

**Riceville Community School  
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Eastman, Hale, Guertin, and Fox. Via Zoom: McCarthy Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn—Board Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm-Principals. Staff: Amanda Conway, Bryce Conway and Nick Waltz. Students: Aiden Ebert, Jack Adams, Nacy Evans, Johnny Adams and Marco Avila. Parents: Nicole Smith, Erica Baethke and Todd Larson. Community Members: Eddie Runde, Rich Linkenmeyer.

Public hearing was opened at 6:30 PM for the Proposed Tax Levy for FY 26. Eddie Runde, Rich Linkenmeyer and Todd Larson had questions on tax rates. Motion by Guertin seconded by Eastman to close the public hearing at 6:47 PM.

Fox called the meeting to order 6:47 PM.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the agenda. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, second by Eastman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and summary of bills. Ayes 5. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve open enrollments 4 into Riceville and 1 out to Sy. Ansgar. Ayes 5. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Guertin to approve Trenton Swenson- Assistant Boys Track Coach. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Hale to approve the resignations of Jaqueline Kula- Para. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve Sharry Marr & Barb Gesell- Volunteer track coaches & Trevor Bill- Volunteer Gold Coach. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Student Rep Miller reported on:

- NHS- Inductions for 6 new members
- FFA- Driving tractors to school, bowling party, petting zoo, District FFA—congrats to Lyndon & Hattie for moving onto state
- Project Update
- Travel Club

Student Rep Linkenmeyer reported on:

- Lighthouse- Big Brother/Big Sister, dance
- Speech -All State
- Basketball Banquet
- Girls Track-Relays- Congrats to Claire Zweibohmer on 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish

Mrs. Suckow spoke about:

- Denver Omelets with Dads
- Author Daphne - coding

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Meeting with Architects – on schedule with kitchen, Daycare will be having Prebid meeting and bid approvals.
- AEA Meetings
- Meeting with Paras
- AASA Conference
- Touch Pro
- Book for Directors to read “The Anxious Generation”
- Meeting with Jane Bloomingdale

Technology

- PK- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – new iPads

- New Cameras
- Access Points
- Sharing with Osage

Daycare- Will be here in April to give report.

#### Building & Grounds

- Roof 3-year plan
- Steam Pipes-3 -year plan
- Softball field claims
- Mowing by solar panels

Updates were given to the board on the kitchen construction project.

Updates were given to the board on the Daycare grant/construction. Need to work on getting all the pledges into account.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to approve the second reading of the 200 series board policies 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to approve the first reading of the 300 series board policies 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Eastman to approve the network upgrade with RTI in the amount of \$47,919.11. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve travel club trip in 2027. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders fieldtrip to Mystery Cave in Spring Valley Minnesota on May 9<sup>th</sup>. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the AEA Purchasing Agreement. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to approve the Engagement Letter for Fiscal Year 24 with Nolte, Cornman & Johnson. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the Speech Fundraiser of Egg my Yard on April 19<sup>th</sup>. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman seconded by Hale to approve FY 23 Audit. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded Hale to approve the bus bid with Hoglund with no under carriage in the amount of \$139,297. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the Agreement for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placements with Morningside University. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded Guertin to approve wage increase for the non-classified staff and substitute paras to \$15.00 for FY 2026. 5Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin seconded by McCarthy to approve the Service Agreement with Edkcounseling LLC. 5 Ayes. MC.

A special board meeting will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30PM to approve the daycare bids.

Public Hearing on FY 26 Budget 6:20 PM & Public Hearing on FY 25 Amended Budget at 6:25 PM.

Next board meeting will be held Monday, April 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by Hale, second by Guertin to adjourn the meeting 8:11 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

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Karl Fox  
Board President

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Jennifer Dunn  
Board Secretary