

The “Morning After”

December 16, 2008

Monday, December 15, 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, Don Altfillisch and Raymie Diestelmeier answered roll call. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Pete Scarano, Principal Mike Foltz, students and faculty. Member Kathy Knauer was absent.

The Board took the following action:

Approved minutes from the November 17, 2008 regular and executive session board meeting and destruction of the executive session audio minutes from May 2, 2007 and May 21, 2007.

Reviewed and accepted the Treasurer, Investment and Activity reports. The Board authorized and approved the payment of \$442,778.06 for bills and payroll.

Member Pease reported on the December Jo Daviess Carroll Area Vocational Center meeting. River Ridge junior, Tori Ertmer, was 1st Quarter Outstanding Student in the CAD program. Graphic Arts instructor, Irene Thraen-Borowski, presented an “Invisible Children” exhibit that will be in the local libraries in January. Highland Community College credits may be earned by enrolling in the Basic EMT Training classes with AVC instructor, Karen Koester, starting January 12, 2009. Stockton CUSD #206 future attendance at the AVC was discussed.

Second reading and approval of the following board policy updates and revisions as presented:

- 2:80 Exhibit Board Member Code of Conduct
- 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 4:60AP1 Purchases Administrative Procedure
- 4:70 Resource Conservation
- 4:70AP Resource Conservation Administrative Procedure
- 4:160 Hazardous and Infectious Materials
- 4:160AP Hazardous and Infectious Materials Administrative Procedure
- 5:90 General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 General Personnel – Staff Development Program
- 5:150 General Personnel – Personnel Records
- 5:150AP General Personnel – Personnel Records – Administrative Procedure
- 5:240 Professional Personnel – Suspension
- 5:250 Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
- 5:290 Educational Support Personnel – Employment Termination and Suspensions
- 5:330 Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
- 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 6:60AP Comprehensive Health Education Program - Administrative Procedure
- 6:120 Education of Children w/Disabilities
- 6:120AP Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children w/Disabilities – Administrative Procedure
- 6:160 English Language Learners
- 6:230 Library Media Programs
- 6:300 Graduation Requirements
- 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examination; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:210 Expulsion Procedures
7:230 Misconduct by Students s/Disabilities
7:230AP Deleted – superceded by section 10.5 of 6:120 AP
7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
7:290 Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs
7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
7:340 Student Records

Second reading and approval of the School Improvement Plan as presented by Principal Foltz.

Second reading and approval of the 403(b) Plan as presented.

Approved the resolution for the 2008 Tax Levy at \$5,535,000; an increase of \$125,000.

Approved the resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2008 to pay debt service on \$4,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2002.

Approved the 2009-2010 class schedules as presented.

Approved the 2008 Illinois District/School Report Card as presented.

Scheduled high school graduation for Sunday, May 24, 2009, at 1:00 pm.

River Ridge will employ Durant Group, Dubuque, Iowa, as the districts architect firm.

Administrators News:

River Ridge has been designated a “Lincoln Legacy School” for Lincoln’s 200th birthday celebration from the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Washington, D.C. Elementary Title 1 teacher, Martha Purchis, has coordinated many events in February to commemorate Lincoln’s life.

Homecoming activities will be the week of January 5 through January 10, 2009.

Thursday, January 8th – Girls’ Basketball vs East Dubuque – announce Homecoming Court

Friday, January 9th – Boys’ Basketball vs East Dubuque – Homecoming Coronation

Junior Class Soup & Sandwich Supper – 4:30-6:30 pm.

Saturday, January 10th – Homecoming Dance 7:00-10:00 pm.

On January 20th, Mr. Scarano will have two informational “Town Hall Meetings” for parents. They are scheduled for 1:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

The Regional Office of Education completed the Life Safety walk-through.

Presentations from vendors in regards to emergency phone calling systems are being considered.

No action was taken after executive session.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board which is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2009.