

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 19, 2014, 7:00 PM
Room 214 - Board Room

The Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education held its regular meeting with the following in attendance; Larry Conlon, Tracy Enderson, Ray Grandstaff, Darin Malm, Katie Meyer, Susan Sikora, Jon Josephson, Andrew Woiwood, and Kelli Harmon. Also in attendance were the AEA and staff member Brian Hersom. Absent: Bruce Long

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Conlon
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda; second Grandstaff.
Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. PUBLIC HEARING -MASTER CALENDAR -**
President Sikora moved into the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.
Woiwood explained that the Master Calendar would be going from Days to Hours and the calendar was complete.
President Sikora moved out of the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.
- VI. Board Learning - 5x5 - Larry Seigel**
 1. Iowa Tax & Retail Sales were at \$11,300 per person due to exemptions of the Iowa Tax Code.
 2. Review of the Aid & Levy Worksheet to the Dept. of Management.
 3. Legislature extended the Whole Grade Sharing Incentives that will be good through 2019.
They also approved Management Levy Expenditures to help fund early retirement for employees over 65. They did not set the Allowable Growth Rate for 2016.
 4. The Annual Legislative Digest will be in your in boxes.
 5. June 19th is the Annual ISFIS Conference
- VII. Communications**
 - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance**
 - a. National Honor Society Trip Report - Kyle Long reported on the experiences and places the students visited while in Chicago.
 - 2. Received through the mail.**
 - a. Thank you cards - Family of Shirley Krieg and the Family of Jean Ann Richards.
 - 3. Through Board Members** - None
- VIII. Business & Action Items**
 - 1. Consent Items:** Motion made by Conlon to approve the consent items. Second by Enderson.
Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes** - April 14 Minutes were approved as is. The May 12 Special Board Minutes

were approved with changes.

b. Approval of Bills/Claims

c. Financial Reports - Presented by Woiwood with AEA present.

d. Activity Calendar for June - Additions are to change the June BOE Meeting to June 11th at 7:00 p.m.

e. Field Trips

1. Spanish - Mrs. Torkelson's Class to Monterrey's Restaurant in Spencer.
2. RA Special Olympians and Staff to Ames May 23 & 24.
3. Mrs. Smith's class to Lincoln School in Spencer May 12.
4. Grades 4, 5 & 6 to Spencer HS Track May 19.
5. Varsity Baseball Team June 26 & 27th. Staying over June 26th.
6. 4th Grade went to Palo Alto Co. Fairgrounds May 7th. It involved the Iowa State Extension Team, County Naturalists, and Farm Bureaus from local counties. FFA led the groups around for the day.

2. Personnel -

Motion was made by Meyer to accept the hiring of Kristina Kerr as a Middle School teacher and the resignation of Donna Ball as the MS/HS Special Education teacher. Thank you to Donna Ball for all of your years of great service. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Enderson to accept the retirement request and approve payment for Joyce Kreutner's unused days of 93 days at \$15/per day. This is in appreciation for your dependability and reliability while at R-A School. Thank you for your 30+ years of service. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Malm to approve the Summer Groundskeeper pay to \$11.00/hr. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

3. Master Calendar - 2014-2015 Master Calendar Days and Hours

Motion was made Conlon to accept the 2014-15 Master Calendar with hours counted for student instructional time instead of days. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

4. Board Policy - 800 Series - Motion was made by Enderson to approve the 2nd reading of the 800 series policies with changes as presented. 605.8 and 605.8R1 was reviewed and the board waived the 2nd & 3rd readings. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

AEA left the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

5. Summer Projects - Motion was made by Conlon to accept the Summer Projects list with the changes as discussed. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

6. Palo Alto County Gaming Grant Projects - Motion by Enderson to approve the Palo Alto County Gaming Grant Projects list as presented. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

7. 2014-2015 Master Contract - Motion was made by Meyer to accept the Master Contract with corrections. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

8. Use of Facilities - Bully Bullhead Weekend - Motion by Conlon to approve of The Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association using the ball fields for slow pitch softball and volleyball during the annual Bully Bullhead Celebration. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

9. SAI Mentoring and Induction Agreement - Motion by Malm to approve the agreement with the SAI Mentoring and Induction Program for beginning administrators. Second by

Enderson. Motion carried.

10. RIDES- Transportation Contract - Motion by Meyer to approve the RIDES Transportation Contract for 2014-15 school year. It will allow R-A students to use the RIDES bus.

Second by Meyer. Motion carried. Abstain: Conlon.

IX. Principal & Superintendent's Report and Good News Sharing

Mr. Josephson - 5-12 Principal

1. Graduation was held Sunday, May 18th. 17 Graduates received their Diplomas. One additional senior from the alternative school also earned a diploma but did not participate in the graduation ceremony.
2. Grades 9-11 will participate in a college visitation. This will be jointly with Graettinger-Terril. Four trip options were made available for our students to choose from: a. ISU and DMACC b. UNI and NIACC c. Morningside and WIT d. Augustana and MN West.
3. The 4th Quarter will end Friday, May 23rd. Semester Tests will be held for grades 9-11 on May 21st - 23rd.
4. 7th and 8th Grade students conducted their annual Mock Trial at the Courthouse in Emmetsburg today.
5. National Honor Society Induction was held on Wednesday morning. Ten new members were initiated including eight sophomores, 1 junior and 1 senior. a. Sophomores: Sarah Alexander, Taylor Enderson, Andy Geelan, Cole Hagedorn, Tori Horst, Nick Josephson, Jared Sikora, Noah Stukey b. Junior: Jayden Johnson, c. Senior: Paige Hoffman.
6. Middle School Students participated in the GT/RA Literacy Fair at Graettinger on May 5.
7. First time ever Titan Jam Presentations were completed in May. Thanks to all who participated as evaluators.
8. The softball outfield fence has been installed. Tim and Tom Murphy will be adding the black tile along the top within the next week.
9. Mrs. Tewes, Mr. Borchers, and Mrs. Cook have been working with 8th through 11th grade students to complete their class registration for next year. This will be completed by Friday.
10. Marcus Girres (100M) & Jake Wegner (High Jump) have advanced to the State Track Meet.
11. High School Baseball and Softball practices are underway. Games begin after Memorial Day.

Mr. Woiwood - Superintendent

1. **Map Testing** - Ruthven-Ayrshire student final goal calculations for Map Testing:
Total % for 2nd thru 11th Grades -Reading 71%, Math 79%, Science 60%. The Class Total % of Met Goal was 73%. Compared to 12-13 year with Reading 59%, Math 73%, Science 64% and the total at 66%. The students have improved in Reading and Math.

X. Information Items

1. **Literacy Fair in Graettinger** - The Literacy Fair was very successful and thank you to Kelsie Christensen and the Middle School teachers for their work in preparing the R-A students for this event. We had many parents who were able to attend the Literacy Fair. Great job teachers and students!
Bruce Long joined the meeting at 10:25 p.m.
2. **Joint Athletic Sharing Meeting** - No decision was made on a meeting time. A 1-year notice will help with aligning to the Partial Day Sharing.

XI. Exempt Session - Determination of Administrative and Non-Classified Salaries - Salaries Chart. Into session at 11:26 p.m.

Roll call in Tracy Enderson, Bruce Long, Ray Grandstaff, Darin Malm, Larry Conlon, Katie Meyer and Susan Sikora. Motion was made by Enderson to have all non-certified salaries increase at 2.64% with the exception of Tom Murphy. Tom's combination between custodian and bus driver capped at \$1,000. Kelli Harmon will also be at 2.64%. Brian Hersom, Jon Josephson - combination of AD and Principal and Andrew Woiwood capped at \$1,000. Second by Long. Motion carried.

XII. Adjourn - Motion by Long to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 p.m.; second by Conlon. Motion carried. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary