

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 8, 2014, 7:30 PM
Room 214 - Board Room

The Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education held its regular meeting with the following in attendance; Larry Conlon, Ray Grandstaff, Tracy Enderson, Bruce Long, Katie Meyer, Susan Sikora, Jon Josephson, Andrew Woiwood, and Kelli Harmon. Also in attendance were the AEA and staff. Darin Malm joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 7:30 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Grandstaff
 - #6. of Business and Action Items - Summer Reading Program** - Mrs. Kirk presented her Summer Reading Program for the Middle and High School students. Besides reading they were part of a Crimes Investigation, visited the Planetarium, had a web page set-up, and participated in a Zombie Apocalypse. The Board thanked Mrs. Kirk for volunteering her time and her hard work.
 - #12. of Business and Action Items - Open Campus** - Kyle Long represented the Senior Class and presented the request for Open Campus to the board. Motion was made by Long to accept Open Campus starting with the second Quarter on October 20th. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
 - #13. Added to Business and Action Items - NHS Trip for Seniors** - Kyle Long presented the chosen location for the senior NHS trip. Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the location. An itinerary was given to the board and ideas on fundraising. Cost would be approximately \$500. Motion was made by Meyer to accept the NHS trip to Milwaukee. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda; second Meyer. Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. Communications**
 - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance.**
 - a. David Kirk spoke to the board on the importance of learning the success of graduates. He suggested creating a panel of successful people from the community and surrounding areas to come in and talk with the students. The panel would answer their questions on becoming successful. It was decided to start the panel in December.
 - 2. Received through the mail** - None
 - 3. Through Board Members** - President Sikora mentioned that Will Bowen was a great speaker and it was beneficial to the students and community.
- VI. Business & Action Items**

1. Consent Items: Motion made by Meyer to approve the consent items. Second by Conlon.
Motion carried.

a. Minutes - August Minutes were approved.

b. Approval of Bills/Claims

c. Financial Reports - Presented by Dowd of AEA.

d. Activity Calendar for October - The October board meeting will be on the 13th at 7:00 p.m. If there is a game it will be at 7:30 p.m.

e. Field Trips

1. GT/RA FFA Livestock Judging, Saturday, September 13 at Spencer Clay County Fair.
2. 10 GT/RA FFA Members, October 29 to November 1, National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY. Caryn Graham and Chris Graham chaperones, \$425 per student.
3. Iowa Lakes Community College CTE Career Day, October 7th. Family and Consumer Science, Industrial Technology, Business and Vocational Agriculture Departments will be attending.
4. High School Students to ILCC in Estherville. They are hosting a survivor of the Holocaust who will be presenting to the students. September 10 at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjourn Retiring Board - "sine die" - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the retiring board at 8:43 p.m. Second by Long. Motion carried.

MEETING OF THE NEW BOARD

I. Call to Order - Board Secretary, Harmon - 8:45 p.m.

II. Review of District Mission Statement - Reviewed earlier.

III. Approve the Agenda - Motion by Conlon. Second by Sikora. Motion carried.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests

V. Board Learning - None

VI. Communications

1. Citizens or organizations in attendance - None

2. Received through mail - IHSAA - Letter on R-A Coach and Athlete conduct during the 2013-14 school year. R-A was one of 178 schools who had no athletes or coaches ejected during the 2013-14 school year. Congratulations to the R-A school.

3. Through Board Members- None

VII. Business and Action Items

1. Election of President and Vice-President and Administration of Oath

Susan Sikora was nominated by Meyer for Board President. Second by Enderson.

Malm ceased the nomination. Ayes: Conlon, Enderson, Grandstaff, Long, Malm, Meyer.

Nayes: None, Vote passed.

President Sikora took over the meeting.

Tracy Enderson was nominated by Conlon for Board Vice- President..

Second by Meyer. Grandstaff ceased the nomination. Ayes: Conlon, Grandstaff, Long,

Malm, Meyer, Sikora. Nayes: None. Vote passed.

Harmon, board secretary, administered the Oath of Office to the Board President and Vice-President.

2. Determine time and place of regular meetings - 211.2

The regular Board of Education Meetings will continue on the second Monday, 7:00 p.m., held in room 214 of the Ruthven-Ayrshire School in Ruthven, Iowa. Motion by Meyer to approve the time and place of the regular meetings. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

3. Name depository agencies and deposit limits

Motion by Enderson to approve Iowa State Bank/Ruthven Branch with a \$3,000,000 limit and Farmers Bank/Spencer for a \$500,000 limit. Second Malm. Motion carried. Abstain: Conlon.

4. Name school attorney

Motion by Malm to approve Steve Avery of Cornwall, Avery, Bjornstad and Scott Law Firm as the Ruthven-Ayrshire School attorney. Second by Grandstaff. Motion carried.

5. Board Committee Members

Motion by Conlon to approve the following Committees:

- Legislative Network at IASB - to be named later
- Lost Island Betterment - Josephson and Woiwood
- Palo Alto County Conference Board - Grandstaff
- Clay County Conference Board - Enderson and Long
- Palo Alto County School Board - All Members
- School Improvement Advisory Committee - Grandstaff, Sikora, Meyer
- Negotiations Committee - Conlon, Long and Sikora

Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

6. Summer Reading Program - Presented at the beginning of the meeting.

7. Personnel - Letter of Employment- Motion by Conlon to approve employment of Melissa Tindall: Preschool Para - \$9.76/hr. Second by Long. Motion carried.

Motion by Meyer to approve employment of Katie Flannegan: Special Education Para - \$9.25/hr. Second by Malm. Motion carried. Motion by Enderson to approve the employment of Cheryl Sikora: Driver - \$9.78/hr. Second by Conlon. Motion carried. Abstain: Sikora. Motion by Enderson to approve the employment of Mary Lou Sirovy: Driver - \$9.78/hr. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

8. Post Secondary Enrollment - Motion by Meyer to approve the Post Secondary Enrollment of 6 in Comp I, 5 Online Classes, 1 CNA. Second by Grandstaff. Motion carried.

9. SBRC Letter for Special Education Deficit - Motion by Enderson to approve the option to tax for the negative balance for the Special Education debt when the budget is approved next spring. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

10. Open Enrollment - Motion by Conlon to approve the following students for Open Enrollment to Spencer and Emmetsburg. They moved after the deadline. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

- Luis Gonzalez - 3rd Grade - Spencer
- Azucena Gonzalez - 5th Grade - Spencer
- Adrianna Ramirez - 6th Grade - Spencer
- Garrett Hansen - 11th Grade - Spencer
- Lauren Hansen - 9th Grade - Spencer

- Logan Gonzales Jr. - 3rd Grade - Emmetsburg
- Julia Gonzales - 4th Grade - Emmetsburg
- Dallas Mitchell - 11th Grade - Emmetsburg

11. Partial Day Sharing - Discussion took place on the 3rd year option that is part of the original Partial Day Sharing Agreement and to link the Athletic Sharing Agreement with the Partial Day Sharing Agreement.

12. Open Campus - Moved to the beginning of the meeting.

13. NHS Trip for Seniors - Moved to the beginning of the meeting.

VIII. Recognition of Staff and Students

A. "Good News Sharing"

1. The Homecoming Court is as follows: Freshman Attendants: Austin Long and Elise Rouse, Sophomore Attendants: Maddy Schnetzer and Aaron Jacks, Junior Attendants: Jared Sikora and Rylee Williamson, Senior King Candidates: Ryan Jacks, Kyle Long, Mason McGrauth, Senior Queen Candidates: Cami Buettner, Carrie Hoffman, Morgan McGrauth.

AEA Staff left at 10:00 p.m.

IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports

A. Principal Report

1. Good News
 - a. Kids are learning rules and expectations
 - b. Students are staying organized
 - c. Classroom interaction has been good
 - d. Fun getting to know the kids
 - e. Kids seem happy to be back
 - f. Awesome workshop - Sentence Writing
 - g. First Varsity VB set win
 - h. Good things happening in Sr. Prep
 - i. Schedules/Routines coming together
 - j. Early Bird Comp I is working out well
2. The Middle School Theme for 2014-15 was derived from the Complaint Free World program that the students attended on August 21 with Will Bowen: I Make My Own Lunch. The Iowa State Bank will again partner with the Middle School by providing t-shirts for all of the 5-8 students. We will also be incorporating the Complaint Free World student curriculum provided by Will Bowen into our Advisor - Advisee sessions.
3. The 5-12 staff continues to work to harness the effectiveness of the 1:1 Initiative to better meet the needs of our students. All of our core teachers are using Edmodo as an information management tool in their courses and utilize a wide variety of applications and tools available through Google and other sources to enhance learning in the classroom. The staff is appreciative of the commitment the board has shown toward providing this technology as well as the efforts put forward by Mr. Hersom on a daily basis to keep our computers and networks up and running effectively.
4. We have completed the majority of the MAP testing for grades 5-12. Most of the testing for these grades was done in the classroom using the students' computers. This allowed

- multiple groups to test at once and for the students to test in a more familiar environment.
5. I will be joining a group of 4 teachers and Mr. Borchers as we begin the first of 5 formal trainings on “Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports” (PBIS) beginning September 18th. Although we have implemented some facets of the PBIS system over the past year, this training will give us the opportunity to fully utilize PBIS for the benefit of our students.
 6. The student council is gearing up for Homecoming activities the week of September 29th
 - Coronation at Ruthven - Tuesday, September 30 @ 7:30 p.m.
 - Parade at Ruthven - Thursday, October 2 @ 2:00 p.m.
 - Parade at Graettinger - Friday, October 3 @ 2:00 p.m. (?)
 - Homecoming Game vs. Remsen Union - Friday, October 3 @ 7:00 p.m.

B. Superintendent Report

1. A sample of the new camera photos/videos was presented to the board. It showed the Senior Photos falling from the wall outside my office last Friday. A very clear picture came from the cameras that are placed at all entrances to the school.
2. A mandatory notice of the Adequate Yearly Progress and School Choice Options was sent out to the Elementary Students’ parents. The No Child Left Behind Act requires schools to assess students annually and to meet student achievement goals. If a school doesn’t meet those assessment and achievement goals (Adequate Yearly Progress) for two consecutive years, and if the school receives Title I funds, then it is placed on a federal “ Schools in Need of Assistance” or (SINA) list and subjected to federal sanctions. Schools are cited if they a) don’t meet 95% participation rate for assessments, b) don’t meet student achievement goals, or c) don’t meet attendance rate for elementary and middle schools or graduation rate for high school. Ruthven-Ayrshire was listed because students in 3-6 grades did not meet student achievement goals in reading. Therefore the school is required to offer the students the opportunity for a school choice to another school within the district that has not been designated as a school in need of assistance, for the 2014-15 school year. There is no other school within our district. Ruthven-Ayrshire remains a fully accredited school in complete compliance with the State of Iowa regulations. To improve the reading scores, Ruthven-Ayrshire is providing the following:

- Summer School Program
- Early Literacy Testing
- Elementary Literacy Team
- Professional Development
- Titan Reading Night

In addition, the Iowa Department of Education and Ruthven-Ayrshire district already have begun providing technical assistance to Ruthven-Ayrshire as required by the NCLB law. The assessment results cited by the NCLB are one useful measurement for us, but we have many other indicators to demonstrate our students’ achievement. MAP (Measures of Academic Performance) Scores - the district has achieved the annual goals for the past 2 years. DIBELS - The Kindergarten and 1st grade students have achieved their annual achievement goals for the past 2 years of testing.

3. Professional Development Day is on Friday, September 12. It will include QAR and SQ3R training. There will be training and discussion on SINA. The SINA Team will consist of Karen Bauermeister, Valerie Silliman and myself.

IX. Information Items:

1. **Teacher Leadership and Compensation** - The second day of TLC will be on Wednesday. Mr. Benedict and Mr. Woiwood will be attending. MAP Testing is being done now. Ms. Donahue and Mrs. Silliman will be doing the Fast Testing and Early Literacy Testing.
2. **Enrollment Numbers** - Mr. Woiwood presented the numbers of students per class and the totals Open Enrolled In and Out of the district. Letters will be sent to other schools to compare the counts.
3. **IASB Convention- November 19-21, Iowa Events Center, Des Moines**

- XII. Adjourn** - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.; second by Meyer. The next board meeting will be October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. or it may change to 7:30 p.m. if there is a game.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary