

RILEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL District 18  
9406 Riley Road, Marengo, IL 60152  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
7:00 PM  
School Library

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

School Board Members Bindner, Borhart, Maniates, Millard and Nordmeyer answered roll call at 7:00PM. Also in attendance were Jason Grey, Superintendent, Karen Schnable, Business Manager, and Elizabeth Sheahan, Office Manager. Members Kaczkos and Koelper were absent. Member Koelper arrived at 7:03PM.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additional Agenda Items - None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:

- Freedom of Information Requests:
  - Illinois Retired Teachers' Association - Names of teachers retiring in 2024.
  - Bruce Peleschak-Severance Package for Christine Conkling, Closed Session notes.
- Approve destruction of Board of Education Executive Session Tape Recordings with 18 months longevity for the following meeting dates: 08/17/2022
- Financial Report January 2024
- Treasurer's Report: Bills Payable February 2024
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session for January 17, 2024.
- Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Special Executive Session for January 10, 2024.

A motion was made by Member Nordmeyer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Member Borhart seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart - AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Millard - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer - AYE

## **RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS – VIKING AWARDS**

January's Viking Award winners were 6<sup>th</sup> grader Ben Meindl and 7<sup>th</sup> grader Veronica Ramirez Vargas. The Board of Education Members offered their congratulations and encouraged them to keep up the good work. Superintendent Grey received many wonderful comments for both students.

## **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Mrs. Lagerstrom and Mrs. Wessel, Riley School teachers.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Knights of Columbus Donation received for Special Education Supplies
- Secure Entrance Update: Pre-bid Meeting for interested contractors scheduled on 2/26 at 3:30PM; all sealed bids due by 2PM on 3/11/24. Further discussion/approval at 3/13/24 BOE Meeting.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- President - Menta at SEDOM building. Students from the county already being placed.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 2/16/24 School Improvement - Kevin Polkey presentation received well by Jr. High students and Staff.
- Public Works – discussed agreement for Mandatory training portal for yearly records compliance.
- Geo Star – Superintendent Grey, Mr. Greif and Mr. Vicari met with representatives from Geo Star for system training/reprogramming.
- 3/22/24 No School Teacher Institute Day: All Marengo area schools will attend presentation at the high school. Motivational Guest Speaker, Joe Sanfellipo is scheduled to present.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Food Coop Agreement – renewal notice; all area school usage; used for years.
- Staffing 2024-2025 – discussion took place regarding future plans, strategic plans; and job descriptions.
- Registration Fees for 2024-2025 – recommendations to be reviewed, and will revisit on the March Agenda.
- 2024-2025 School Calendar – discussed beginning of school schedule; conferences, teacher institute, holiday and end of school.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS – ENACT MOTIONS TO:**

- Approve Registration/Sports Fee Proposal for the 2024-2025 School Year – Tabled for further review; will be added to March 2024 BOE Agenda - New Business.
- Member Koelper made a motion to Approve the contract for hire of Frank Vicari as Principal with a three year contract to start on July 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2027. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart - AYE  
Member Koelper- AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Millard - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

- Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Approve 2024-25 School Calendar as presented. Member Bindner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- Member Borhart made a motion to Approve Food Coop Agreement. Member Nordmeyer seconded the motion which carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Member Bindner - AYE  
Member Borhart - AYE  
Member Koelper- AYE  
Member Maniates - AYE  
Member Millard - AYE  
Member Nordmeyer – AYE

- Member Bindner made a motion to Approve Resignation of Julie Grismer, effective February 8, 2024. Member Koelper seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- Member Nordmeyer made a motion to Approve Resignation of Donna Fischer, effective end of 2023-2024 school year. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- Member Maniates made a motion to enter Closed Session at 7:28PM. Member Bindner seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- Member Nordmeyer made a motion to return to Open Session at 8:00PM. Member Koelper seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT’S CALL FOR ANY COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

None

Member Bindner made a Motion to adjourn at 8:01PM. Member Millard seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

**The next Regular Board of Education Meeting March 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth A. Sheahan, Riley School Secretary

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Mr. Bryan Millard – President

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Mrs. Victoria Kaczkos - Secretary