

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 12, 2018, 5:30 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, Amy Sikora and Brian Hersom. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** - President Sikora at 5:30 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Malm
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Fay to approve the agenda with #8. Being moved up to #2. ; second by Enderson. Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. Board Learning** - None
- VI. Communications**
 - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance** - None
 - 2. Received through the mail** - None
 - 3. Through Board Members** - Arrangements for the Bakken Family Visitation were discussed.
- VII. Business & Action Items** -
 - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Enderson to approve the consent items. Second by Long. Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes - February 22, 2018 and Joint Board** - Approved as is.
 - b. Approval of Bills/Claims**
 - c. Financial Reports** - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.
Bruce Long joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
 - d. Activity Calendar for April** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 10, 2018 with the Budget Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m.
 - e. Field Trips**
 1. May 8th, Mrs. Sikora will take the 4th Grade to visit the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds in Emmetsburg.
 2. April 10th, Mr. Benedict and Ms. Guthrie will take 11 students to the Cadaver Lab in Brookings, SD.
 3. April 12th Ms. Williams and Mrs. Knaak will take the Preschool and Kindergarten Classes to the Sanford Museum and Planetarium in Cherokee.
 - 8. Budget Hearing FY19 Date, Time and Review** - Motion by Conlon to approve the Budget Hearing to be on April 10th at 6:00 p.m. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
 - 2. Prom Update** - Prom is Saturday, April 28th. 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. is the Grand March. 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. the pictures will be taken by Malorie Girres. 8:00-9:00 p.m. is the dinner by Katie Meyer. 9:00-12:00 is the Dance with DJ Sean Callahan.

3. **Approve E-Rate** - Brian Hersom presented the E-Rate for 2018-19. Motion by Conlon to approve the authorization for E-Rate for 2018-19. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
4. **Board Policy - 407.4** - Early Retirement Policy stays as is.
5. **Early Retirement 17-18 Offer** - Dies.
6. **Ruthven-Ayrshire Education Association - Initial Proposal 2018-2019 Contract** - Mrs. Sikora presented the Initial Proposal to the board.
Jon Josephson joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
7. **Personnel - Driver's Education** - Motion by Malm to approve the instructor pay and student cost for Driver's Education to remain the same. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
9. **Open Enrollment** - Motion by Enderson to approve the Open Enrollments for BL to Spencer, BB and PB to G-T, ES to R-A, CA and PA to R-A , CO and CO to R-A and GB to Emmetsburg. Second by Long. Motion carried.
10. **Palo Alto County Gaming** - Motion by Fay to approve the Palo Alto County Gaming Grant in the amount of \$25,296.00 and the 2017 Shared School Award of \$40,000. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
11. **Summer Projects** - The board reviewed the list of possible summer projects. A list for approval will be presented at the April board meeting.
Andrew Woiwood left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Recognition of Staff and Students

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

IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports

A. Principal Report

Good News Sharing:

- All Conference Teams have been released: Wrestling - 1st Team - Kolton Roth and Treyton Cacek, Basketball - 1st Team - Jacon Conlon, Girl's Basketball - 1st Team - Toni Alesch.
 - Great HS Pops Concert. Videos on GTRA Music Boosters Facebook page.
 - Tri State MS Honor Band in Decorah went well.
 - The annual G-T/R-A Dance Team Showcase on Sunday, March 5th was a Sell-Out! Standing room only.
 - Great Junior High Show Choir Performance on March 10th. This was a dress rehearsal for competition at Sloan on March 11th.
1. The 3rd Quarter came to an end on Friday, March 9th. Grades are due 8:00 a.m Tuesday. Conferences will be held Tuesday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.
 2. Mr. Borchers and I have begun the annual work with students on I Have a Plan Iowa. This program helps students identify their interests and high school plan of study based on those interests.
 3. Mr. Borchers, Mrs. Cook, Mr. Simington and I have started planning for High School College visitation day on March 28th and Freshman Orientation on April 5th. There will be 4 different college trips including a 2 year and 4 year college tour as choices for the students. The 8th Grade will go to G-T on April 5th for the morning. They will get more familiar with the building, teachers, and the available opportunities.

4. The G-T/R-A High School drama students are gearing up for their performances of Cinderella performed April 7 and 8 at Terril under the direction of Mr. Benedict and Mrs. Sexe. The R-A Middle School drama and vocal students are rehearsing Seussical, the Musical which will be performed at Ruthven under the direction of Mr. Nielsen and Mrs. Kirk on April 13 and 14.
5. Titan JAM is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th starting at 6:00 p.m. One senior may be scheduled on the 4th.
6. Track practices have been going for 2 weeks. Students will compete at the ISU indoor on Tuesday and the BVU indoor on Friday. Golf practices started today.

B. Superintendent Report

Professional Development - The teachers are continuing with Guided Reading strategies, iReady data, Fastbridge data and Growth plans.

Teacher Leadership and Compensation - TLC - February- <https://www.smore.com/pn57r> and TLC National Convention is at National Harbor in Washington D.C. on March 22-25th.

Ryan Wise Visit - April 19th - the schedule for his visit was presented.

State Reporting - Desk Audit - Corrections are made and resubmitted.

Upcoming Events: 1) P/T Conferences - Tuesday and Thursday 2) TLC Convention - March 22 - 25. 3) Easter Break - March 30 to April 2.

X. Information Items:

1. **Calendar Hours** - We are adding the 3 full days missed for snow/ice at the end of the school year. Last day is scheduled for May 23, 2018. We may use 1 day for PD.
2. **Kindergarten Round-Up** - Kindergarten Round-Up will be Monday, April 19th from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 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.
3. **Superintendent/Elementary Principal Evaluation** - A closed session at the April Board Meeting or a Special Board Meeting to review and discuss.

XI. Closed Session - Code 21.5 (1) j. - Roll Call into the Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. Susan Sikora, Tracy

Enderson, Bruce Long, Heather Ruele, Larry Conlon, Darin Malm and Stephanie Fay. Discussion to place on the negotiations to purchase real estate. Roll call out at 7:39 p.m.

XII. Adjourn - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Second by Long. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Monday, April 10, 2018 with the FY18 Budget Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The regular board meeting will start immediately after the Budget Hearing.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary