

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2015, 7:30 PM
Room 214 - Board Room

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

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 7:30 p.m. - Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Enderson
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Conlon to approve the agenda. Second by Enderson.
Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. PUBLIC HEARING** - Budget Adjustment presented by Josh Bader of the AEA. Motion by Enderson to approve the Budget Adjustment. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
- VI. Board Learning - 5x5 and PBIS Team.**
 1. 5x5 Discussion on 1) Iowa State Penny for Infrastructure Distribution 2) School Budget - Aid & Levy Review, Tax Rate, and reminder to Amend 3) Finance: State Cost per Pupil vs. District Cost per Pupil 4) Information: Factmap groupings updated 5) Services: 2015 ISFIS Conference May 21st and background checks. Reminder to have them done every 5 years.
 2. PBIS presentation by Matt Borchers, Kristina Kerr, Tim Nielsen, Chris Olesen and Audrey Peton.
Bruce Long joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- VII. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance**
 - a. National Honor Society Trip Report - Andy Geelan, Nick Josephson, and Jared Sickora presented the learning experiences and fun had by the NHS students on the trip to Milwaukee.
 - 2. Received through the mail** - A Thank-You from the family of Norman Nielsen, a Thank-You to the board from the 5-12th Grade and Staff, Also a Thank-You to the board from the PK-4th Grade and Staff.
 - 3. Through Board Members** - Sikora asked the administration to check into the "Every 15 Minutes" program on drunk driving for the students.
- VIII. Business & Action Items** -
 - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Malm to approve the consent items. Second by Long. Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes** - April 13, 2105 Minutes were approved with changes.

b. Approval of Bills/Claims

c. Financial Reports - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.

d. Activity Calendar for June - The regular School Board Meeting will be held June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

e. Field Trips

1. Farm Day - K-4 to Terril - GT/FFA sponsored event - made soil cups and learned about animals and farming.

2. Aviation Day - Five High School students went to the Estherville Airport with the Iowa Lakes Community College Staff and Mr. Borchers on April 30th. The students were given information on Aviation Careers. They also were given an airplane ride.

3. Special Olympics - Mrs. Smith will be taking the Special Olympic Athletes to the State meet in Ames on May 22-23. Trinity Krieg qualified for both the softball throw and the 400 meter run. Jordan Murphy qualified for the 100 meter dash.

4. Preschool & Kindergarten to Sanford Museum - Ms. Donahue, Ms. Williams, and Mrs. Tindall took Preschool and Kindergarten students to Cherokee to the Sanford Museum and Planetarium on Wednesday, April 1st. They learned about animal tracks and constellations and visited the planetarium. The students ate at Pizza Ranch and went to Spring Lake Park.

5. First Grade to Wellness Center - Ms. Schoning took the First Grade class to the Wellness Center for their health and fitness unit. The students listed what they enjoyed most. For example: Mia passed the deep end test and played badminton. Luke sailed in the boat and searched for underwater eggs.

6. Fourth Grade Educational Partners - Agriculture and Kids Trip - Mrs. Sikora took the class to the Palo Alto County Fairgrounds on May 6th. The students learned about how agriculture is used in our daily lives. They visited several stations on egg production, biofuels, chores, products produced by sheep, cattle and pigs, soybeans in our foods and items we use, by-products of corn and soybeans, and how pollution has affected our soil.

2. Personnel - Motion by Conlon to approve Chris Olesen as the Assistant Football Coach with a salary of \$3,334.00. Second by Malm. Abstain: Sikora. Motion carried.

Motion by Long to approve Hillary Pico as JH Softball Coach with a salary of \$2,076. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

Motion by Conlon to approve the Summer Custodial Help of two students at \$9.00/hr. or a total of \$3,875.50 for both. This is for 25 days during the summer. Second by Long. Motion carried.

Motion by Conlon to approve Katie Flannegan as Technology Assistant for \$9.25/hr. or a total of \$2,156.72. This is for 25 days during the summer. Second by Long. Motion carried.

Motion by Enderson to approve to pay Mrs. Kirk for the Early Bird Dual Enrolled Class for \$5,152.96 to be reviewed on an annual basis. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

Industrial Tech Instructor was hired in Graettinger. They will be teaching the 1st Period in Ruthven. Extra pay and or mileage will be determined.

Motion by Malm to accept the resignation of Stefanie Kirk as Speech Coach for 2015-16 school year with suitable replacement. The board would like to thank Stefanie Kirk for her many years of excellent service as Speech Coach. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

Motion by Conlon to approve the termination of the PK-12 Secretary, Sofia Benedict. Second by Long. Motion carried.

- 3. Palo Alto County Gaming Grant Projects** - Motion by Enderson to approve the project list for the Palo Alto County Gaming Grant. Items listed were a phone system estimated at \$23,368 and Curriculum Materials \$1,928. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
 - 4. 2015-2016 Master Contract** - Motion by Conlon to approve the Master Contract for 2015-2016. The contracts will be issued. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
 - 5. Use of Facilities - Bully Bullhead Weekend** - Motion by Malm to approve the use of the ball fields for slow pitch softball, bags, and volleyball during the Annual Bully Bullhead Celebration. Second by Long. Motion carried.
 - 6. Technology Purchase - Gaggle** - Motion by Grandstaff to approve the purchase of Gaggle as an apps filtering service. It will take place of Google Vault and is more efficient. Second by Long. Motion carried.
- The AEA Staff left at 9:50 p.m.**
- 7. Summer School for 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and 5th -8th** - Motion by Malm to approve Summer School offering reading for students that qualify in grades 1st and 2nd, 3rd and 4th, and 5th thru 8th grade. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
 - 8. PPEL Purchase - Scrubber** - Motion by Conlon to approve the purchase of a rechargeable scrubber for floors and the gym for \$3,500. Compare pricing with an electric version. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
 - 9. Infinite Campus - Renewal** - Motion by Enderson to approve the renewal of the Infinite Campus student information system. Second by Long. Motion carried.
 - 10. SAI Mentoring and Induction Agreement** - Motion by Malm to approve the signing of the SAI Mentoring and Induction Agreement. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
 - 11. Administrative and Non-Certified Salaries** - Motion by Conlon to approve the salaries of the administrative and non-certified staff. Motion was made after the Exempt Session. Second by Long. Motion carried.
 - 12. Specialty Underwriters Insurance** - Motion by Long to approve the renewal of the Specialty Underwriters Insurance Equipment Breakdown Policy. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

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. The R-A National Honor Society Students traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 22-26 for their annual field trip.
2. 5 High School students participated in Aviation Day at ILCC on Thursday, April 30.
3. 23 High School students qualified for and attended the incentive trip to Minneapolis on Wednesday, May 6. The remainder of the students attended school that day and completed

- a presentation on the importance of grades and attendance. 2 students have not yet completed the assignment and will need to do so tomorrow afternoon.
4. National Honor Society Induction was held on Thursday, May 7 - Kelsi Eaton, Maya Cacek, Cole Reiman, and Eric Sundall were the new inductees.
 5. On May 8 the 5th Graders participated in the annual Conservation Day sponsored by the Palo Alto County Conservation Board.
 6. Mr. Olesen and I accompanied the 5th and 6th Grade to Living History Farms on Monday, May 11th for a great day of hands-on learning of Iowa History.
 7. 7th and 8th Grade students conducted their annual Mock Trial last week. Due to conflicts at both the Palo Alto and Clay County Courthouses, the students “constructed” their own courtroom in the Library and did the trial there. Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam were found guilty of the Murder of Emmet Till.
 8. On May 13, 5-12 students participated in 2 very important activities. We started the day with both a live auction and a silent auction where the students could spend the Titan Bucks they earned throughout the school year. Thanks to Chuck Sikora for auctioneering and to the staff for arranging the amazing auction items. After the auction the students broke out in Advisor/Advisee and Quality School Teams and performed Community Service around the community including the cemetery, the Care Center, and Huston Park.
 9. Senior Week Activities:
 - a. Wednesday, May 13, Senior Awards/Baccalaureate
 - b. Friday, May 15, Graduation Rehearsal and Senior Day
 - i. The seniors traveled to Fort Dodge where they dined at Mineral City and then enjoyed the many activities at Fort Frenzy.
 - c. Graduation was held Sunday, May 17th. 19 Graduates received their Diplomas. Congratulations to the graduates and their families and as well as the teaching staff that guided them academically to achieving this milestone!
 10. 4th Quarter will end tomorrow. Everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved summer break.
 11. Middle School Reading Summer School will be conducted June 2 - 19. A team of to-be student teachers from Buena Vista University will assist Mrs. Kirk in this endeavor as part of their summer preparation courses. Approximately 20 students will be involved.
 12. 4 of our G-T/R-A track boys advanced to the state meet at the District Qualifying Meet on Thursday. Marcus Girres will compete in the 200m and 400m. We also qualified in the Medley Relay with Michael Girres, Ethan Eldridge, Marcus Girres, and Jacob Conlon. Alternates for the Medley are Eric Sundall and Kolton Roth.
 13. High School Baseball and Softball practices are underway. Games begin Tuesday with the boys playing at Sibley and the girls playing at Alta.

Thank You:

1. A huge thank you to the entire 5-12 Staff for their hard work and dedication in planning
2. all of the special trips and activities that occurred during the 4th Quarter. Their dedication to our students and the success of our school is appreciated.
3. Thank you to the Board of Education for all you have done over the past several years to

assure the continued quality of education for our students and your support of our facility and staff through the many transitions we have made.

Good News Sharing:

- PBIS Auctions and Community Service went really well
- Great 5-6 Field Trip to Living History Farms
- 7-8 Mock Trial went well
- Up to 6 of our HS track boys may have qualified for state!
- Track and field was good but WET!
- Aviation day went well
- Some strong individual performances and personal improvements in JH Track

B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report

IGDI/FAST/aReading - The aReading scores show how well the students reading comprehension has improved and the FAST testing shows how fast the students can read. The information shows the improvements and areas needing improvement.

MAP Proficient, MAP and IA Advanced Proficient - These tests show how well the students have improved in Reading, Math and Science with both MAP testing and Iowa Assessments. They also show how the advanced students improve.

End of the Year Professional Development Days - A schedule for the PD days on May 20, 21, 22, 26, 27 and 28th was given to the staff. The staff will be working on a process/action plan for teaching Test Taking Strategies and Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Skills and Tie this to Individual Professional Development Plan. Committees were set up to have them meet and see what was completed this year and what is the plan for 2015-2016. The PBIS Committees will meet. There will be a Coaches/Sponsors Meeting. Then Debrief Data Analysis work by each building will be done to see what skills/content need additional focus. Also, they will decide how it will be accomplished. On Friday, May 22 the staff will be working on Curriculum Manager/Course Syllabus/etc. and other approved individual plans. New and untrained teachers will be attending the APL training on Tuesday and Wednesday May 26th and 27th.

XI. Information Items:

- 1. Administrative Retreat** - June 2nd is the retreat. What's coming up for the next year and evaluations will be done at this time. .
- 2. ISFLS Conference is May 21st - on Solar Energy** - Let Harmon know if you are interested in going.
- 3. Last Day of School for 2014-2015** - We have completed 1085:05 Hours and 175 days.

XII. Exempt Session - Went into Exempt Session at 10:30 p.m. Determination of Administrative and Non -Classified Salaries. A salaries chart is provided and a summary of salary and benefits. **Back into regular session at 10:50 p.m. Number 11. of Business & Action items was completed at this time.**

XIII. Adjourn - Motion by Malm to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. Second by Enderson. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary

