

Minutes of a Regular Rescheduled 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, Tuesday, November 15, 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, Dr. Gerald M. Mastio, Mr. Leon Redman and Mr. Jeff Wilson.
Members absent at roll call: Steve Marrs, Jervaise McDaniel and Jan Ridgely. 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; Suzanne Hahn, ERES Principal, Cris Edwards, ERES Assistant Principal; Andy Thomann, ERMS Principal; Chris Simpson, ERHS Principal and Chad LeCrone, ERHS Assistant 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 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, October 20, 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 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” – Ms. Holt reported that the district had received all tax dollars. 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 \$174,707.28, to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of October 2011, were presented for payment. Payroll for personnel on regular employment status is the same as for the month of September 2011, with the following:

Additions: None
Deletions: None
Changes: None.

#IV-C. All Other Financial Reports:

1. Comparison of Funds – October 2010 with October 2011.
2. Approval of Activity Funds.
3. Monthly Financial Report.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson 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, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Redman, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Marrs, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Ridgely. The motion having received 4 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #V – “Communications” –

#V-A. Thank You from Reynold Holder Family: For remembrance sent for Ron Holder.

#V-B. Thank You from the Family of Cal Schrey: For remembrance sent for Mr. Schrey.

#V-C. Invitation from Carolyne Brooks to IASB President’s Reception: The Superintendent shared a personal note she had received from Carolyn Brooks inviting the Board and Administration to attend the President’s Reception held during the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago.

AGENDA #VI – “Recognition & Comments from Employees & Public” – No one came forward to address the board.

AGENDA #VII – “Administrative Reports” –

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

1. Arrangements for joint Annual Conference: Ms. Holt informed the board that an updated itinerary was available at their seat. Ms. Holt also reminded the Board that the Middle School Project would be one of 26 construction projects exhibited during the conference.

2. American Education Week November 13-19: The Board and Administrators discussed a schedule for distributing gifts to staff in recognition of appreciation. This year's gift is an ERCU#1 flash drive and lanyard. Ms. Holt also recognized the board and expressed appreciation to them for their service to education. Mr. Anderson wanted to publicly thank the ERCU Food Service Department for the treats and gifts in recognition of Illinois School Member's Day, November 15, 2011.

3. ROE – Ms. Holt reported that the Regional Superintendents would be paid.

#VII-B. Assistant Superintendent's Report – Larry Bussard: Mr. Bussard gave an update on the high school rewire project and informed the board that bus bids would be going out soon. Mr. Bussard reported that the District is looking into purchasing a couple of activity busses to add to the fleet, which would allow a coach or sponsor to transport small groups of students to extra-curricular activities.

#VII-C. Other Administrative Reports: Written reports were provided by other administrators. Building administrators were present to answer questions. Mr. Thomann reported that the iPad project at ERMS was going very well and they were now looking at letting the students take the iPads home. Ms. Holt discussed the ERMS Lego League and upcoming competition. Ms. Hahn reported on the Lego project at ERES. Ms. Holt also complimented the Band, and JROTC programs for their participation in the Veteran's Day parade and ceremony. She also commended the ERES 4th grade classes for their Veterans' Day Program. Mr. Whittler addressed questions regarding the special education report.

AGENDA #VIII – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA #IX – “New Business” –

#IX-A. Approve Library Per Capita Grant: – The Superintendent recommended approval of the Library Per Capita Grant as presented.

(Documentary Registry No. 11-10-01)

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to accept the Library Per Capita Grant as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Redman, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Marrs, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Ridgely. The motion having received 4 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#IX-B. Approve School Improvement Plans: Mr. Redman acknowledged the time and effort the principals and staff had put into the School Improvement Plans. The plans were discussed and Ms. Holt recommended approval.

(Documentary Registry No. 11-10-02)

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans as presented. Dr. Mastio seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Redman, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Marrs, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Ridgely. The motion having received 4 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

#IX-C. Approve District Improvement Plan: The District Improvement Plan was discussed. Ms. Holt acknowledged Mr. Bussard for putting the plan together and recommended approval.

(Documentary Registry No. 11-10-03)

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan as presented. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Redman, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Marrs, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Ridgely. The motion having received 4 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #X – “Policies” – No policies were presented at this time.

AGENDA #XI – “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)(9) of the Open Meetings Act to consider student discipline; and under 2(c)21 consideration of closed meeting audio recordings. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Anderson, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Redman, Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Marrs, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Ridgely. The motion having received 4 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. A closed meeting was held, beginning at 8:05 p.m.

(Note: Jan Ridgely arrived at the meeting at 8:07 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 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 8:35 p.m.

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

#XII-A - Special Needs Aide: Charmaine Tinder

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to accept the resignation of Special Needs Aide, Charmaine Tinder. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

#XII-B – ERHS Dance Team Coach: Tessa Dicks

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to accept the resignation of ERHS Dance Team Coach, Tessa Dicks. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XIII – “Employment” – The Superintendent made the following recommendations for employment:

#XIII. – Part-Time Secretary- Amber Brown, effective January January 3, 2011; ERHS Dance Team Coach -Breann Milam and Assistant Girls’ Soccer Coach – Amy Stallard

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to approve the above mentioned for employment as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XIV. – “Leave of Absence” – The Superintendent had no recommendations for consideration.

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

#XV. Approval of Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording of the Special Meeting of April 22, 2010 and Regular Meeting of May 20, 2010: The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy the closed meeting audio recordings of the Special Meeting of April 22, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2010.

Board Action: Mr. Ridgely made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting audio recordings of the Special Meeting of April 22, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2010, as recommended. Dr. Mastio seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XVI. – “Adjournment” – Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____