

**Unapproved**  
**Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, March 9, 2020, 6:00 PM**  
**Room 214 - Board Room**

The Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education held its regular meeting with the following in attendance; Jill Conlon, Tracy Enderson, Stephanie Fay, Bruce Long, Darin Malm, Heather Ruehle, Susan Sikora, Jon Josephson, Andrew Woiwood, Kelli Harmon and Alyssa Enderson. Also in attendance: Joseph Hopper from the Spencer Daily Reporter.

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** - President Long at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Malm
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda; second by Sikora. Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Long
- 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 Fay to approve the consent items. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
    - a. Minutes - February 11, 2020** - Approved as is.
    - b. Approval of Bills/Claims**
    - c. Financial Reports** - Presented by Alyssa Enderson, School Business Official.
    - d. Activity Calendar for April** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 14, 2020 with the Budget Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m.
    - e. Field Trips**
      1. March 5th - The Junior Class attended the Career Fair at ILCC in Estherville.
      2. March 10th - The Seniors will take their Government Trip to the State Capitol in DesMoines.
      3. April 2nd - The Anatomy Class will visit the Cadaver Lab.
      4. April 7th - The Sophomores will visit ILCC for the Career Expo Day.
      5. April 15th - the High School will have College Visit Day.
      6. May 8th - The State Large Group Music will take place.
  - 2. Athletic Complex** - Woiwood gave an update on the progress of the Athletic Complex. Malm made the motion to approve the MIDAMERICAN Contract for the Construction Underground Service Extension Proposal for the above ground project. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

Sikora made a motion to approve the purchase of the John Deere X380 mower for \$5000 to be used on the new athletic fields only. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

Ruehle made the motion to approve the quote from Graves for leveling of the dirt in front of the Backstop. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

Motion by Enderson to approve the Backstop/Padding for 43" top of the wall to just above dirt. And also to level the dirt. Second by Sikora. Motion carried.

Motion by Enderson to approve the new sheds, one for Softball and one for Baseball/Football combined with the amounts under \$10,000. Second by Ruehle. Motion carried.

The board discussed the use of black dirt from parking in swales, to be use to raise the level of Drains. Josephson will look into the fertilizer for the fields. A job description will be posted for help with the maintenance of the new athletic field area.

Larson Engineering provided a completion list and Mr. Woiwood presented it to the board.

Mr. Woiwood gave a Construction Update from the last Construction Meeting.

- 3. Prom Update** - Prom is Saturday, April 25th. The theme is "Alice in Wonderland." Pictures are before the Grand March at 3:00 p.m. Sign up with Malorie Girres. 7:00-7:30 is the Grand March in Graettinger. Students will leave Graettinger by 7:45 for the dinner in Ruthven at 8:00 p.m. 8 to 9 is the dinner. Hy-Vee in Algona is catering. 9 to 12 is the dance in Ruthven. 12:00 on will be Post Prom at the Wellness Center in Emmetsburg. Decorating will be by select students in G-T with Mr. Quin or Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. Wyborny in R-A after school on April 26.
- 4. Personnel** - Motion was made by Sikora to approve the new start date for the Superintendent to April 1, 2020 and to extend the payments to 15 with the same contracted amount that was agreed upon. A motion was made by Sickora to approve the switching of teachers Mrs. Magana and Mrs. Hersom for the 1st grade class. Sikora also made a motion to approve the cost of Driver's Ed to \$295.00 for resident students and \$395 for nonresident students. This will increase the pay for the teacher \$20.00 per student. Second all motions by Fay. Motion carried.
- 5. Budget Hearing FY21 Date, Time and Review - FY21 Budget** - The FY21 Budget Document was reviewed. The Budget Hearing will be held on April 14th at the School Board Meeting.
- 6. Open Enrollment Applications:** Malm made a motion to approve the Open Enrollments for JG, CH, IH, JH, and LH to Emmetsburg. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.
- 7. Palo Alto County Gaming Grant Award** - Motion by Sikora to approve the Palo Alto County Gaming Grant in the amount of \$25,296 and the Shared School Award of \$50,000. R-A received \$10,000 from the shared award. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.
- 8. Summer Projects** - The board reviewed the list of possible summer projects. A list for approval will be presented at the April board meeting.
- 9. Bank Deposit Resolution** - Motion by Malm to approve the increase in the deposit limit to \$4,000,000 that was suggested by the auditors. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.

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

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

## **IX. Principal/Superintendent Reports**

### **A. Principal Report**

#### **Good News Sharing:**

- Congratulations to the GT/RA Wrestling Team for a great State Tournament. Treyton Cacek placed 2nd at 182 lbs. Spencer Roth placed 7th at 160 lbs. Titan Nation was represented by over 100 fans during the 3 day tournament.
- Madison Hough was named to the Twin Lakes 1st Team as well as All-District.

- Sayde Weller advanced to State Speech in Public Address and Poetry.
  - Great HS Pops Concert at Graettinger March 5th.
1. We will be administering the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress, (ISASP), the week of March 16th.
  2. The 3rd Qtr. will end Friday, March 13. Grades are due at 8:00 am Monday. Conferences will be Tuesday, March 17 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 19th from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. The NHS will serve supper both nights: Taco Bar on Tuesday and Potato Bar on Thursday.
  3. The GT/RA HS Drama and Music Departments are preparing for the Musical “Nunsense” which will be performed Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Terril Gym. Mr. Benedict is directing with the assistance of Mrs. Sexe and Mrs. Doerder. Special thanks to John Clouse for assistance with the set.
  4. The R-A Middle School Drama and Vocal Departments are currently conducting rehearsals for their Spring Play. It will be performed at Ruthven under the direction of Mrs. Kirk on April 5th and 6th.
  5. The R-A Middle School Drama Department is currently conducting rehearsals for their Musical that will be performed on April 3rd and 4th. Mrs. Kirk and Mr. Nielsen are directing the play. It will be in Ruthven.
  6. The Middle School Staff is planning the Annual Middle School Trip. This year’s trip will be to the Omaha Zoo.
  7. Prom will be Saturday, April 25th. Grand March will be at Graettinger at 7:00 p.m. The

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Meal and Dance will be in Ruthven. After Prom will be at the Wellness Center in Emmetsburg.

8. Titan Jam will be Thursday, April 2nd starting at 6:00 p.m. We will need to know which board members can commit to that evening.
9. Track practices have started. We will have students competing at the BVU Indoor next Friday.
10. Golf practices start next week.

#### **B. Superintendent Report**

**Professional Development** - Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) tests are being given the week of March 16th. This is online testing for 3rd and 4th grades.

**Teacher Leadership and Compensation** - TLC - February- <https://www.smore.com/jbr4f> and TLC National Convention is in Indianapolis on March 26-29th. Becky Masters, Cheryl Harris and Emily Doerder plan on attending.

**State Reporting** - The State Fire Marshal’s report has been completed. Most of the work will be done this summer. The Desk Audit is completed. Miss Williams did a great job of putting this together. The Equity Audit is completed and the ADA Compliance is due on March 26.

**Bus Repairs** - A bus needed towed to Spencer so further damage wasn’t done. The cost was \$300 by Buds Repair. The amount will be over \$2,500.00 to fix the issues with the motor. PPEL will cover the costs.

**Upcoming Events:** 1) P/T Conferences - Tuesday, March 17 and Thursday, March 19  
2) Easter Break - April 10-13th 3) Joint Board Meeting March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in Ruthven.

**X. Information Items:**

1. **Preschool Round-Up** - Thursday, March 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
2. **Kindergarten Round-Up** - Kindergarten Round-Up will be Tuesday, April 19th from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Ms. Knaack and Ms. Williams will switch students during that time. Information will be sent home in their weekly folders and any questions can be asked of Ms. Knaack by phone, email or in person.
3. **Joint Board Meeting** is Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m in Ruthven.
4. **2020-2021 Calendar** - We have 3 days to make-up. May 2, 26 and 27. We will dismiss at 11:30 on May 27th.

**XII. Adjourn** - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Second by Fay. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 14, 2020 with the FY21 Budget Hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. The regular board meeting will start immediately after the Budget Hearing.

*Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary*