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400 E. Wabash Ave, Rantoul, IL 61866 Central Office, Robert D. Little Board Room
Board of Education Meeting Thursday, August 15, 2019 6:30 Regular Board Meeting
Board Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Sweat at 6: 30 pm. Those present: Andy Graham, Joe Robinson, Kevin McCallister, John Brotherton, Mark Keyes, Sandra Uhlott, and Bill Sweat.

2. Action: Agenda Approval – Remove Item #17

A motion to approve the agenda as presented and amended to remove item #17, was made by Member Uhlott and seconded by Member Keyes. AYES: 7 NAY: 0

3. Public Forum - None

4. Action: Davis FitPro Bootcamp Agreement

Tyvone Davis presented information regarding his Bootcamp Experience at his local gym. He will provide these classes at a discounted price for RCS #137 employees.

A motion to approve the Davis FitPro Bootcamp Agreement to provide a discount to our employees as presented was made by Member McCallister and seconded by Member Robinson.

AYES: 6 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

5. Presentation GALE Resources Database

Donna Miner, Librarian at JW Eater and Beth Waldhauser, Assistant Principal at JW Eater presented information regarding the GALE Resources Database that is available to all middle school students. This database provides a reliable source for online research. It offers many options for filtering results of the search by book, magazine, or audio file and it correlates to the reading level already used in our middle school. This is the same database that Rantoul Township High School and the Rantoul Library currently use.

6. Action: Intergovernmental Agreement: Safe Routes to School

Jake McCoy, Assistant Public Works Director, presented information regarding the Safe Routes to School grant for Northview approved through IDOT in which work will begin the summer of 2020. The Intergovernmental Agreement states that Rantoul City Schools agrees to pay up to \$100,000 in additional costs above and beyond the \$200,000 grant allotment. The Temporary Easement is to allow the village access to Northview Property during the time of construction. The board discussed concerns regarding a detention pond, know leaning towards only needing one. When the specific drawings have been developed, those plans will be present to the board for further discussion.

A motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and Temporary Easement as presented including the temporary easement was made by Member Uhlott and seconded by Member Keyes.

On a Roll Call vote: AYES: 6 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

7. Action: Consent Agenda Items

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent

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roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests (Action item #8), in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Board Meeting Minutes July 25, 2019 Open and Closed Minutes
- c. Closed Session Minutes Review for January 2019-July 2019 recommendation to remain closed
- d. Bills and Treasurer's Report
- e. FOIA requests:
 - o Jack Anderson - July board agenda;
 - o Empower Illinois – Course offerings and extra-curriculars
- f. Donations – None at this time

A motion to approve the consent agenda items, including the personnel report as submitted with the stipulation that each individual is required to comply with all requirements for new hires as indicated in Illinois statutes and RCS board policy and procedures AND also includes ratification of bills pre-paid by the Finance Manager under Board Policy 4:50 was made by Uhlott and seconded by Sweat. On a Roll Call vote AYES: 7 NAY: 0

~~8. Action: Discussion and Possible Approval of Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda~~

9. Action: Board Policies Approval

a. Board Policies 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; 2:140 Communications To and From the Board; 2:240 Board Policy Development; 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal; 4:20 Fund Balances; 4:90 Activity Funds; 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act; 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease; 5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information; 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity; 5:310 Compensatory Time-Off; 6:40 Curriculum Development; 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:170 Vandalism

A motion to approve the board policy updates as presented was made by Member Keyes and seconded by Member Brotherton. AYES: 7 NAY: 0

b. Board Policy 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board Recommendation to keep the current board policy. which did not require a board motion.

10. Action: Professional Evaluation Plan 2019-2020

Rachel Palmer, RCSEA Vice President. and Scott Woods, J.W. Eater Principal/RCS Bilingual Director, presented information regarding the meetings between RCSEA and RCS Administration to develop the annual Professional Evaluation Plan. Most changes were made in regards to the Student Growth components making these easier to follow and providing clarification to the teaching staff.

A motion to approve the Professional Evaluation Plan 2019-2020 as presented was made by Member Robinson and seconded by Member Keyes. AYES: 7 NAY: 0

11. Action: School Resource Officer (SRO) Village of Rantoul Contract 2019-20

The contract for the RCS SRO for the 2019-20 school year is \$68218.00 and covers 37 weeks, which is 36 weeks of the school year and 1 week of training (Illinois Juvenile Officers Conference and Illinois SRO Conference).

A motion to approve the School Resource Officer (SRO) Village of Rantoul Contract as presented was made by Member McCallister and seconded by Member Uhlott. On a Roll Call vote: AYES: 6 NAY: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

12. Action: RCSEA/RCS Memorandums of Understandings

a) Updated Hard to Fill Salary Increases and Hard to Fill Stipends – The amount of a single teacher's salary increase was updated. This was agreed upon by RCSEA and RCS Administration.

b) Consulting Teacher Stipend – There is a need for a consulting teacher with a stipend of \$1200

A motion to approve the RCSEA/RCS Memorandum of Understandings as presented was made by Member Brotherton and seconded by Member McCallister. On a Roll Call vote: AYES: 7 NAY: 0

13. Action: Job Description – Substitute Teacher – Michelle Ramage

A motion to approve the Substitute Teacher Job Description as presented was made by Member Brotherton and seconded by Member McCallister. On a Roll Call vote: AYES: 7 NAY: 0

14. Action: Board Committees – Bill Sweat
No action needed. Board policy remains as is.

15. Board and Superintendent Comments

- a) Employee Assistance Program 2nd Quarter information is in your board packet
- b) Reminder of October 3rd IASB Dinner Mattoon – Board will see information from IASB soon
- c) Board member McCallister requested an agenda item for the September board meeting regarding board meeting items being available on website before the board meetings. Several board members discussed the pros and cons. President Sweat requested a straw poll by hands to see if it should be an agenda item next month or not. Those in favor of this being an agenda item were Kevin McCallister, Joe Robinson, Andy Graham. Those not in favor of this being an agenda item were Bill Sweat, John Brotherton, and Mark Keyes. Saundra Uhlott abstained stating she would not be in attendance at the September board meeting and didn't feel she should weigh in if not present.

16. Information

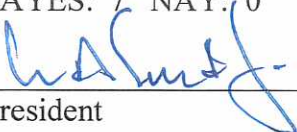
- a) Centralized Registration: Michelle Ramage
We registered 349 returning students and 150 new students at Centralized Registration on Thursday. Compared to last year we registered 424 returning students and 119 new students. The good and the bad news is that we still have 523 students that have not registered. Last year that number was closer to **800** not registered after registration. This means that our families are using Skyward more!
Shouts Outs: Darcy Widener, our Information Systems Manager, put together a very efficient smoothly run centralized registration. We had some amazing volunteers who gave 12 long hours to help families. There were many others who also worked registration – some of those were paid positions. The most challenging positions were the secretaries and clericals who worked with new families from 8am to 8pm. Their smiles were just as cheery for the last family as the first family.
- b) Tonight: K-5th Grade Open House; Tomorrow is First Full day of School 1-8th grade; Monday is first full day for Kindergarten and PreK
- c) Shout Out to Darcy Widener, again, for making it possible for the Carle Clinic Mobile Van to be here at Eater this past Monday. And thank you to all our staff who made individual phone calls to families who were in need of physicals and immunizations to make sure they were aware of this opportunity. We also connected with Community Service Center so they can let families be aware.
- d) Tues, Aug 13th 7:30am was our All Staff kick off at Eater **Game Plan for Success**
- e) Tues, Aug 20th 5:30-6:30pm Eater Family Curriculum Night
- f) Saturday, Aug 23rd 8 AM – 2 PM Community Build for PA PreK Playground. We can use some help!
- g) Mobile Unit from Carle Clinic here on Monday and saw 74 students. That is more than they have seen at any of their other sites! And we were the first location they have been to outside of Champaign-Urbana.

~~17. Action: Closed Session – Personnel~~

~~18. Action: Reconvene to Open Session~~

19. Action: Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm was made by Member McCallister and seconded by Member Keyes. AYES: 7 NAY: 0



Board President

19 September 2019

Date



Board Secretary

Sept 19 2019

Date