

# The “Afternoon” After

March 10, 2009

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Monday, March 9, 2009, at 6:00 pm the River Ridge Board of Education, 4141 IL Rte 84 South; Hanover, IL conducted a District Planning Meeting. Members David Howard, Steve Thomasson, Lynn K. Pease, Kathy Knauer, Barb Schaible, Don Altfillisch and Raymie Diestelmeier answered roll call. Also present Supt. Brad Albrecht, Principals Mike Foltz and Pete Scarano and members of the community.

No action was taken during this session.

Discussed the following topics:

- Energy proposals – lighting, solar & wind
- Finance update
- Sales tax brochure
- Curriculum report – reading
- Extra curricular time-line for co-op sports
- Building & grounds update
- Transportation update
- School Board Candidate Forum – **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**@ River Ridge**  
**7:00 pm – small gym**
- Reminder – April 7<sup>th</sup> election

# The Morning After

March 17, 2009

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Monday, March 16, 2009, 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, Donnie Altfillisch and Raymie Diestelmeier answered roll call. Also present: Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Principal Pete Scarano, Principal Mike Foltz River Ridge students and a member of the community.

Approved the Regular and Executive Session Board Meeting minutes of February 17, 2009 and Board Planning Session, March 9, 2009, and destruction of audio executive session minutes from August 20, 2007.

Approved bills and payroll in the amount of \$475,489.95.

AVC report from Member Pease indicated continued marketing of the 2008 project home and authorized advertising for a FY2010 Construction Trades Project. Addressed the continued plans for the Finance Committee.

First reading of Board Policy updates/revisions: 2:220E1 Closed Meeting Records/Minutes; 4:55 & 4:55AP Use of Credit/Procurement Cards; 4:120 & 4:12AP Food Services; 4:130 Free/Reduced-Price Food Services; 4:170 & 4:170AP1 & 4:170AP6 Safety; 5:35 & 5:35AP1 & 5:35AP2 & 5:35AP4 & 5:35E Fair Labor Standards Act; 5:120 Ethics; 5:185 & 5:185AP Family/Medical Leave; 5:310 & 5:31E Compensatory Time-Off; 6:60AP Health Education Program; 6:120AP1E2 Special Education Notice/Consent Forms; 7:40AP Placement Nonpublic School Students Transferring Into District; 7:60 & 7:60AP2 & 7:60AP2E1 & 7:60AP2E2 & 7:60AP2E3 Residence; 7:170 Vandalism. (AP = Administrative Procedure; E = Exhibit)

Scheduled a special board meeting for Monday, April 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of canvassing the ballots from the April 7, 2009 consolidated election and re-organization of the school board. This meeting will be followed by the regular monthly board meeting.

Discussion on the energy proposals with recommendation from the Board to continue to review information obtained from RFP's.

Approved the 2009-2010 school calendar as presented. First student attendance day will be Wednesday, August 19, 2009.

Board member discussion on sales tax brochure.

Approved the purchase of two International 71-passenger diesel buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc., Kankakee, Illinois for the 2009-2010 school year. Trade in value of two buses is \$43,200 for a total cost of \$106,360.

Administration News:

-Mr. Scarano reported on the kindergarten/preschool screening scheduled for March 16, 17 & 18. Twenty five kindergarteners and 36 preschoolers have signed up for this screening process.

-The Board was invited to join the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on their "Fine Dining Experience" on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

-River Ridge hosted the boys' and girls' basketball sectionals. Visitors were very complimentary. Thank you to administration, staff and members of the community who organized and worked the events.

-Mr. Foltz noted there will be no tolerance procedure for cell phones in the locker room areas.

-Twelve middle school students participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo/Ensemble contest held in East Dubuque and earned Division I ratings.

The middle school Mathcounts team placed 5<sup>th</sup> in overall competition at Rockford College on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

-Mr. Albrecht presented illustrations of digital sign board suggestions from the PTO for the entrance to the school.

-A new endeavor for the River Ridge Education Association is a Spring Carnival to be held Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Fun and games for all ages.

March 19 & 20 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 23 – School Board Candidates Forum – 7:00 PM

March 31 – Spring Picture Day

April 1 – Charity Basketball - Staff/Students and Local Law Enforcement

April 7 – MS/HS Spring Concert – 7:00 PM

Approved a 4% salary increase for non-certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year.

Granted tenure to the following teachers:

Corey Albrecht – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Jeremy Knauer – Elementary PE

Pam Tindell – PreSchool

Molly Mensendike – HS Language Arts/English

Susan Miles – MS/HS Math

Jessica Redfean – MS/HS PE

Doug Vandigo – HS Language Arts/English

Accepted with regret, Nick Wehane's letter of resignation as second grade teacher at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year.

Approved a 3-year contract (2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012) with a 4% increase in salary for Superintendent Brad Albrecht, Elementary Principal Pete Scarano and Middle School/High School Principal Mike Foltz for the 2009-2010 school year.

Approved elementary, middle school and high school staff assignments as presented for the 2009-2010 school year.

The last student attendance day will be Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> with teachers' institute on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Subject for approval at the next regular meeting of the Board, Monday, April 20, 2009.