

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, August 18, 2011.

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 Mastio, Ms. Jervaise McDaniel, Mr. Leon Redman, Mr. Jan 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. 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, July 21, 2011.

Board Action to Approve Minutes: Mr. Redman 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. Wilson 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 \$382,715.05, to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of August 2011, were presented for payment. Payroll for personnel on regular employment status is the same as for the month of July 2011, with the following:

Additions: Roy Waldhoff, JROTC Instructor; Ralph Petrella, ERHS Music Teacher.
Deletions: Stellalee Laughlin, ERES Head Cook; Carolyn Sexton, Medicaid Secretary; Mickey Haynes, JROTC Instructor.
Changes: None.

#IV-C. All Other Financial Reports:

1. Comparison of Funds – July 2010 with July 2011.
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. 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 votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #V – “Communications” –

A. From Suzanna Ridgely: A note to thank the Board for hiring her back for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

A. Illinois Principals Awards: Chad LeCrone has received the Partners in Education Award from the Illinois Principals Association for an outstanding effort in creating partnerships between schools, principals, associations, and organizations for the betterment of all. Susan Bishop has received the Friend of Education Award from the Illinois Principals Association for her contribution to the field of education in recognition of the many things she does for East Richland district and its schools.

B. ISBE Committee Member - Sherry Geier: Illinois State Board of Education has chosen Sherry Geier to serve as a member of the Professional Development Advisory Group (PDAG) for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program.

C. Lego Serious Play: Information was presented regarding Lego Education WeDo Robotics and Lego Serious Play used in Erin Hardy's classroom.

AGENDA #VII – “Administrative Reports” –

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

1. Projected Enrollments: Enrollment currently totals 2,205, including 1,073 at ERES, 468 at ERMS, and 664 at ERHS.

2. Review of August 15 and 16th: A review was presented on inservice days August 15 and 16.

3. Grant Information: A review of 2011-2012 grants was presented. Total grants awarded to date total \$1,040,189.

4. Financial Update/Review: An update and review of the present financial situation was presented.

5. Wabash Valley Conference and Dinner Meeting: The conference and dinner meeting of Wabash Valley Division of Illinois Association of School Boards is scheduled for September 13, 2011 at Neoga CUSD #3.

#VII-B. Assistant Superintendent's Report: Mr. Bussard commended the entire staff for the excellent condition of district buildings for the opening of the new school year. Transportation went well on opening day.

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

AGENDA #VIII – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA #IX – “New Business” –

#IX-A. Head Start Agreement: The Superintendent recommended approval of the “Collaborative Agreement Between East Richland Community Unit School District No. 1 and Embarras River Basin Agency Head Start,” for the period of September 1, 2011 to August 31, 2012. (*Documentary Registry No. 11-08-01*)

Board Action: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Embarras River Basin Agency Head Start Agreement 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 votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #X – “Policies for First Reading” – None.

AGENDA #XI – “Executive Session” – Ms. McDaniel 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)(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, Ms. McDaniel, 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: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and reconvene in open session. Mr. Wilson 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.

AGENDA #XII – “Resignations” –

A. ERES Elementary Teacher – Sara Rose: The Superintendent recommended acceptance of the resignation of Sara Rose, with regret, effective with the 2011-2012 school year.

Board Action: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to accept the resignation of Sara Rose with regret 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 votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIII – “Employment” – The Superintendent recommended employment of the following personnel for the 2011-2012 school year:

- A. ERHS Part-Time Read 180 Teacher/Teacher Assistant: Amy Rusk.
- B. Special Education Teacher: Amy Hallam.
- C. Paraprofessional: Lorena E. Velazquez (Emi Mendez).
- D. Cooks - ERES & ERMS: Becky Kocher & Kimberly Billington.
- E. Two-Hour Dishwasher: Gina Morgan.

F. ERCU Bus Driver: Shirley Campos.

G. ERCU Bus Aide: Cindy Wesner.

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to employ the foregoing personnel for the 2011-2012 school year as recommended. Mr. Marris seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XIV – “Transfers to Fill Employment Vacancies” – The Superintendent recommended the following transfers of personnel to fill employment vacancies for the 2011-2012 school year:

A. ERES Teacher: Kacie Rodgers.

B. ERES Library Aide: Nancy DeMier.

C. ERES TA/ERMS Part-Time Teacher: Monica Grove.

D. ERES Part-Time PreK Teacher/Teacher Assistant: Debbie McClure.

Board Action: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to approve the foregoing transfers of personnel to fill employment vacancies for the 2011-2012 school year as recommended. Mr. Marris seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XV – “Call Back from Reduction in Force” – The Superintendent recommended the following personnel be called back from reduction in force for the 2011-2012 school year:

A. School Bus Drivers: Susan Medler & Dan Totten.

B. Bus Aide: Leann Lindsey.

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to call back the foregoing personnel from reduction in force for the 2011-2012 school year as recommended. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XVI – “Approval of Volunteer Personnel” – The Superintendent recommended approval of the following volunteer personnel for the 2011-2012 school year:

A. Volunteer Football Coaches: Dave Denton, John Reed, Jordan Grinestaff, Brock Ochs.

Board Action: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to approve the foregoing personnel as volunteer football coaches as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted as follows:

Mr. Anderson, yea; Mr. Marrs, abstain; Dr. Mastio, pass; Ms. McDaniel, yea; Mr. Redman, yea; Mr. Ridgely, yea; Mr. Wilson, yea. Members absent: None. The motion having received 5 yea votes and 0 nay votes, with 1 abstention and 1 pass, the Chair declared the motion carried.

B. Volunteer Volleyball Coach: Ami Weidner.

C. Volunteer Cross Country Coaches: Leon Stallard, Ted Eagleson, Jr., Ben Eagleson.

D. Volunteer Girls’ Tennis Coaches: Dick Muston, Kris Muston.

E. Volunteer Physician: Dr. Bradley Houston.

F. Volunteer Marching Band Driver: Cliff Deimel.

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve the foregoing volunteer personnel for the 2011-2012 school year as recommended. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XVII – “Set Salaries” – The Superintendent recommended salaries for the following personnel for the 2011-2012 school year as discussed in closed session:

A. Administrators. **(Documentary Registry No. 11-08-02)**

B. Support Staff. **(Documentary Registry No. 11-08-03)**

Board Action: Mr. Wilson made a motion to set salaries for administrators and educational support personnel as recommended by the Superintendent. 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 votes and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

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

#XVIII-A. Approve Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recording of Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 21, 2010: The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy the closed meeting audio recording of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 21, 2010.

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting audio recording of Thursday, January 21, 2010 as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIX – “Adjournment” – Mr. Wilson made a motion to adjourn. Next regular meeting will be Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 7:30 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 10:40 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____