

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 9, 2015, 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, Ray Grandstaff, Darin Malm, Susan Sikora, Andrew Woiwood, and Kelli Harmon. Also in attendance was the AEA staff. Absent: Katie Meyer. Jon Josephson joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Bruce Long joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 6:03 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Enderson
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda; second Malm. 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** - None
- VII. Business & Action Items** -
 - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Conlon to approve the consent items. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes** -
January Board Minutes will be approved with changes.
 - b. Approval of Bills/Claims**
 - c. Financial Reports** - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.
Jon Josephson joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
 - d. Activity Calendar for March** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., March Madness was deleted. Add in the Titan Jam date.
 - e. Field Trips**
 - 1. Grades 9-12** - Attended the “No Apologies” seminar on January 26th in Spencer.
 - 2. Grade 11** - will be going to the Estherville ILCC campus for a College Fair and Tour on March 5th, 2015. They will leave Ruthven at 8:30 a.m. and return to Graettinger at 12:00 p.m. Matt Borchers and Jeremy Simington will chaperone.
 - 3. Trinity Krieg attended the Special Olympic Basketball Skills Competition** in Spirit Lake on February 20th. Trinity came in second in her division. Mary Smith and Trinity cheered on other participants and had ice cream at the Dairy Queen. Thank you to the R-A Board for letting Trinity participate.

4. 5-12 Staff requests for the following Field Trips:

- a. **College Visitation Day** - March 30th the students will visit 2 colleges. Mr. Josephson, Mr. Borchers, and 2 teachers will chaperone. Cost will include 2 buses and fuel.
- b. **Middle School Trip to Des Moines** - April 7th the Middle School students will leave at 6:30 a.m. and attend the 10:00 a.m. performance of "Lifeboat" at the Des Moines Performing Art Center. 11:30 a.m. lunch at Spaghetti Works. They will tour the Science Center of Iowa at 1:00 p.m. The students will arrive back in Ruthven at 6:30 p.m. All Middle School Staff will attend. The cost is \$10.00 per student for food, 2 buses and fuel. The Middle School will be raising money with their Minute-To-Win-It competitions. The High School students will not attend morning classes on this date. The High School will report to get on the buses at 11:30 to Graettinger.
- c. **Senior Government Trip** - April 15th (tentative) the seniors will visit the Iowa Hall of Pride and the State Capitol. They will leave at 6:30 a.m. and attend the Iowa Hall of Pride at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be at Jordan Creek at 11:15 a.m. At 12:30 p.m. they will tour the Capitol. Arrival at Ruthven will be at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Josephson and Mr. Olesen will chaperone. Cost is for the bus and fuel.
- d. **8th Grade Civics Trip** - April 23rd to Iowa Historical Museum and the State Capitol. Students will leave Ruthven at 6:30 a.m. and visit the Iowa Hall of Pride at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be at Jordan Creek at 11:15 a.m. At 12:30 p.m. the Capitol Tour and Visits will take place. They will arrive in Ruthven at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Josephson and Mr. Olesen will chaperone. Cost is for the bus and fuel.
- e. **High School Incentive trip to Minneapolis** - April 29th the High School students will be going to the Mall of America. The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. and arrive at the Mall of America at 10:30 a.m. The students will arrive back in Ruthven at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Josephson, Mr. Borchers and 2 High School teachers will attend. The cost is \$15.00 per student from Student Council, 2 buses and fuel.
- f. **5th and 6th Grade Class Trip** - May 5th the 5th and 6th grade classes will attend the Living History Farms. The bus will leave at 7:00 a.m. and arrive at Living History Farms at 10:30 a.m. The students will return to Ruthven at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Josephson and Mr Olesen will chaperone. The cost is \$7.75 per student, bus and fuel. Note: starting with 2015 we will be combining the 5th and 6th grades on this trip and doing the trip every other year. Another field trip opportunity will be planned for the off years.

2. Personnel - None

3. Student Monitoring Software - Cost Comparison. Motion by Conlon to approve the new software that will give teachers the view of all the students computers in their classroom or study halls. Students can remain in class while receiving technical support also. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

Long joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The AEA staff left at 6:45 p.m.

- 4. Board Policy 214.2 and 304.6** - Motion by Enderson to approve the 3rd and final reading of 214.2 with the changes made to the order of the agenda. Second by Long. Motion carried. Motion by Malm to approve the 2nd reading of 304.6 which states that it is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to conduct a formal evaluation of the elementary principal as part of the Superintendent evaluation when the positions are combined. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
- 5. Open Enrollment** - Motion by Conlon to approve the Open Enrollment request of Latham Rooda to Emmetsburg. The family moved into the district after the March 1st deadline. Second by Long. Motion carried.
- 6. Cooperative Sponsorship of Activity** - Motion by Long to approve the annual agreement with the list of shared activities to include Speech. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
- 7. Joint Board Meeting Agenda** - The annual Joint Board Meeting with Graettinger-Terril will be Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 p.m. in Graettinger. The agenda was reviewed.
- 8. 2015-2016 School Calendar** - There are 2 calendars to compare. One is with an early start date of August 26th and the other is a late start date of September 1st. The late start date would match with the governor's proposal. Mr. Woiwood would recommend the early start date and applying for the early start date waiver. There are some educational drawbacks to the late start date. For example, college classes starting before the school year, athletic contest starting before the start of the school year, and not being able to finish the 1st semester before Christmas break.

VIII. Recognition of Staff and Students

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

IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports

A. Principal Report

1. Despite some resistance from Mother Nature on Monday, Iowa Assessments are complete! The final Make-up Tests for grades 5-12 were administered this morning. Thanks to all staff members and especially to Pat Molitor and Brent Dyhrkopp for their excellent work on testing.
2. Friday was midterm for 3rd Quarter. All midterm grades have been posted and midterm reports were mailed to parents today.
3. I am about 70% through my third round of quarterly meetings with staff. These have been worthwhile meetings for me and the staff. It has given us a good forum to just sit down and visit about what is going on, what is going well, and what is not.
4. The 5-12 Staff spent their professional development time on the afternoon of February 3 planning for upcoming events and finalizing plans for the PBIS Titan Store. Among the activities planned were:
 - March 26 - Titan Jam for R-A seniors (6:00 p.m.)
 - March 30 - College Visitation Day. Waiting to hear from Graettinger-Terril to determine their level of participation before putting final plans in place.
 - April 7 - Middle School Trip to Des Moines:
 1. Des Moines Performing Art Center - Live Performance
 2. Science Center - Hands on Activities and Programs

3. HS Students will not attend morning classes on this date. They will report to board buses for G-T @ 11:30 a.m.
5. April 15 - Senior Government Trip to the Iowa Hall of Pride and the State Capitol
6. April 23 - 8th Grade Civics Trip to Iowa Historical Museum and the State Capitol.
7. April 29 - High School Incentive Trip to Minneapolis - Mall of America
8. May 5 - 5th and 6th Grade classes to Living History Farms.
 1. Starting with 2015 we will be combining 5th and 6th on this trip and doing every other year. Another field trip opportunity will be planned for the off years.
9. High School Students attended the “No Apologies” assembly at Spencer High School on January 16th. The message on choices, self-worth and self-determination was very good.
10. The G-T/R-A Wrestlers won the Team Title at Sectionals at Okoboji on Saturday. Kolton Roth, Cody Marlow, Alex Hoffman, Tyler Hoffman, Nate Harris, Kyle Long and Cody Thompson will advance to Districts this Saturday at Sibley. The team will compete in the Team Dual Regionals at Clarion tomorrow night @ 6:00 p.m. Congratulations to the advancing wrestlers and to the entire team for their team title!
11. The Boys’ Basketball Team secured the Twin Lakes Conference Championship with a win over Sioux Central on Friday (and Newell-Fonda’s loss to Alta-Aurelia). Congratulations to our Boys’ Basketball Players and Coaches!
12. The Girls’ Basketball team opens tournament play on Thursday vs. West Bend-Mallard at Garrigan. Tip off is at 6:00 p.m.
13. The Boys’ Basketball team will begin tournament play on Thursday, February 19th vs. the winner of West Bend-Mallard and Sioux Central at Garrigan! @ 6:30 p.m.

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

Good News Sharing - Elementary

- ALL IA testing completed.
- FAST, aReading and IGDI testing completed for winter session.
- JH sports are going well.
- 100th day of school celebration was January 30th.
- JH Show Choir will have workshop at Estherville and competition at Sloan.
- School Website now includes Facebook.

Professional Development Day on February 3rd. The staff met and talked about “Good News Sharing”. They went over the 2015-16 Calendar with an Early Start date and a Late Start Date. A District Leadership Team will be working on the Professional Development Day changes. They would like to do away with the early outs at 1:30 p.m. and have full days only for PD days. The PBiS program with Mrs. Peton and Mr. Borchers is going well with the Titan Bucks and they are working on the Titan Buck Store where the students can purchase items with the Titan Bucks they earn. On February 9th the PK-4 will be meeting with the Literacy Coach, Janie Eischen. Letters went out to parents of students that are substantially deficient in reading. The letters explained what is being done at school to help their child and what they can do to help. Contracts will be explained to these parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences. The IGDI/FAST/aReading/MAP/Iowa Assessment -

discussed data sources and where to find them. K-2 and 3-5 have been working on Guided Reading. Teachers brought their Next Step Guided Reading materials. An introduction and review of each group in Guided Reading took place. A reflection and sharing about the program was done. A syllabus can be used for course credit. The 5-12 Staff met in the Middle School/High School Library and reviewed the PBiS progress. They discussed the Middle School/High School planning.

X. Information Items:

- 1. Lighthouse Training** - The board would like to attend a Lighthouse session at Spencer School on Tuesday, March 10th at 5:00 p.m. to learn more about the Lighthouse Training. Later a decision will be made on whether to bring the Lighthouse trainers to the Ruthven-Ayrshire school.
- 2. Advocacy - Iowa House SSA Proposal, UAB-UAB revised.** The House proposal of 1.25 for FY16 and 2.45 for FY17 are shown on the information provided. Both of these are not even close to the 6% that is being suggested by the IASB. Contact our reps and let them know this is not the way to support education.
- 3. IAEP** - The district has received a refund of \$214.57 for participation in the food purchasing program for the 2013-14 school year.
- 4. Negotiations** - The Health Insurance increase will be 2.26%. We will be able to begin negotiations when we know what our new monies will be from the legislature. At this time, Mr. Woiwood has not heard from the Ruthven-Ayrshire Education Association.

XI. Adjourn - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Second by Conlon. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary