

The “Morning” After

January 23, 2008

Tuesday, January 22, 2008, President David Howard called the regular meeting of the River Ridge Community Unit School District #210 Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. Board Members David Howard, Steve Thomasson, Lynn K. Pease, Barb Schaible, Kathy Knauer and Raymie Diestelmeier answered roll call. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Pete Scarano, Principal Tom Akers, media and representatives of the RREA. Member Donnie Altfillisch was absent.

The Board took the following action:

Amended the agenda to include discussion on the high school graduation date.

Approved minutes of the December 17, 2007 Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session.

Approved the destruction of the audio executive session minutes from June 19, 2006.

Approved for release Executive Session Minutes from July 16, 2007 to December 17, 2007.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports.

Approved and authorized payment of \$419,995.92 for bills and payroll.

Mrs. Pease reported from the Area Vocational Center minutes that the Board accepted Dan Harms resignation request with deepest regret. Mr. Harms has been an instructor at the Center since 1972.

The Board approved the second reading as presented of policy changes and additions recommended by the reviewing committee.

4:160 Hazardous/Infectious Materials – no toxic supplies will be purchased.

5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline – using isolated time out or physical restraint as a means of maintaining a safe and orderly environment.

6:60 Curriculum Content – the school provides the driver education course to all eligible students that reside within the district (whether enrolled in school or not) between the ages of 15 and 21 years. Thirty (30) clock hours of instruction is required of all eligible students.

6:60AP Curriculum Content - Notice to parents/guardians enrolled in Family Life/Sex Education classes – instructional option if a parent objects.

6:60E Notice to parents/guardians enrolled in Family Life/Sex Education classes – instructional option if a parent objects.

6:140 Education of Homeless Children – homeless liaison shall be elementary principal.

6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction – offer optional modified schedule.

6:190 Extra Curricular/Co-Curricular Activities – no pass/no play policy.

6:280 Grading and Promotion – may include assistance for students who do not qualify for promotion.

6:340 State Testing/Assessment Program – ISAT Grades 3-8; PSAE Grade 11; ITBS Grade 2.

7:50 School Admission/Student Transfers - admit students without permanent or temporary records.

7:340 Student Records – PSAE part of students permanent record; ISAT part of students temporary record.

8:20 Community Use of School Facilities - Physical Fitness Medical Emergency Preparedness Act: 210 ILCS 74/1 et seq. - trained person in attendance for outside group.

Curriculum Guide shall include – Driver’s Education area of instruction – “classroom instruction on districted driving as a major traffic safety issue”.

Approved Mr. Scarano’s Title I – EPlan for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Approved the resolution to allow service credit in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund to members who served in the armed forces of the United States for all periods of such service prior to their participation in IMRF or whose participation was interrupted by military leave but did not return to IMRF participation within 90 days of discharge, and such allowance of service credit cannot be limited to a specific IMRF member and applies to all employees who were in active participating status under IMRF on January 22, 2008. A request from Harvey Spoerl was granted.

Supt. Albrecht was directed to seek bids for the parking lot and driveway resealing project and removal and replacement of cement for cracked sidewalk.

First reading on amending the calendar to change the high school graduation date to **Sunday, May 25, 2008, at 1:00 pm.** There was a scheduling conflict on the original date due to the boys’ state track meet being Saturday, May 24th.

Administrators News:

Mr. Akers reported that Homecoming went well. The new schedule for Homecoming activities will be reviewed for future reference.

Junior High girl’s basketball has 21 participants – 12 eighth graders and 9 seventh graders will begin their season on January 29th.

FFA week begins February 17th with many activities planned by the members.

Mr. Scarano congratulated Riley Hepperly, 6th grade student, for winning the Spelling Bee. Ben Freed took second place and Tara Slade is the alternate. Mrs. Sisler and Mrs. Pritchett organized the event with 21 contestants participating.

Mid-term grades will go home on February 15th

Supt. Albrecht reported on the bleacher inspection. He asked the Board to consider a District Planning Retreat date in April.

The Board entered into executive session to consider information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District and report on student information and discipline.

No action taken after executive session.

The February board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board.