

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2016, 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, Darin Malm, Heather Ruehle, Susan Sikora, Andrew Woiwood and Kelli Harmon. Absent: Bruce Long and Jon Josephson. Also in attendance were the AEA. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** - President Sikora at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Conlon
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Fay to approve the agenda; second Conlon. Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. Board Learning 5x5** - None
- VI. Communications**
 - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance** - None
 - 2. Received through the mail** - None
 - 3. Through Board Members** - Andrew Woiwood had an article in the Iowa Farmer Today.
- VII. Business & Action Items** -
 - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Endersen to approve the consent items. Second by Fay. Abstain: Conlon. Motion carried.
 - a. Presentation of Audit Report - Schnurr and Company, LLP - joined via telepresence**
 - b. Minutes** - December Board Minutes were approved with a change.
 - c. Approval of Bills/Claims**
 - d. Financial Reports** - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.
 - CD Renewal** - CD Yearly renewal - \$333,155.59 - split between 3 funds (PPEL, Management and SILO) will stay with Farmers Trust & Savings Bank. It will be a 12 month CD at 70%.
 - CD Renewal** - CD Monthly renewal - \$839,236. - (All General Fund) - will stay with Iowa State Bank. \$500,000 will be put in a 12 month CD. \$339,236 will go into the savings account.
 - e. Activity Calendar for January** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 10th at 6:00 p.m. The Joint Board Meeting will be Monday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. in Ruthven.
 - f. Field Trips**
 1. FFA Officer's Trip to Iowa State University - February 17th. They will tour the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University and meet with the current National North Central Region Vice President. Supervisor - Caryn Graham.

Jann Murphy of the AEA left at 7:10 p.m.

2. **Personnel** - Peggy Kirkland resigned and the position is now open for a Middle School Associate.
3. **Open Enrollment** - Motion by Malm to approve the open enrollment of Ethan Flint- 4th grade, Austin Flint - 6th grade, and Isaiah Flint - 7th grade to Emmetsburg. They moved after the deadline. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

4. Baker Group - Boiler Project

The board decided to put a hold on this project for now.

Bruce Long joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

5. Joint Board Meeting - February 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Ruthven.

The board came up with items to discuss at the Joint Meeting. They decided on what information would be needed for the meeting. A review on the partial day sharing will be given. A schedule of 2nd semester 9-12 classes was provided. (AM in Ruthven - PM in Graettinger)

Jon Josephson joined the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

7. Master Calendar - 2016 -2017

The board reviewed and made suggestions to the Master Calendar for 2016- 2017.

Josh Bader of the AEA left at 8:35 p.m.

VIII. Recognition of Staff and Students

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

IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports

A. Principal Report

1. 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester have been finalized. Report cards have been printed and mailed.
2. Honor Rolls have been calculated, printed and released.
3. 5-12 Awards Ceremony was held on Friday, January 8th. Students of the Month, Students of the Quarter, Honor Roll Students and students with Perfect Attendance were recognized.
We also recognized Sarah Alexander and Nick Josephson for placing among the top 100 in the State of Iowa in the "Know Your Constitution" program.
4. Andy Geelan broke the 1000 point mark in non-conference play vs. Clay-Central Everly last week. Congratulations to Andy and his teammates who have contributed to his success.
5. The 2nd Semester is well underway. Mrs. Cook and I had a work session on January 6 and got 2nd Semester schedules finalized for all 9-12 students.
6. Middle School Students wrapped up the first semester by partnering with the Iowa State Bank to purchase and deliver gifts to the residents at the Care Center. The students spread some holiday cheer by visiting with residents and singing some carols. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with Iowa State Bank and with the Ruthven Community Care Center for this annual community service.
7. We continue to pick up a few new students. We have a new Junior boy who has returned to Ruthven and a Sophomore girl.
8. The 5-12 staff will be working on the following in the coming weeks: 1) Preparation for Iowa Assessments, 2) Planning for the Middle School Trip to Omaha in April, and 3) Planning for the High School College Visitation trip with Graettinger-Terril in mid-April.

B. Superintendent Report

Professional Development

January 4, 2016 - Building Level PD

- Challenging Behavior and Autism - Prairie Lakes AEA personnel presented this to all MS/HS and a few elementary staff in the afternoon.
- The remainder of the day was spent finishing up the 1st semester and preparing for for the 2nd semester.

Assessments:

- FAST/aReading and IGDI's - The winter testing window is January 18 - February 12.
- Iowa Assessments - February 8th - Reading 1 and 2, Vocabulary, Math 1 and 2, Science and Written Expression - These are the tests we are planning on taking this year.
- Smarter Balanced Assessments - We have received word that these new assessments have been delayed and will not start in the spring of 2017, unless the legislature acts on them this session. There are additional costs with these assessments and I don't believe they will act quickly enough to make it work for next spring.
- Replace MAP for grades K - 2. This would be a trial of the iReady program that teachers saw at a previous In-Service. We are thinking these grade levels because they are not part of the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

Board Technology - The current laptop programs will no longer be supported by microsoft. Options: 1) Brian will need to put on a new program.. 2) Purchase Chromebooks for board members - \$1,871.92 - quote

The board decided not to get Chromebooks at this time.

Upcoming Events: TLC - Mr. Myers and I attended a meeting for Cohort 3 of the TLC Grant. The District Leadership Teams will need to start working on the implementation of the plan. We will need to start with the hiring of the Master/Mentor/Tech Integrationist positions. There are several trainings that are available to our teacher leaders and administration.

Teacher/Board Member Meeting Minutes: The teachers and board members met in December and these are some of the issues discussed. 1) Partial Day uncertainty? 2) Request for an additional aide in Middle School and/or High School level. Specific group of kids are making it difficult to teach the classes. 3) Joint PD at the elementary level doesn't seem to be working. There are too many differences in the schools. 4) The staff would like Mr. Myers to have more face to face time with the teachers. They would like to get to know him and express some needs. 5) There is a concern of teachers teaching to the appropriate age level and not the same for all classes. (Common Core) Administrative support needs to get better. 6) Maintenance of the building needs to improve. A list from the staff needs to be requested and addressed.

X. Information Items:

1. **School Alerts to Gov Delivery** - The notification system we have used for many years is being replace with a new system. The transition will be taking place over the next few

months.

XI. Adjourn - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Second by Long.

Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary