

Unapproved
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017, 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,, Stephanie Fay, Darin Malm, Heather Ruehle, Susan Sikora, Kelli Harmon, Jon Josephson and Andrew Woiwood. Also in attendance on Skype: Josh Bader, Michelle Dowd, and Jann Murphy from the AEA. Absent: Bruce Long.

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** - Fay
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda. Second by Conlon. 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 - There have been many compliments on the new sidewalks and railings.
- VII. Business & Action Items** -
 - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Fay to approve the consent items. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes** - October 9, 2017 Board Minutes were approved as it.
 - b. Approval of Bills/Claims**
 - c. Financial Reports**
 - Insurance - ACA- Health Insurer Fee**
There will be a 3.4% increase or \$27.15 for covered employee per month.
School cost is \$3,746.70 for the year.
 - d. Activity Calendar for December** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The Board Coffee will be from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. The Board and Teacher meeting will be at 4:00 p.m.
 - e. Field Trips** - None
 - 2. NHS Trip Presentation** - NHS students, Jacob Conlon and Fisher Morris- McEwan, presented the annual NHS trip proposal. Motion by Long to approve the NHS trip to Kansas City. Second by Fay. Motion carried. **Long joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
 - 3. Palo Alto County Mini Grant** - Motion by Long to approve the Stage Lighting Grant by Mr. Nielsen for submission to the Palo Alto County Gaming for grant consideration. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
 - 4. Personnel** - Motion by Conlon to approve the resignation of Ryan Sikora as the JH Girls Basketball Coach. Second by Malm. Motion carried. Abstain: Sikora. Motion made by Long to accept the contracts for Sadie Poldevaart, JH Girls Basketball and Kyle Norris, Varsity Softball. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
 - 5. Open Enrollment** - Motion by Enderson to approve the Open Enrollment of a 2nd Grade student and a 4th Grade student to Graettinger-Terril. Motion was also made for a 9th Grade student to Open Enroll to Emmetsburg. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

6. **Board Policies - 204, 506.1, 506.1R1, 506.1E1-8, 506.2, 506.2R1 and 506.2E1-** Motion by Malm to approve the updates for the board policies of 204, 506.1, 506.1R1, 506.1E1-8, 506.2, 506.2R1 and 506.2E1. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
7. **Activities Drivers - Costs.** Motion by Malm to approve making the drivers pay for activities the same per trip for both R-A and G-T as part of the Sharing Agreement. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

VIII. Recognition of Staff and Students

A. “Good News Sharing” -

IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports

A. Principal Report - Mr. Josephson -

1. Good News - Sharing/Recognition
 - a. Carnival. Haunted House and Dance were a great success!
 - b. Beautiful weather for raking! Students did a fantastic job!
 - c. MS Boys Basketball has a good start to beginning of the season.
 - d. MS PBIS celebration went well.
 - e. Conferences were positive and enjoyable.
 - f. Matinee went well and they are ready to go!
 - g. JH Basketball is going well.
 - h. Good discussion with 6th graders in guidance.
 - i. The Titan L.I.F.E. program went well, now the High Schoolers are anxious to “get back at it”.
 - j. “Donor” has provided money for the cast party.
 - k. Overall 1st Quarter grades were very good!
 - l. Middle School T-shirts are in and look great! Thanks to Iowa State Bank!
 - m. Juniors really stepped up with the Haunted House!
2. The Veteran’s Day program on Friday, November 10th involved the participation of several of our High School Students as well as the National Anthem and a musical number involving all 5-8 music students.
3. The G-T/R-A Drama Department presented “The Bermuda Triangle Getaway” on November 10 and 11 under the direction of Mrs. Stefanie Kirk. Good crowds were present both nights.
4. Parent-Teacher Conferences were held October 30th and November 2nd. Over 70% of our 5-12 families attended one or more conference with over 90% of the 5-8 families participating.
5. Middle School Students provided community service by raking leaves for senior citizens in The Ruthven- Lost Island area on Tuesday., November 7. Students were treated to a taco-in-a-bag supper at the Ruthven Community Care Center when they finished.
7. First Quarter Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance have been released. Middle School and High School Assemblies will be held on Wednesday, November 15 to recognize these students. We will also recognize the Students of the Month.
7. Midterm for 2nd quarter is next Tuesday, November 21st. End of 2nd Quarter /1st Semester will be on Friday, December 22nd.
8. Mr. Borchers currently has registration for Spring Semester ILCC classes. It is underway.
9. The Middle School Staff is currently working to plan the Spring Middle School Field Trip. This year, we will “return” to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre in Minneapolis on April 4 to see the Broadway Musical “Newsies”. Proceeds from the Carnival and other fundraisers throughout the year will be used to cover the cost. We will also be seeking outside donations and sponsors to help cover the \$3800.00 cost of tickets.
10. The Fall Athletic Banquet will be held on Thursday, November 16th at Ruthven. Congratulations

to the volleyball team on their 8th place finish in the Twin Lakes and for making it 2nd Round on the Regional Tournament. Congratulations to the Football team who finished 3rd in our District.

11. High School Girls Basketball and Cheerleading practices began last week. Boys Basketball and Wrestling Practices began today. The Junior High Boys Basketball season is already under way.

B. Superintendent- Mr. Woiwood

Professional Development- Wednesday Early Outs -

R-A Elementary - The Elementary teachers are working on the Fastbridge Website. The focus is on Interventions and Progress Monitoring.

R-A MS/HS - The Middle School and High School are working on Individual Growth Plans.

Elementary Teachers have been meeting with Tricia and Becky for Guided Reading and on-going support for reading instruction and resources.

A talk on Differentiated Accountability for Assessments is on Nov. 14th and 15th.

Teacher Leadership and Compensation - TLC - Mrs. Masters has provided the SMORE presentation on What's Happening in Our Schools.

State Reporting - The SBRC application for on time funding - due December 1st. The application was approved by the board and submitted.

The Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk Dropout Prevention - due December 15th. Working with Ranae Sipma on our on-going At-Risk Plan.

The Desk Audit has been submitted.

Test Assurances have been submitted.

Parent/Teacher Conferences - The elementary attendance for the Parent/Teacher Conferences was 73/77 = 95%. Those that did not make the conferences have been contacted and rescheduled.

Athletic Sharing Meeting - Overview on the items discussed at the meeting. The agenda was presented to the board.

Church - Caroling - The Zion Lutheran Church would like to use our buses for caroling.

Up-Coming Events - 1) The Delegate Assembly and IASB Convention is November 15 and 16. 2) November 22nd we will have an early out for Thanksgiving, 3) Christmas Break will begin December 22nd at 2:30 p.m.

X. Information Items:

1. **IASB Convention** - November 15th is the Delegate Assembly and November 16th is the Convention. Final plans for those planning on attending.

XI. Adjourn - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Second by Fay.

Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m. The Board Coffee will be at 3:30 p.m. The Board/Teacher Meeting will be at 4:00 p.m.

XII. Closed Session (Requested) - Superintendent Evaluation - XIII. Adjourn Closed Session -

Motion by Enderson to adjourn the Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. Second by Long. Motion carried.

Susan Sikora, Board President

Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary