

**Unapproved**  
**Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 14, 2018, 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, Bruce Long, Susan Sikora, Jon Josephson, Andrew Woiwood and Kelli Harmon. Also in attendance was Josh Bader, AEA, skyped in. Guests: Brian Hersom, Amy Sikora, Mary Smith, Fisher Morris-McEwan and Madelyn Martini. All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted. Absent: Heather Ruehle.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Conlon
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda with the addition of #12. Palo Alto County Hospital - Nurse Contract. Second by Long. Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. School Board Recognition** - Woiwood - Thank you to the School Board!
- VI. Board Learning ;**
  - 1. April 5x5 - 1)** Iowa Related - Nationwide soybeans will exceed corn growth. In Iowa corn will exceed soybeans by 20 to 30%. **2)** School Related - Closing Days of the General Assembly. There is an extension of the sales tax. **3)** Finance - Amend the current year budget by May 30th **4)** Information - Legislative Summary is available. Please look for this. **5)** Services - The School Finance Conference is June 15th in Ankeny. Reminder that the May Natural Gas Contracts are due. It's a good time to get bids.
  - 2. Casey Mikula - Apptegy - Mobile App** - Casey Mikula presented information on Apptegy. This is a mobile app that will allow school information on multiple media at one time. A web page will also be available.
  - 3. Fastbridge Testing** - Mrs. Smith presented the results of the Fastbridge Testing. Smith explained The different tests that are done and how the teachers will work with the students for improvement.
- VII. Communications**
  - 1. Citizens or organizations in attendance** - Fisher Morris-McEwan and Madelyn Martini reported on the Nation Honor Society trip to Kansas City.
  - 2. Received through the mail** - EMC Insurance awarded R-A with being in the top 50% of the Iowa Safety Group for Workman's Comp.
  - 3. Through Board Members** - Compliments were given on our Graduation Ceremony. It was done professionally and the traditions kept were appreciated.
- VIII. Business & Action Items -**
  - 1. Consent Items** - Motion made by Conlon to approve the consent items. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
    - a. Minutes** - April 9 & 10, 2018 Minutes were approved as is.
    - b. Approval of Bills/Claims**

**d. Financial Reports** - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.

**e. Activity Calendar for June** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**f. Field Trips**

1. The 2nd Grade gave a report on their trip to the Nature Center on May 1st.
2. PK-8 Field Trip to Terril - FFA Farm Day on May 3rd.
3. 1st Grade Trip to Estherville Wellness Center - May 4th.
4. PK and Kindergarten presented reports on their trip to the Nature Center on May 4th.
5. The Preschool gave a report on their trip to the Cherokee Planetarium.

- 2. Administrative and Non-Certified Salaries** : Motion by Malm to approve discussing the Superintendent and Principal salaries at the June Board Meeting. Malm also made a motion to approve the 1.56% raise increase for the administrative salaries. The Non-Certified salaries were approved a 24 cent raise for those with satisfactory reviews. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 3. Summer Projects** - Motion by Fay to approve the Summer Projects with the approved vendor and cost listed. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
- 4. Personnel** -Motion by Enderson to approve the the resignations of Hannah Zylstra, Middle School Reading/Language Teacher and Larry Swingen, PK-12 Physical Education and Health Teacher. Second by Conlon. Motion carried. Motion by Malm to approve the resignation of Kristina Kerr pending suitable replacement. Second by Fay. Motion carried. Motion by Conlon to approve the hiring contracts for Megan Geelan, Middle School Reading/Language, and Sadie Poldervaart, JH Softball and JV Volleyball. Second by Fay, Motion carried.
- 5. AEA Finance Team Agreement** - Motion by Fay to approve the renewal of the AEA Business Manager Agreement for 2018-2019. Second by Conlon. Motion Carried.
- 6. Use of Facilities - Bully Bullhead Weekend** - Motion was made by Malm to approve the use of and bus barn will be open for tours, alumni basketball game and meal. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 7. Summer School - Grades 1, 2 and 3** - Motion by Long to approve the Summer School Reading program for students that qualify in grades 1, 2 and 3. Mrs. Bauermeister and Mrs. Smith will be the teachers. A letter will be sent out to the families. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 8. Fee Schedule 18-19** - Motion was made by Malm to approve the Fee Schedule with the increase for student lunches to \$2.65 and Adult meals to \$3.65. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 9. Interdistrict Transportation** - Motion by Enderson to leave the Interdistrict Transportation Agreement the same as last year. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 10. Board Policies - 700 Series - Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 - 706.2** - Motion by Enderson to approve the board policies 700 series with the changes where necessary from Board Secretary to Business Manager. Policy 706. 2 is approved with the new language. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 11. Timeclock Plus** - Motion by Malm to approve joining with the G-T contract and splitting the cost of Timeclock Plus. Second by Fay. Motion carried.
- 12. Palo Alto County Hospital - Nurse Contract for 2018-19** - Motion by Conlon to approve the 2018-19 Nurse Services Contract with Palo Alto County Hospital. Second by Long. Motion carried.

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

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

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

### **A. Principal Report/Good News Sharing: Congratulations to the Class of 2018!**

**Congratulations to our State Track Qualifiers!!!** The State Meet will start next Thursday, May 17th thru May 19th.

- The G-T/R-A Boys Golf Team advanced to the District Meet in Fort Dodge on Thursday.
  - Middle School Concert went well and 7-12 Band/Vocal Concert was excellent.
  - New Bus was delivered!
  - Fisher Morris-McEwan represented the G-T/R-A Music Department at The Outstanding Vocalist Recital at Iowa State University Music Hall on May 9.
1. National Honor Society Induction - May 9th - Emily Capps, Lauren Josephson, Katie Long, Joel Sikora and Sayde Weller are our new inductees.
  2. On May 11th our 5th Graders participated in the annual Conservation Day sponsored by the Palo Alto County Conservation Board.
  3. The 5-8 Band/Vocal Concert was on May 9th. Outstanding performances by all.
  4. 4th Quarter will end with Semester Tests on Thursday and Friday this week. For the final 3.5 days of school, Middle School students will participate in Leadership Academy while the High School students participate in May Term.
  5. High School Baseball and Softball practices are underway. Games begin Tuesday with the boys hosting Sibley at Ruthven and the girls traveling to Estherville on Wednesday.

### **B. Superintendent Report**

**Professional Development** - May 25th and May 29th. The teachers will do end of the year data collection and analysis. Checkout will be on May 29th.

#### **Teacher Leadership and Compensation -TLC**

**Enjoy the April 2018 edition of “What’s Happening at School?”** Here is the link <https://www.smores.com/9exua>.

**State Reporting** - 1) SRI - Test site is open - and it is due June 22nd. 2) Spring BEDS are due June 21st. 3) District Information is due June 15th. The AYP is not open.

**Master Calendar 2018-2019** - There are changes to reschedule APL on October 18, 2018.

**Upcoming Events** -Last Day of School - Thursday, May 24th at 11:30 a.m.

## **XI. Information Items:**

1. **Administrative Retreat** - June 1st - This retreat is for administration to regroup and review the past year and get things going for 2018-2019.

## **XII. Closed Session - Code 21.5 (1)j. - The board went into a Closed Session at 10:40 p.m.**

**Roll Call In:** Conlon, Enderson, Fay, Long, Malm, Sikora. All Ayes.

The board discussed the negotiations to purchase real estate. A close session was requested for the Superintendent Evaluation Review.

**Roll Call Out at 11:52 p.m.:** Conlon, Enderson, Fay, Long, Malm Sikora. All Ayes.

## **XIII. Adjourn** - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 p.m. Second by Fay.

Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

***Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary***