

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 19, 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. Jeff Wilson, Vice President of the Board of Education, who chaired the meeting. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by ERHS Graduate, Ashley Strong.

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. Steve Marrs, Dr. Gerald M. Mastio, Ms. Jervaise McDaniel, Mr. Leon Redman, Mr. Jan D. Ridgely, Mr. Jeff Wilson. Members absent at roll call: Mr. Ben Anderson, 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; Ms. Cris Edwards, ERES Assistant Principal; Andy Thomann, ERMS Principal and Mr. Mick Whittler, Special Education Coordinator. Also present was 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, July 15, 2010.

Board Action to Approve Minutes: Ms. McDaniel 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. Redmond 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 \$293,921.00, to date of listing, and district payroll for the month of August 2010, were presented for payment. Payroll for personnel on regular employment status is the same as for the month of July 2010, with the following.

Additions: None.

Deletions: None.

Changes: None.

#IV-C. All Other Financial Reports:

1. Comparison of Funds – July 2009 with July 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. Ms. McDaniel 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. Members absent: Mr. Anderson. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #V – “Communications” – Thank you from the ERES Kindergarten team for putting kids first by adding the 8th section of kindergarten.

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

VI.-A New Teachers and Staff - Superintendent Holt introduced JROTC Instructor MSG Michael Cavalier to the board. The Superintendent noted that Lauren Baugh who was hired as the full-time counselor at ERES was unable to attend the meeting.

VI.-B. Suzanne Hahn-The Board recognized Ms. Hahn who received the Wabash Valley Region Herman Graves Award and the Olney Daily Mail People’s Choice Award for Best Principal

VI.-C. Rob Flanagan – Mr. Flanagan was recognized for being chosen as the People’s Choice for best coach.

AGENDA #VII – “Administrative Reports” –

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

1. Financial Update: Registration was held on August 3rd with the first day of student attendance on August 16th. Mrs. Holt reported that as of this date, our total enrollment is approximately 2,174. Broken down as follows: PreK-103; K-181; 1st-150; 2nd-176; 3rd-156; 4th-145; 5th-145; Sp. Ed.-25; ERES Total 1081. 6th - 137; 7th - 145; 8th - 152; ERMS Total 434. 9th – 174; 10th - 167; 11th – 154, 12th – 164 ERHS Total 659.

2. Review of August 12th and 13th Inservice: Principals, along with their staff, planned and implemented quality inservice opportunities for our staff.

3. Wabash Valley Conference and Dinner Meeting – Superintendent Holt reported that the Fall meeting would be held at Casey-Westfield in Casey on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. The superintendent requested that board members contact Alda if they would like to attend.

4. 21st Century Grant – The 21st Century Grant, which funds the after school program at the middle school has been renewed for \$150,000.

5. Rescheduled September Board Meeting – Superintendent Holt reminded the board that the September board meeting had been rescheduled to September 23rd so that the 30 day requirement for budget purposes could be met. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

6. School Board Assessment – IASB School Board Assessments were made available.

7. Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) – For the first time since the NCLB legislation created AYP, the East Richland School District and schools did not make Adequate Yearly Progress. At the elementary and middle school level AYP was not made due to sub-group scores. At the high school, the target was not met in reading and mathematics.

8. Families in Transition Program – Suzanna Ridgely, District Social Worker gave a presentation, along with former ERHS graduate, Ashley Strong, on the Families in Transition Program and how it affects our district and our students.

#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: Written reports were presented by other administrators.

AGENDA #VIII – “Unfinished Business” – None.

AGENDA #IX – “New Business” –

#IX-A. Approve Tentative FY11 Budget: The Superintendent presented and reviewed the tentative budget for East Richland Community Unit School District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and recommended that it be approved; also, that a public hearing on the budget be scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Unit Administration Office Board Room, 1100 East Laurel Street, Olney, Illinois. The tentative budget reflects the following: ***Documentary Registry No. 10-08-01***

Fund Balance, July 1, 2010 – 4,952,152.15
Estimated FY10 Revenue – 19,253,639.00
Estimated FY10 Expenditures – 19,233,724.00
Estimated Fund Balance, July 1, 2011 – 4,972,067.15

Board Action: Mr. Marris made a motion to approve the tentative FY11 school district budget as recommended, and that a public hearing on the budget be held during the rescheduled regular meeting, Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. in the Unit Administration Office Board Room. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #X – “Policy – First Reading” – The Superintendent recommended that the following Board Policy be approved for first reading:

A. Policy 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees
Documentary Registry No. 10-08-02

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to approve for First Reading Policy 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a viva voice (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XI – “Executive Session” – Mr. Redman 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)(21) of the Open Meetings Act to conduct review of closed meeting audio recordings. Mr. Marris seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman, Mr. Ridgely and Mr. Wilson. Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Anderson. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried. A closed meeting was held, beginning at 9:10 p.m.

Closed Meeting Ended: Ms. McDaniel 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 10:30 p.m.

AGENDA #XII – “Resignations”

A. Resignations: The Superintendent recommended acceptance of the following personnel resignations.

1. 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach – Megan McConnel
2. 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Megan McConnel
3. 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Ashely Stafford
4. ERHS Assistant Football Coach – Rick Harper
5. ERHS Girls Tennis Coach – Ann Garrett

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to accept the aforementioned resignations as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

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

A. Teacher Aides and Assistants: The Superintendent recommended that the following aides and assistants be employed:

1. **ERES Teacher Aides:** Charmaine Tinder, Teacher Aide and Pat Foust, Supervision Aide..
2. **ERES Teacher Assistants:** Holly Blank, Ann Dee Bent, and Melissa Buss

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to employ teacher aide Charmaine Tinder, Supervision Aide, Pat Foust and teacher assistants Holly Blank, Ann Dee Bent, and Melissa Buss as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

B. Transportation – The Superintendent recommended the following:

1. Noon Route Bus Driver – Brenda Seessongood
2. Noon Route Bus Aide – Amy Angle
3. Bus Drivers – Susan Medler and Dan Totten
4. Transportation Supervisor: The superintendent recommended that Brent Inyart be named the Transportation Supervisor with a one-dollar an hour increase in pay.

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to employ Brenda Seesengood as a noon route bus driver, Amy Angle as a noon route bus aide, Susan Medler and Dan Totten as bus drivers and Brent Inyart as Transportation Supervisor as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

C. Call Back from Reduction in Force. The Superintendent recommended that the following employees be called back from reduction in force:

1. ERES Teachers: Melissa Atkins, Alexis Shawver, and Kristina Gardner
2. ERES Counselors – Part-time: Suzanna Ridgely and Sarah Vaal
3. Truant Alternative Instructor: Brandis Grove
4. Cooks: Judy Tolbert and Comelia Bettis

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to call back ERES Teachers Melissa Atkins, Alexis Shawver and Kristina Gardner, ERES part-time Counselors Suzanna Ridgely and Sarah Vaal, Truant Alternative Instructor Brandis Grove and Cooks Judy Tolbert and Comelia Bettis as recommended. Ms. McDaniel seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

D. JROTC Instructor : The Superintendent recommended officially hiring MSG Michael Cavalier as the ERHS JROTC Instructor:

Board Action: Mr. Redman made a motion to officially employ MSG Michael Cavalier as the ERHS JROTC Instructor as recommended. Mr. Marrs seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman and Mr. Wilson.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Anderson. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

E. Coaches: The Superintendent recommended approving the following personnel as coaches:

1. ERHS Assistant Football Coach: Jerod Kessler.
2. ERHS Girls Tennis Coach : Drew Muston.
3. ERHS Cheerleading Coach: Melissa Bus

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

Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman and Mr. Wilson.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Anderson. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

F. Volunteer Coaches and Physician: The Superintendent recommended approving the following personnel as ERCU#1 volunteers:

1. ERHS Volunteer Coaches for girls' Tennis: Ken Shan, Kyle Shipman, Dick Muston, Kris Muston.
2. Volunteer Physician – Dr. Brad Houston.

Board Action: Ms. McDaniel made a motion to approve the foregoing volunteers as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

Mr. Marrs, Dr. Mastio, Mr. Ridgely, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Redman and Mr. Wilson.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Mr. Anderson. The motion having received 6 yea and 0 nay votes, the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XIV – “Approve Leave of Absence” – The Superintendent recommended approval of a request for a maternity leave for Mackenzie Denton.

Board Action: Dr. Mastio made a motion to approve a leave of absence for Mackenzie Denton as recommended. Mr. Redman seconded the motion and on a roll call vote the following members voted yea:

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

AGENDA #XV – “Negotiations” – No action was taken on the salaries of administrators or non-certified personnel.

AGENDA #XVI – “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, January 15, 2009 and Special Closed Meeting of January 23, 2010:
The Superintendent recommended approval to destroy the closed meeting audio recording of the Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 15, 2009 and special closed meeting audio recording of January 23, 2010.

Board Action: Mr. Marrs made a motion to approve destruction of the closed meeting audio recording of Thursday, January 15, 2009 and closed meeting audio of the special meeting of January 23, 2010 as recommended. Mr. Ridgely seconded the motion and on a viva voce (by the voice) vote the Chair declared the motion carried.

AGENDA #XVI – “Adjournment” – Ms. McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Next regular rescheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 23, 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 10:37 p.m.

Approved: President: _____

Secretary: _____