

RIVER TRAILS SCHOOL DISTRICT 26
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2014

President Johnson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education for the month of April to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Indian Grove Elementary School.

The Board and audience members stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Fiarito, Linder, Koka, Beck, Nemcek, Johnson, Miller
 Absent: None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Action

Dr. Koka moved, seconded by Mrs. Nemcek, to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 as presented, consisting of the following items:

A. MINUTES OF 3/19/14 INCLUDING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

The minutes of 3/19/14 including Closed Session Minutes were approved as presented.

B. ACTUAL PAYROLLS, BILLS AND CHECKS

The actual payrolls for March 31, 2014 in the total amount of \$751,855.19; and April 14, 2014 in the total amount of \$749,172.51; and the March/April bills and checks as follows: March 21, 2014 in the total amount of \$117,800.08; April 4, 2014 in the total amount of \$4,295.81; April 4, 2014 in the total amount of \$176,922.01; and April 11, 2014 in the total amount of \$112,208.32.

C. PERSONNEL REPORT

The Personnel Report for April 15, 2014 consisted of seven Tenured Teacher Contracts, two 4th Year Teacher Contracts, six 2nd Year Teacher Contracts, and one resignation/retirement. A copy of the Personnel Report is attached to these official minutes.

D. RIVER TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES ADOPTION

The Board approved to adopt the Holt McDougal social studies series for River Trails Middle School for a total amount of \$97,824. This includes textbooks, online resources, and 180 Chromebooks.

E. BATTERY BACKUP AT RIVER TRAILS MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Board approved that the quote for the generator be awarded to Norb & Sons Electric for the total cost of \$9,228.00 and the quote for the battery backup be awarded to E2 Services for the total amount of \$6,415.22.

F. CHIEF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL JOB TITLE

The Board approved to add “Chief School Business Official (CSBO)” to Ms. Lyndl Schuster’s official job title. Ms. Schuster’s official job title will now read Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO. This fulfills Teachers Retirement System (TRS) requirements for individuals working under an administrator license issued by the State of Illinois.

G. FOOD SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL

The Board approved to renew the intergovernmental agreement between Arlington Heights District 25 and River Trails School District 26 for the 2014-15 school year.

YES: Linder, Koka, Fiarito, Beck, Nemcek, Johnson, Miller
 NO: None
 Motion carried

VI. VISITOR COMMENTS (Non-Agenda Items)

Information

Mal Holic, 927 Quince Lane, Mt. Prospect, inquired on the status of the Illinois School Technology Revolving Loan that the District applied for. Mr. Holic also wanted to know how the new PARCC assessments have been viewed by the Administration. Dr. Delli replied that the loan was approved and Dr. Silverman will contact Mr. Holic with more information about PARCC testing.

VII. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Information

Mrs. Nemcek commented that she attended the PTC Parents Night Out Fundraiser on April 5th and reported that it was well attended and a success.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. RECONGITION

1. Trailblazer Award Presentation;

Ms. Schuster, Asst. Supt. for Business Services

Information

Ms. Schuster introduced Coletta Hines-Newell, Director of Food Services at Arlington Heights SD 25, and Sue Grimm, River Trails SD 26 Director of Food Services, who are recipients of the Trailblazer Award for Excellence. Ms. Schuster acknowledged both for their leadership and passion running the District 26 food service department. Because of their excellent work, they have brought healthy, nutritious food to students and the District has been recognized with the U.S. Healthy Challenge Award. The Board thanked both for their tireless efforts and many contributions toward making River Trails School District a better place.

B. BUSINESS SERVICES

1 – ISBE Maintenance Grant Project;

Ms. Schuster, Asst. Supt. for Business Services

Information

Ms. Schuster commented that the District was awarded a \$25,000 matching maintenance grant from ISBE. The project is in three parts. The Board approved the first part of the project under Consent Agenda Item E – Battery Backup at RTMS. The second part of the project is the network switches and quotes can be found below.

Network Switch Quotes:

	Switches and Cables	Shipping	Total
Hypertec Direct	\$11,209.19	\$34.00	\$11,243.19
TigerDirect	\$11,973.57	\$20.09	\$11,993.66
Anixer	\$12,352.17	\$0.00	\$12,352.17
Midwest Computer Products	\$12,461.85	\$0.00	\$12,461.85
Jensen IT	\$9,999.99	\$0.00	\$9,999.99
ChicagoMicro	\$10,315.68	\$0.00	\$10,315.68
Strictly Tech	\$10,900.24	\$36.00	\$10,936.24

The Administration recommends purchasing the HP switches from Jensen IT in the amount of \$9,999.99.

This item will be presented for Action on the Consent Agenda at the May 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

The last part of the project is the communication servers, which will be presented for information at May 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

2 – Chromebook Purchase;**Mrs. Hoffman, Director of Technology****Information**

Mrs. Hoffman announced that the second part of the Illinois School Technology Revolving Loan project is to purchase additional Chromebooks. There is \$70,000 left from the original loan which will be used to purchase Acer C720 Chromebooks. The following quotes were received:

	Qty	Unit Cost Hardware	Unit Cost Management	Total Unit Cost	Shipping	Total
Micro K-12	251	\$268.64	\$29.70	\$298.34	\$0.00	\$74,883.34
Promevo	251	\$263.00	\$27.00	\$290.00	\$0.00	\$72,790.00
CDW	251	\$252.00	\$26.00	\$278.00	\$450.00	\$70,228.00
Hypertec Direct	251	\$256.22	\$30.00	\$286.22	\$424.00	\$72,265.22
Zones	251	\$255.57	\$24.30	\$279.87	\$0.00	\$70,247.37

The Administration recommends purchasing 251 Acer C720 Chromebooks with 4 GB RAM from CDW in the amount of \$70,228.

In response to Board members' questions:

- The District has purchased Samsung Chromebooks in the past, the proposed ones tonight are Acer Chromebooks, which according to research, have tested more sturdy under day to day use.
- The District has over 600 Chromebooks currently in use
- The current plan is to use the proposed Chromebooks at Euclid and Indian Grove

This item will be presented for Action on the Consent Agenda at the May 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4 – NSSEO Update; Mr. Fiarito, Representative

Information

a. Review of NSSEO Budget

Information

Mr. Fiarito, NSSEO Board Representative, reviewed the NSSEO Budget with board members. A Resolution to approve the NSSEO FY15 Budget will appear on the consent agenda for Action at the May 6, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

D. PRESIDENT’S REPORT; President Johnson

1 – Upcoming Events

Information

- April 16, 2014 - Boys’ Volleyball – RTMS @ Holmes
- April 17, 2014 - Early Release Day
- April 18, 2014 - Good Friday Holiday – All Buildings Closed
- April 19, 2014 - IG 2nd Grade Musical – 2:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- April 21, 2014 - Boys’ Volleyball – RTMS @ Friendship
- April 22, 2014 - Boys’ Volleyball – Thomas @ RTMS
- April 23-25, 2014 - Book Fair at Euclid
- April 24-26, 2014 - 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip
- April 25, 2014 - Euclid Family Bingo and Pizza Night – 7:00 p.m.
- April 26, 2014 - IG PTC Parents’ Night Out – 7:00 p.m.
- April 29, 2014 - Boys’ Volleyball – RTMS @ Algonquin
- May 1, 2014 - 8th Grade Panoramic Picture – 2:20 p.m.
- May 2, 2014 - Rec Night @ RTMS – 6:30 p.m.

XI. FOIA REQUESTS

A. FOIA Request from Lennie, Education Matters

Information

The Administration received a FOIA request from Lennie at Education Matters. The request was received on Monday, March 10, 2014 regarding an electronic copy of all emails sent/received since February 13, 2014 via school district email services containing the keyword: Dillard. The District’s response was sent on Monday, March 17, 2014. A copy of the request and response is included in Board members’ packets.

XI. VISITOR COMMENTS (Non-Action Items)

Information

Curt Carlson, 1821 Wood Lane, Mt. Prospect, inquired about what the total expenses are to the District, including interest, for the Illinois School Technology Revolving Loan received. Second, Mr. Carlson commented that he believe there is a problem with the number of geese in District 26 and would like to know what are the planned solutions to controlling the geese population. Last, he made comments in regards to the teacher’s salaries and his belief that they should not get an increase this year.

With the general consent of the Board, President Johnson called for a short recess. President Johnson announced that the Board would enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Negotiations, Students, and Personnel. It was noted that the Board anticipates taking action following the Closed Session.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Fiarito moved, seconded by Dr. Koka, to enter into Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing:

- Negotiations
- Students
- Personnel

YES: Linder, Koka, Fiarito, Beck, Nemcek, Johnson, Miller

NO: None

Motion carried

Mrs. Nemcek moved, seconded by Mrs. Beck, to exit the Closed Session at 8:40 p.m.

YES: Linder, Koka, Fiarito, Beck, Nemcek, Johnson, Miller

NO: None

Motion carried

XIII. ACTION

A. Resolution for Non-Renewal of First Year Teacher Contracts **Action**

President Johnson read the Resolution for Non-Renewal of First Year Probationary Teachers Contracts for Ignacio Garza and Jayati Gohel.

Mr. Miller moved, seconded by Mrs. Beck, to approve the Resolution for Non-Renewal of First Year Teacher Contracts as presented, and to deliver via certified return receipt requested mail and in person the Notice and Statement of Non-Reemployment.

YES: Linder, Koka, Fiarito, Beck, Nemcek, Johnson, Miller

NO: None

Motion carried

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned by common consent at 8:42 p.m.

APPROVE:

DATE: _____

Donna M. Johnson, President

Linda K. Linder, Board Secretary