

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Of the Board of Education
School District No. 96
Held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Hauser Jr. High School
Riverside, IL

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

20-507 A. President Wesley Muirheid called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and on roll call, the following members were recorded as being present:

Ms. Kachlic
Mr. Marhoul
Mr. Hunt
Ms. Claps
Mr. Barsotti
Ms. Gunn
Mr. Muirheid

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Superintendent Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Teaching and Learning Angela Dolezal, Director of Technology Don Tufano, Director of Finance Jim Fitton, Blythe Park Principal, Casimira Gorman, Blythe Park students, Blythe Park students' families, Blythe Park staff, the Board of Education recording clerk, and a Riverside TV videographer.

20-508 B. A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Barsotti to adjourn to Closed Session for the following reasons:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- Collective** negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Claps
Mr. Marhoul
Mr. Barsotti
Mr. Hunt
Ms. Gunn
Ms. Kachlic
Mr. Muirheid

Absent: None

Nays: None

C. Return to Open Session.

D. Public Comment/Response.

- Megan Lickel, parent of Ames students, shared her family's positive experience with Riverside Parks & Recreation and would recommend this program to fellow community members.
- Marianne Birko is the Executive Director of West Suburban Special Recreation Association (WSSRA). WSSRA provides recreation programs for adults and children with physical impairments, mental disabilities, or other types of disabilities. Through WSSRA, residents of all ages can participate in year-round programming specifically designed to meet their individual needs. They partner with Riverside Parks & Recreation and endorsed the program wholeheartedly.

E. Changes to the Agenda.

There are no changes to the agenda.

F. Superintendent's Report.

1. Student Presenters - Blythe Park Students.

- Principal Casimira Gorman was introduced and shared that students are here tonight to help celebrate Blythe Park School's 75th Anniversary.
- Current students unearthed a 20-year time capsule, which showed what students and staff thought was important back then.
- A new time capsule is being created with treasures to be opened in 2045.
- Students from each grade level presented what treasures their class would add to this time capsule.
- In addition, an essay contest was held, and the students were asked, "What does Blythe Park School mean to you?" Two students shared their winning essays.
- The time capsule can be found in Blythe Park's library.
- The board thanked the students and held a short question-and-answer session.

2. Student Presenter - Hauser Composting Program.

- Julie Chomko, 6th Grade Social Studies & English Language Arts at Hauser, and Zach Kaczmarczyk, a sixth-grade Hauser student, shared that a group of students from Hauser's Evergreen Club are working with WasteNot Compost to bring compost buckets to the Hauser Cafeteria during sixth-grade lunch.
- The group received a special grant through the Illinois Green Schools Project with help from Hauser's teacher-led Green Team to make this happen.
- Starting this week, the Green People will educate students and staff on proper composting and monitor the bins in the lunchroom.
- A short video was shown.
- It was shared that students in grades 7th and 8th will be included next year.
- The board thanked Ms. Chomko and Zach and held a short question-and-answer session.

3. WSCAE Student Art Fair - May 3, 2025.

- Superintendent Ryan-Toye reminded the Board that the WSCAE (West Suburban Consortium for Academic Excellence) multi-district art fair will be held at the Cheney Mansion in Oak Park on May 3, 2025.
- All are invited.

4. Hauser Graduation - May 27, 2025.

- Superintendent Ryan-Toye shared that this year's eighth-grade graduation is scheduled on Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

- Graduation will take place at Riverside-Brookfield High School.
- Board members will receive information regarding the May graduation shortly.

20-509 G. Approval of Consent Agenda.

The Secretary to the Board of Education read the Consent Agenda items aloud.

A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Barsotti to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	None
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

H. Before/After Care RFP Finalist Presentations.

- It was shared that a selection team conducted interviews on April 4th and 7th with the following providers, who responded to the RFP: Apollo Before/After Care, Brookfield Parks and Recreation, Right at School, and Riverside Parks and Recreation.
- Each provider presented their proposed services, directly addressing the criteria outlined in the RFP. The selection team evaluated each presentation and engaged in detailed questioning regarding program structure and service offerings, staff qualifications and experience, financial stability and pricing, strategies for meeting diverse student needs, communication protocols with parents and the district, and the availability of specialized programming (e.g., care on professional development days).
- The team utilized a pre-determined rubric to score each provider's response to ensure a fair and objective evaluation. Two finalists were identified through a combination of rubric scores and consensus discussions among the team.
- The next step was for these two finalists to present their proposals directly to the Board of Education at tonight's meeting.
- Both Right at School and Riverside Parks & Recreation presented for 30 minutes and held a short question-and-answer session with the Board members.
- The two companies were thanked for their presentations.
- The Board of Education is scheduled to review all information and public input and make a final decision on the Before/After-Care provider at its May 21st meeting.

I. Riverside Education Council.

There was no comment from the Riverside Education Council.

J. Board member comments.

- Ms. Claps acknowledged D96's music program. She recently attended the fifth and sixth grade band concert, and what a great program!
- Ms. Kachlic echoed this sentiment and looks forward to the upcoming Pops Program.
- Ms Gunn shared feedback from the sixth-grade Springfield field trip. Unfortunately, they were not in session, but it was a fun and educational day.

20-510 K. Old Business.

1. Approval of the DuPage West Cooperative (DWC) Member School District Resolution - Action Item.

A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Ms. Gunn to approve the Resolution approving proposed amendments to the DWC Intergovernmental Agreement as presented.

This matter was discussed during the April 2 Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	None
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

20-511 K. Old Business.

2. Approval of Village/BOE resolution regarding Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance (CCPLO) - Action Item.

A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Barsotti to approve the Resolution accepting the Village of Riverside's Resolution Exempting Riverside School District 96 From the Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance as presented..

This matter was discussed at the April 2, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	None
Nays:	None

Abstain: None

3. Approval of Wifi Upgrade Proposal - Action Item.

A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Hunt to approve Cisco Meraki MR46 (WiFi 6) wireless network replacement proposal, utilizing longtime Cisco Meraki partner, Downers Grove based Mindsight as presented.

This matter was discussed at the April 2, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	None
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

L. New Business/Discussion.

1. Additional Physical Education Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).
 - The Illinois Regional Offices of Education and Intermediate Service Centers are required to assess the compliance of local school districts. A compliance review conducted by West 40 in January 2025 revealed that Riverside School District 96 does not comply with the state Physical Education Mandate. The mandate requires "appropriate activity related to physical education for all students three times per five-day week." Our current schedule provides only two days of physical education per week.
 - The leadership team analyzed our current staffing and student needs to address this non-compliance. This analysis identified a shortfall of 18 physical education sections that existing teachers cannot cover due to contractual plan time obligations. This shortfall necessitates approximately a 0.7 FTE to cover the uncovered sections, including travel time between buildings.
 - While the immediate need is 0.7 FTE, a full 1.0 FTE position is recommended. Hiring for a part-time 0.7 FTE position poses significant recruitment challenges. A full-time PE teacher would address the uncovered sections and ensure compliance while also providing valuable additional support. This support could include substitute coverage for co-planning or classrooms and targeted intervention or enrichment support within assigned classes.
 - Therefore, adding a 1.0 FTE in Physical Education is the most effective and sustainable solution. It will ensure compliance with state mandates and enhance our students' physical well-being and development.

M. Public Comment/Response.

- Erin Greenfield, a Central parent, shared that her children attend Riverside Parks & Rec. She expressed her concern that she did not hear topics about inclusion or the discipline approach used by either provider during the presentations.

N. Future Meeting Dates.

- May 7, 2025 - Biennial Organizational Whole, 7:00 p.m. - multi-purpose room at Ames School.
- May 21, 20245 - Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Hauser Auditorium (The Board will enter into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m., if necessary, and return to Open Session at 7:00 p.m.).
- June 4, 2025 - Board Self-Assessment, 6:00 p.m. in the Library at Ames School.
- June 18, 2025 - Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Hauser Learning Resource Center. (The Board will enter into a Closed Session at 6:15 p.m., if necessary, and return to an Open Session at 7:00 p.m.).

O. Information Items.

The Board received updates and information on the following monthly reports:

1. District 96 Student Enrollment Report.
2. District 96 Absence Report.
3. District 96 Substitute Usage Report.
4. FOIA Requests/Responses.
5. Budget Progress Statement.
6. Financial Statements.
7. Legal Bills.
8. Architect Bills.
9. School Lunches Served Report.
10. Township Treasurer Office.

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Absent:	None
Nays:	None

The board went into closed session at 8:55 pm.

Q. Return to Open Session.

R. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

April 16, 2025

Date Recorded

Date Approved

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education