

**Unapproved  
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015, 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, Bruce Long, Darin Malm, Katie Meyer, Susan Sikora, Jon Josephson, Kelli Harmon, and Andrew Woiwood. Also in attendance were the AEA staff and R-A staff.

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 7:00 p.m. - **Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Malm
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda. Second by Meyer.  
Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. Board Learning - 5x5**  
The one time funding to schools was approved for 1.25% or a one time payment of \$55.7 million total to Iowa schools. An explanation of how to spend the money was presented by Larry Sigel.
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS**
  - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance** - None
  - 2. Received through the mail** - None
  - 3. Through Board Members** - None.
- VIII. Business & Action Items** -
  - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Malm to approve the consent items. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
    - a. Minutes** - May 18, 2015 Minutes were approved with changes.
    - b. Approval of Bills/Claims-** approve with changes.
    - c. Financial Reports** - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.
    - d. Activity Calendar for June** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held July 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
    - e. Field Trips**
      - 1. 5th Grade Science** - Ms. Kerr and the 5th Grade Class went to the Nature Center where they participated in five different stations. Recycling, conservation, water study, soil conservation, and wetland ecology. They learned and experienced many things and a live Trumpeter Swan was shown to the students at the end of the day. As a thank you to Miriam and all presenters, the class made a word search cloud using words to describe their trip.
      - 2. Music/TAG/Quiz Bowl** - Mr. Nielsen had students attend the Tri-State Middle School Honor Band - Chloe Bakken, Sayde Weller, and Brooke Doran. Koy Bakken was also to attend but was ill. Still one of the better honor bands around. Middle School Contest - Sixth graders performed prepared solos for judge Joel Pedersen from Milford. It was a good experience for these students to stand up in front of strangers and perform and receive constructive comments.  
TAG Field Trip Requests - University of Northern Iowa - Joel Sikora, Fisher Morris-McEwan, Chris Conlon, Joe Chapman, Ashton Wooten and Katie Long had

an introduction to UNI, a 60 minute science course, lunch at the UNI Dining center paid for by UNI, a 60 minute graphics demonstration and a tour of UNI's athletic facilities. Lakeside Lab - Fisher Morris-McEwan and Chris Conlon attended 4 different sessions dealing with science topics. Cutty's - The 3rd through 6th Grade TAG students presented their projects at the Cutty's Product Convention.

Mr. Woiwood accompanied them as Mr. Nielsen was in Milwaukee with NHS.

Various Dates - Algona Quiz Bowl - The team consisting of Joel Sikora, Fisher Morris-McEwan, Ashton Wooten, and Joe Chapman made 2nd in the championship series.

Vocal Music - Iowa Lakes Show Choir Clinic/Competition - The Junior High Show Choir Legacy Elite had their and Mr. Nielsen's first time experience in a show choir clinic. Accompanied by Teresa Ortman, it was an interesting and informative day.

Show Choir Competition - Westwood Jubilation Show Choir - The students had a good showing in their first ever actual competition. The students received good comments and Fisher Morris-McEwan received outstanding male soloist in the Jr. High Division.

**3. Special Olympics** - Trinity Krieg won both her events (softball throw and 400 meter dash). Jordan Murphy-Moon won her event 100 dash. The Cyclone football players, dance squad, and cheerleaders interacted with the athletes. They took photos, autographs, and even danced with the athletes. Cy and Gruff the Crime Dog were available for photos. They could get their nails painted, get airbrushed tattoos, and make bracelets or necklaces. Many other activities were available.

**4. 3rd Grade to Nature Center** - Thank you to the board for allowing the 3rd Graders to visit the Nature Center on May 11th. Mrs. Bauermeister had planned on taking the class to Emmetsburg to the Little House replica and experience a day on the prairie, but the weather didn't cooperate. Many activities involving the prairie were enjoyed by the students.

**#13. Summer Projects- Bell System** - This would replace our old system, using the new phone system that will be installed. Motion by Long to approve the purchase of the bell system with the phone system as one of our summer projects. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

**2. Personnel** - Motion by Malm to approve the sharing positions as presented. Curriculum Director - Chris Myers - 20% with GT, Guidance - Matt Borchers - 50% with GT, Family/Consumer Science - 20% with GT, Industrial Tech - Chad McDonald - 20% with GT, Maintenance - Gary Edwards - 20% with GT, Library - Emelia Gulck - 20% with Spencer, Art - John Clouse - 37.5% to GT - Contract to sign, Superintendent - Andrew Woiwood - 40% to GT - Contract to sign, School Nurse - \$2.045 - Palo Alto County Health System. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

**3. Business Management Services Contract** - Motion by Enderson to approve the business management contract with the Prairie Lakes AEA for Business Management Services. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

**4. Bank Depository** - Motion by Malm to approve Iowa State Bank and Farmers Trust as the depositories for the district. Second by Long. Motion carried.

**5. Approve 2015 Graduates** - Motion by Enderson to approve the 2015 graduates. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.

**6. Open Enrollment** - Motion by Long to approve the open enrollment of Anthony Garber. He is an 8th Grader in Emmetsburg who moved after the March 1st deadline. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

7. **Transportation Report 2015-16** - Motion by Conlon to approve the end of year transportation report. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
  8. **Advertise for Milk, Bread, Gas and Diesel Bids** - Motion by Meyer to approve the asking of bids for milk, bread, gas and diesel for 2015-2016. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
  9. **Skills Iowa Agreement for 2015-16** - Motion by Conlon to approve the Skills Iowa Agreement that provides an assessment/tutorial program for \$8,250.00. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
  10. **Inter-District Transportation Agreement** - Motion by Malm to approve the Inter-District Transportation Agreement that is the same agreement with neighboring districts as last year. Second by Long. Motion carried.
  11. **Mid-Iowa School Improvement Consortium (MISIC) Contract** - Motion by Conlon to approve the annual renewal of the MISIC contract. The cost is \$488.00. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
  12. **Grant Wood AEA Computer Services Agreement** - Motion by Long to approve the Computer Services Agreement with Grant Wood AEA. The agreement is \$5,310.00 and will be paid out of the PPEL fund. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
  13. **Summer Projects - Bell System** - Was moved to the first item after the consent items to be discussed.
  14. **Write to Learn - Added item.** - Motion by Malm to approve a contract with ISFIS to provide a software program that will analyze and critique student writing. This is for 5-12 teachers. The cost would be \$1,949.25 for the software and \$1,000 for the training. PPEL funds will pay for the software and the Teacher Quality Professional Development funds will pay for the training. Second by Meyer. Motion carried.
  15. **Career Connect - Added item** - Motion by Conlon to approve the Iowa Lakes Community College Career Connect Contract to provide courses to R-A students. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
- AEA Staff left at 9:00 p.m.**

#### **IX. Recognition of Staff and Students**

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

#### **X. Principal/Superintendent Reports**

##### **A. Principal Report - Mr. Josephson**

1. 4th Quarter and Second Semester Honor Rolls and Perfect Attendance.
2. Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hoben, and I have been working with a group of high school students to offer opportunities for credit recovery for courses failed in the past school year. We have 6 students participating and so far the success rate looks very promising. Students are working on their course completion through Odysseyware and are being monitored by Mrs. Hoben and myself.
3. Mrs. Kirk, along with 5 soon to be student teachers from Buena Vista University have been conducting a summer reading school for students in grades 5-8. Participation has been strong and it appears the students and teachers are having a lot of fun while working on their reading skills.
4. The Athletic Sharing Meeting will be Thursday, June 25th.

##### **B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report**

1. Ms. Donahue is teaching summer school for the Kindergarten through 2nd Grades. Three of the seven students are attending. They are doing well. Mrs. Bauermeister and Ms. Schoning will be teaching a summer reading program for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students. It will start Monday, July 27th and run through August 6th. The students will meet from 9:00 a.m.

to 11:30 a.m.

**XI. Information Items:**

1. **Administrative Retreat** - The administrative staff of Ruthven-Ayrshire and Graettinger-Terril met at the Nature Center on June 2nd to review the 2014-15 school year and continue planning for the 2015-16 school year.
2. **Summer 2014 Projects Update** - The approved summer projects have been started.
3. **Fire Safety Report** - Woiwood presented the Fire Safety Report to the board. A correction plan has been submitted

**XIII. Adjourn** - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Second by Meyer. Motion carried. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

***Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary***