

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, May 20, 2010.

AGENDA #I – “Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance” – The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:00 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, Mr. Leon Redman, Mr. Jan D. Ridgely, Mr. Jeff Wilson. Members absent at roll call: Ms. Jervaise McGlone. 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; Ms. Cris Edwards, Assistant Principal at ERHS/ERMS; Mr. Andy Thomann, ERMS Principal; Mr. Dan Cox, ERES Intermediate Principal; Ms. Suzanne Hahn, ERES Primary Principal; Mr. Mick Whittler, Special Needs Coordinator. Also present was Mr. Harry Hillis, Jr., Recording Secretary.

Note: Mr. Thomann left the meeting early, to prepare for the ERMS graduation.

(*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 meetings were presented for approval:

- A. Regular and Closed Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of Thursday, April 15, 2010.
- B. Regular and Closed Minutes of Special Board Meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2010.

Board Action to Approve Minutes: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve minutes of the foregoing meetings as prepared, but that closed meeting minutes not be opened to public inspection at this time. Mr. Redman 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 \$125,633.29, to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of May 2010, were presented for payment. Payroll for personnel on regular employment status is the same as for the month of April 2010, with no changes.

#IV-C. All Other Financial Reports:

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

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

AGENDA #V – "Communications" – The following recent communications were presented:

- A. Thank You from Alice and Jim Zwilling for Memorial Flowers for Sherry Lukins. Ms. Lukins was Alice and Jim Zwilling's sister-in-law.
- B. Thank You from Ann Garrett for Flowers sent during recent illness.
- C. Thank You from Linda VanDuyn for Secretarial Day luncheon and flowers.
- D. Thank You's from Erin Hardy and Sherri Baker for Service Awards banquet.

AGENDA #VI – "Recognition & Comments from Employees & Public" – None.

AGENDA #VII – "Administrative Reports" –

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

1. Reschedule Regular June Board Meeting: Due to the need to have an amended budget on reading for 30 days prior to the public hearing, the Board of Education needs to reschedule the June meeting. The Superintendent will recommend that the June regular meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010.

2. Comparison of Projected Tax Rate and Actual Tax Rate for 2010: The actual tax rate for FY 2010 is \$4.18212, compared with the estimated rate of \$4.2034.

3. Race to the Top: A brief update was presented on East Richland’s “Race to the Top” application.

4. Apollo Athletic Conference: Mr. Simpson informed the Board of Education that ERHS has been invited to join the Little Illini Athletic Conference. If the district does leave the Apollo Conference and become a member of the Little Illini Conference, the change will occur starting with the 2012-2013 school year.

5. ERMS Project Profile: East Richland Middle School was profiled in a recent issue of *KI Furnishing Knowledge Magazine*.

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

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

AGENDA #VIII – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA #IX – “New Business” –

#IX-A. Approve Tentative Amended FY10 Budget and Set Date for Budget Hearing: The Superintendent recommended approval of the tentative amended school district budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 and that a public hearing on said tentative amended budget be held during the regular meeting June 22, 2010 at 7:30 p.m., in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. The tentative amended FY10 budget shows the following totals:

- Fund Balance, July 1, 2009 – \$9,624,215.60.
- Tentative Amended FY10 Revenue – \$19,842,266.00.
- Tentative Amended FY10 Expenditures – \$25,493,636.00.
- Tentative Amended Fund Balance, July 1, 2010 – \$3,972,845.60.

(Documentary Registry No. 10-05-01)

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve the tentative amended FY10 school district budget and hold a public hearing on the tentative amended budget during the regular meeting, Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#IX-B. Approve CNA Agreement with Richland Memorial Hospital: The Superintendent recommended approval of the CNA Agreement with Richland Memorial Hospital, so that certified nursing students have coverage to work at the hospital, for clinical practice in East Richland's Basic Nurse Assistant Training program. **(Documentary Registry No. 10-05-02)**

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve the CNA Agreement with Richland Memorial Hospital as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

#IX-C. Review and Approve Hazardous Conditions with Regard to Transportation: The Assistant Superintendent reviewed the safety hazard areas in relation to pupil transportation for students who live less than 1½ miles from their school. The Superintendent recommended approval of the hazardous conditions report with respect to transportation of students as reviewed, and to certify this information to the Illinois State Board of Education. **(Documentary Registry No.10-05-03)**

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the transportation hazardous conditions report 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#IX-D. Changes in 2010-2011 Student Handbooks: Proposed changes to the Student Handbooks for the coming school year were reviewed. The Superintendent recommended approval of Student Handbook changes as presented for ERES, ERMS and ERHS for the 2010-2011 school year. **(Documentary Registry No.10-05-04)**

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to approve Student Handbook changes as recommended. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

#IX-E. ERCU School District No. 1 Student Fees for 2010-2011 School Year: The Superintendent recommended approval of student fees for the 2010-2011 school year. Fees are the same as for 2009-2010, except for the following changes:

Registration/Textbook Rental Fee at ERHS will change from \$95 to \$110.
Registration/Textbook Rental Fee at ERMS will change from \$65 to \$80.

Registration/Textbook Rental Fee at ERES will change from \$55 to \$70.

Food Service Price Changes: Student Breakfast at All Centers from \$1.35 to \$1.45; Adult Breakfast from \$1.65 to \$1.75; Student Lunch at ERES from \$1.80 to \$1.90; Student Lunch at ERMS and ERHS from \$1.90 to \$2.00; Lunch for All Adults from \$2.65 to \$2.75.

(Documentary Registry No.10-05-05)

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve student fees for the 2010-2011 school year 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#IX-F. Approve Global Education Initiative: This is an initiative that will allow East Richland students a two weeks visit to Germany, and in exchange East Richland will host students from Germany for a period of two weeks. The Superintendent recommended approval.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the foregoing global education initiative as recommended. Dr. Mastio seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

#IX-G. Rescheduled Regular June Meeting: The Superintendent recommended that the June regular meeting of the Board of Education be rescheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m., in the Unit Administration Office Board Room.

Board Action: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to reschedule the regular meeting in June to Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #X – “Policy” – None.

AGENDA #XI – “Executive Session” – Dr. Mastio 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)(9) of the Open Meetings Act to consider student discipline; 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. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. A closed meeting was held, beginning at 6:40 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 7:05 p.m.

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

A. Sam Jarvis, resignation from Noon Pre-K Route only; Mike Woods, resignation as ERHS Teacher Assistant.

Board Action: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to accept the resignations of Sam Jarvis and Mike Woods from the positions listed, 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

B. Resignations for Retirement Purposes – The Superintendent recommended acceptance of the following personnel resignations for retirement purposes:

1. ERES Teacher – 2013-2014 School Year – Maridel Schonert.
2. ERES Teacher – 2011-2012 School Year – Jackie Houchin.
3. ERHS Teacher – 2013-2014 School Year – Ruth Raymond.
4. ERMS Teacher – 2011-2012 School Year – Rick Franklin.
5. ERHS Secretary/Bookkeeper – Carol Connor.

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to accept the foregoing resignations for retirement purposes 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIII – “Employment” –

A. **ERES Counselor for 2010-2011 School Year** – The Superintendent recommended that she be given authorization to hire a Counselor for ERES before the June regular meeting and recommend the person thus hired for Board approval at the June meeting.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to hire a Counselor prior to the June regular meeting as recommended. Dr. Mastio seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

B. **ERMS Extra-Curricular Positions for 2011-2012 School Year:**

Athletic Director, Rick Franklin
8th Grade Boys Basketball, Rick Franklin
7th Grade Boys Basketball, Darrell Houchin
8th Grade Girls Basketball, Norm Henderson
7th Grade Girls Basketball, Megan McConnell
Cross Country, Rick Franklin
8th Grade Girls Volleyball, Lyndsay McDonald
7th Grade Girls Volleyball, Megan McConnell
Cheerleading, Donna Henby
Boys Track, Rick Franklin
Girls Track, Ashley Beard
Yearbook, Tommy Leslie
Talent Show, Kendra Page, Michelle Powell, Shelley Travis
Band Director, Eric Combs
Chorus Director, Warren Weitkamp
Student Leadership Council, Rebecca Leslie

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to approve the foregoing ERMS Extra-Curricular Assignments for the 2010-2011 school year 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. Redman, Mr. Ridgely, Mr. Wilson.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Ms. McGlone. The motion
having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

**#XIV-A. Approve Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording of Regular
Meeting of Thursday, October 16, 2008:** The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy
the closed meeting audio recording of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, October 16, 2008.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting
audio recording of Thursday, October 16, 2008 as recommended. Mr. Redman seconded the
motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XV – “Adjournment” – Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Next regular meeting
will be Tuesday, June 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. Mr.
Redman seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the
motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____