. Marilyn J. Holt, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Larry Bussard, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. Suzanne Hahn, ERES Principal; Ms. Cris Edwards, ERES Assistant Principal; Mr. Andy Thomann, ERMS Principal; Mr. Chris Simpson, ERHS Principal; Mr. Chad LeCrone, ERHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director; Mr. Mick Whittler, Director of Special Education. 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 Board Meeting of Thursday, December 16, 2011.

Board Action to Approve Minutes: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve minutes of the foregoing meeting as prepared, but that closed meeting minutes of that date not be opened to public inspection at this time. Ms. McDaniel 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 \$109,438.69, to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of February 2011, were presented for payment. Payroll for personnel on regular employment status is the same as for the month of January 2011, with the following:

Additions: Brenna Correll as ERHS Language Arts part-time Teacher.
Deletions: None.
Changes: None.

#IV-C. All Other Financial Reports:

1. Comparison of Funds.
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. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 Loren Urfer for Memorial.
- B. Thank You from Dorothy Provines for Memorial.
- C. Thank You from the Family of Mary Sliva.
- D. Thank You from the Family of Katherine Muhs.
- E. Thank You from the Family of Jim McVicker.
- F. Thank You from the A-Z Team for Holiday Calendar.
- G. Thank You from Bobbie Lathrop for flowers sent following her illness.
- H. Thanks from Illinois Gymnastics – For use of ERHS facilities for tumbling and trampoline competition.

AGENDA #VI – “Recognition & Comments from Employees & Public” –

A. ERHS Illinois State Scholars: Eleven Illinois State Scholars were recognized: Logan Carlson, Matthew Chaplin, Daffney Gomendoza, Timothy Hahn II, Jason Jones, Ryan Kermicle, Kellen Kocher, Mackenzie Pool, Marissa Runyon, Keon Stallard, Shuo Zheng.

B. Principal of the Year: Suzanne Hahn was recognized for being named the Elementary Principal of the Year by the Illinois Principals Association and Horace Mann.

AGENDA #VII – “Public Hearing” - The Superintendent recommended that a public hearing be convened relative to the school district opting out of the summer food service program required under Public Act 095-0155. The district has petitioned the Regional Superintendent of Schools and this public hearing is being held as required.

#VII-A. Temporarily Adjourn Regular Meeting to Convene Public Hearing Regarding Summer School Food Service Program Exemption: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to temporarily adjourn the regular meeting for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding Public Act 095-0155 as recommended. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

#VII-B. Testimony from ERCU and Community: The Chair requested that the Superintendent conduct the hearing and present testimony regarding the request for a waiver concerning the amendment to the Childhood Hunger Relief Act (105 ILCS 126/20), also referred to as the Summer Mandate. Ms. Holt presented information and comments regarding the request and provided opportunity for public input. No comments or written statements were given in addition to Ms. Holt’s testimony. **(Documentary Registry No. 11-02-01)**

The Superintendent recommended that the public hearing be adjourned and that the Board of Education reconvene the regular meeting.

#VII-C. Adjourn Public Hearing and Reconvene in Regular Session: Dr. Mastio made a motion to adjourn the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried, that a quorum was present, and that the Board was once again in open, public session for the transaction of business.

AGENDA #VIII – “Administrative Reports” –

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

1. Superintendent’s Annual Report: The Superintendent presented her Annual Report to the Board of Education.

2. Statements of Economic Interest: Board members completed Statements of Economic Interest for filing with the Richland County Clerk.

3. IASB Constitution and Position Statements: This annual publication of the Illinois Association of School Boards was presented to each Board member.

4. Wabash Valley Division Meeting: The Wabash Valley Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards will meet Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at East Richland Middle School.

5. Technology Grant: A grant application was submitted in December for one-to-one computers at ERMS.

#VIII-B. Assistant Superintendent's Report – Larry Bussard: Mr. Bussard will report on later agenda items.

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

AGENDA #IX – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA #X – “New Business” –

#X-A. Approve Skyward School Management System Proposal: The Superintendent recommended approval of the Skyward School Management System proposal as presented. The Skyward system is student, finance, and human resources administrative software for K-12 schools. (**Documentary Registry No.11-02-02**)

Board Action: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to approve the Skyward School Management System proposal as recommended. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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.

#X-B. Approval of Seniority Lists: The Superintendent recommended approval of the faculty and staff Seniority Lists as presented. (**Documentary Registry No.11-02-03**)

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve the faculty and staff Seniority Lists as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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.

#X-C. Approval of Fuel Bids: Following recommendation by Mr. Bussard, the Superintendent recommended acceptance of the bid of Wabash Valley Service Co., Lawrenceville, Illinois, for furnishing fuel for East Richland School District vehicles, for February 1, 2011 - January 31, 2012. (**Documentary Registry No. 11-02-04**)

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the bid of Wabash Valley Service Co. for fuel as recommended. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Mr. Anderson abstained. Members absent: None.
The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#X-D. Approve Summer Maintenance and Five Year Maintenance Plan: Mr. Bussard reviewed and the Superintendent recommended approval of the Five-Year Maintenance Plan, 2011-2015 as presented, and employment of summer workers as listed for 2011. The summer maintenance work for the summer of 2011 will include the following estimated expenditures: ERHS \$148,450, ERMS \$6,110, ERES \$34,850, Bus Barn \$10,350, District Office \$16,400. The total for purchase of services and supplies is \$216,160. Total for district labor is \$37,798.92, for a grand total of \$253,958.92. Summer workers are Dan Zuber, Linda Kocher, Susan Stevenson, Donna Goff, Nancy Ginder, Norm Henderson, Matt Leist, Jerod Kessler, with four student positions still open. *(Documentary Registry No.11-02-05)*

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve the one-year and five-year maintenance plan and to employ summer 2011 workers as presented and recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 #XI – “Policies for Second Reading & Adoption” – The Superintendent recommended that the following Board Policies be approved for second reading and adoption:

- A. Policy 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment.
 - B. Policy 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria.
 - C. Policy 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting.
 - D. Policy 5:260 – Student Teachers.
 - E. Policy 7:50 – School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools.
- (Documentary Registry No. 11-02-06)*

Board Action on Policy 5:10: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to adopt Board Policy 5:10 as recommended. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted as follows:

Mr. Anderson, yea; Mr. Marrs, yea; Dr. Mastio, nay; Ms. McDaniel, yea; Mr. Redman, yea; Mr. Ridgely, yea; Mr. Wilson, yea. Members absent: None. The motion having received 6 yea votes and 1 nay vote, the Chair declared the motion carried.

Board Action on Policies 5:30, 5:90, 5.260, 7:50: Dr. Mastio made a motion to adopt Board Policies 5:30, 5:90, 5.260, and 7:50, as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 #XII – “Executive Session” – Mr. Wilson 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)(9) of the Open Meetings Act to consider student discipline; and under Section 2(c)(10) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; 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. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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. A closed meeting was held, beginning at 8:25 p.m.

Closed Meeting Ended: Dr. Mastio 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 10:30 p.m.

Action to Change Date of March Meeting: Dr. Mastio made a motion to reschedule the March regular meeting from Thursday, March 17, 2011 to Monday, March 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Unit Office Board Room. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIII – “Resignations for Retirement” – The Superintendent recommended acceptance of letters of resignation for the purpose of retirement from the following personnel.

- A. ERHS Maintenance – Ken Fisher.
- B. District Secretary/Bookkeeper – Linda VanDuyn.
- C. ERES Head Cook – Lee Laughlin.

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to accept letters of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Ken Fisher, Linda VanDuyn and Lee Laughlin as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 #XIV – “Employment” – The Superintendent recommended employment of the following personnel for the position(s) listed:

- A. 8th Grade Volleyball Coach – Leslie Shan.
- B. Two Hour Dishwasher at ERES – Cheryl Ginder.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to employ the foregoing personnel as recommended. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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.

C. ERHS Volunteer Coaches: The following personnel were recommended for approval as ERHS Volunteer Coaches:

- 1. Baseball: Brent McKinney, Ian Laughlin, Chase Thrasher, Chris Nichols, Tyler Boyles.
- 2. Softball: Mike Kapper, Ami Weidner, Stephanie Westall, Tara Weber, Bridget Zwilling.
- 3. Boys Tennis: Dick Muston & Kris Muston.
- 4. Boys Track: Matt McClenathan.
- 5. Girls Track: Jerod Kessler & Kristen Rusk.

D. ERMS Volunteer Volleyball Coach: Tara Weber.

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve the foregoing personnel as ERHS and ERMS Volunteer Coaches as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 #XV – “Reinstatement of Sick Leave – Ken Fisher” – The Superintendent recommended approval of reinstatement of 15.67 days of sick leave for Ken Fisher.

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to reinstate sick leave for Ken Fisher as recommended. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 #XVI – “Leave of Absence – Julie Fleming” – Julie Fleming’s husband was involved in a severe farm accident. Julie is requesting a leave of absence through the end of the year. The Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve Julie Fleming’s request for a leave of absence as recommended. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Mr. Ridgely abstained. Members absent: None. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XVII – “Closed Meeting Minutes” – The Superintendent presented the following for Board action relative to closed meeting minutes:

#XVII-A. Approve Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings: The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy the closed meeting audio recordings of the Regular Rescheduled Meeting of June 25, 2009 and the Regular Closed Meeting of July 16, 2009.

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting audio recordings of June 25, 2009 and July 16, 2009, as recommended. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

Global Education Initiative: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to approve the Global Education Initiative expenses as discussed. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, 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 #XVIII – “Adjournment” – Mr. Redman made a motion to adjourn. Next regular meeting will be Monday, March 14, 2011, at 7:30 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 11:25 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____