

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2019, 6:00 PM
Room 214 - Board Room

The Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education held its regular meeting with the following in attendance; Larry Conlon, Tracy Enderson, Stephanie Fay, Bruce Long, Darin Malm, Susan Sikora, Jon Josesphson, Andrew Woiwood, Kelli Harmon and Alyssa Enderson. Absent: Heather Ruehle. Also in attendance: Amy Sikora. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance - President Long at 6:00 p.m.

II. Review of District Mission Statement - Malm

III. Approve Agenda - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda with #3. Being moved up to start Business and Action Items; second by Sikora. Motion carried.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests - President Long

V. Board Learning - None

VI. Communications

1. Citizens or organizations in attendance - None

2. Received through the mail - None.

3. Through Board Members - Keevan Long had a nice write up in the Ruthven Zipcode.

VII. Business & Action Items -

#3. Ruthven-Ayrshire Education Association - Initial Proposal 2019-2020 Contract -

Mrs. Sikora presented the Initial Proposal to the board.

1. Consent Items - Motion made by Sikora to approve the consent items. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

a. Minutes - February 11, 2019 and Work Session - Approved as is.

b. Approval of Bills/Claims

c. Financial Reports - Presented by Alyssa Enderson, School Business Official.

d. Activity Calendar for April - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2019 with the Budget Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m.

e. Field Trips

1. 11th and 12th Grade to Stephens Auditorium on April 23rd. Instructors - Kirk and Dyhrkopp.

2. GT/RA Vocal - Jazz Choir sang at the Emmetsburg Country Club for Hospital Appreciation Party on February 26th. The Vocal Music students attended the Emmetsburg Invitational on March 2nd.

3. The Spanish Class went to Monterrey's in Spencer on March 1, 2019

4. The 10th Grade will attend the ILCC Career Day in Emmetsburg on April 9th.

5. Senior Class Government Trip will be Wednesday, April 3rd to Des Moines. They will be touring the State Capitol and the Iowa Hall of Pride.

2. Prom Update - Prom is Saturday, April 27th. Theme is "A Night In Paris." 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. is

the Grand March in Graettinger. Students will leave G-T at 7:45 for Ruthven for the dinner at 8:00 p.m. The Dance is from 9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Ruthven. Post Prom is in Ruthven.

3. Ruthven-Ayrshire Education Association - Initial Proposal 2019-2020 Contract - This Item was moved to the start of Business and Action Items.

4. Personnel - Resignation: Motion by Malm to approve the resignation of Cody Thompson as the At-Risk Para/Shared. Malm also approved the Driver's Education cost and pay. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

5. Budget Hearing FY20 Date, Time and Review - FY20 Budget - The FY20 Budget Document was reviewed. The Budget Hearing will be held on April 8th at the School Board Meeting.

6. Open Enrollment Applications: Conlon made a motion to approve the following Open Enrollment requests for CH & JH to enroll in Ruthven School from Spencer. They attend

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now. MF and EH to Open Enroll out to Spencer. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.

7. Palo Alto County Gaming Grant Award - Motion by Sikora to approve the Palo Alto County Gaming Grant in the amount of \$25,296 and the Shared School Award of \$50,000. The Mini Grant was also awarded to R-A in the amount of \$4,427.00. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

8. Summer Projects - The board reviewed the list of possible summer projects. A list for approval will be presented at the April board meeting.

9. Athletic Complex - Motion by Sikora to approve the hiring of Jim Townsend to complete plans for the Athletic Complex. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

10. 2018-2019 Master Calendar - Public Hearing - Motion by Conlon to approve the making up of 2 school days by having full days on Wednesday. There will be school on Monday, April 22nd also. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

VIII. Recognition of Staff and Students

A. "Good News Sharing" - in the Principal/Superintendent Report

IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports

A. Principal Report

Good News Sharing:

- We have a State Wrestling Champ! Treyton Cacek - 170 lbs.
- Carter Murray and Lucas Hoffman also participated in the State Wrestling Tournament. Carter Placed 4th at 182 lbs. Lucas competed, but did not place.
- Basketball All Conference Teams: Boys Basketball - 1st Team - Tyson Kruse; 2nd Team - Tom Geelan. Girls Basketball - 1st Team - Madison Hough; 2nd Team - Toni Alesch.
- Great HS Pops Concert at Graettinger March 7th. Videos available on GTRA Music Boosters Facebook page.
- Tri-State MS Honor Band in Decorah March 2nd went well.
- Annual GT-RA Dance Team Showcase on Sunday, March 3rd was very entertaining and well attended!
- Great Junior High Show Choir Performance for the K-8 students on Friday, March 8th. The Competition was at Sloan on Saturday, March 9th. They did very well. Johnny Martini was recognized for his solo! The Choir performed at the

Care Center on Saturday, March 9th.

- Kaitlin from the PACC has been discussing Iowa's wetlands and animals found in our ecosystems with the 6th & 7th science classes. She also taught the PE Classes Cross Country Skiing.
 - The 5th thru 7th graders have done an awesome job practicing for the ISASP reading/language tests.
 - Awesome HS Band and Vocal Concert Monday night.
 - Great group of kids working out in the Fitness Center in the a.m.
1. The 3rd Quarter came will end on Friday, March 15th. Grades are due at 8:00 a.m Monday. Conferences will be held Tuesday, March 19 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 2. Freshman Orientation for the 8th Graders will be on April 9th. Thanks to Mr. Simington, Mrs. Cook and Mr. Borchers for their help in planning the orientation.
 3. The G-T/R-A HS Drama department is preparing for the Spring Play, "Antisocial." It will be performed Friday, March 15th and Saturday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m in the Terril gymnasium under the direction of Mr. Benedict.
 4. The R-A Middle School Drama and Vocal Departments are currently conducting rehearsals for their Spring Play. It will be performed at Ruthven under the direction of Mrs. Kirk on April 5th and 6th.
 5. The MS staff is working on plans for the annual MS Field Trip. They are planning on attending an Iowa Cubs game on May 14th and working on educational objectives for the trip.
 6. Prom is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. Grand March will be in Graettinger at 7:00 p.m. The Prom meal, dance and After Prom will be in Ruthven.
 7. Titan JAM is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9th starting at 6:00 p.m. We will need to know which board members can commit that evening.
 8. Track practices have been underway for two weeks. Students will compete at the BVU Indoor on Friday.
 9. Golf Practices start on Thursday.

B. Superintendent Report

Professional Development - Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests are being given the week of March 11th. This is online testing for 3rd thru 12th grades. There will be three days of training for the Universal Tier Days 3 and 4 for our Leadership Team. They have found the students to be showing continued growth with the Guided Reading and Math. Growth is needed in the behavior, emotional and social areas for students. The Leadership Team is working to improve our scores.

Teacher Leadership and Compensation - TLC - February- <https://www.smores.com/pn57r> and TLC National Convention is in New Orleans on March 21-24th.

We are working to add a mentor to each building.

State Reporting - Working on the Desk Audit. The Data Review has been completed. It is a requirement of comprehensive schools. Working on SAMI which is a requirement of comprehensive schools. Also working on Action Plan which is a requirement of comprehensive schools.

Upcoming Events: 1) P/T Conferences - Tuesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 21
2) Easter Break - April 19th 3) Joint Board Meeting March 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Graettinger.

X. Information Items:

1. Kindergarten Round-Up - Kindergarten Round-Up will be Thursday, April 11th from 9:00 to 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ms.Knaack and Ms.Williams will switch students during that time. Information will be sent home in their weekly folders and any questions can be asked of Ms. Knaak by phone, email or in person.

XII. Adjourn - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Second by Fay. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Monday, April 8, 2019 with the FY19 Budget Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The regular board meeting will start immediately after the Budget Hearing.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary