

**Riceville Community School  
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on April 21st, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Eastman, Hale, Guertin, McCarthy and Fox. Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn—Board Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm -Principals. Cassandra Leff-EJ Newspaper. Daycare Board: Kelsey Byrnes, Samantha Dohlman, and Brooke Watson. Staff: Shary Ebert and Ryan Evans. Students: Bailey Evans

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to open the public hearing at 6:23 PM for the 2025-2026 School Budget. No one was in attendance to speak on the budget. Motion by Guertin seconded by Hale to close the public hearing at 6:24 PM.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to open the public hearing at 6:25 PM for the 2024-2025 Amended School Budget. No one was in attendance to speak on the budget. Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hale to close the public hearing at 6:26 PM.

Fox called the meeting to order 6:30 PM.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to amend the agenda; adding the approval of the 2026 Budget (K) and 2025 Amended Budget (L). 5 Ayes. MC.

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

Spotlight on Education was presented by Mrs. Ebert & Mr. Evans 4<sup>th</sup> Graders about the process of publishing their books.

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

Two Written letters were presented:

- Heidi Shedenhelm wrote about Stef Fair who helped clean up after the storm and how fast clean-up was done
- Eagle Bluff commented on how great the Riceville students/staff were and it was a pleasure to work with them during their time there.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Guertin to approve Brittnay Bodermann- Para and Sarah Mitchell- Vocational Ag Teacher. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the resignations of Rhonda Boyle- Para (retiring at end of school year) and Jill Beran- JV Girls basketball coach. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Guertin, aye; Eastman, aye; Fox, aye. MC.

Student Rep Linkenmeyer reported on:

- Prom
- Big brother/Big Sister
- Boys & Girls Track
- Leader-in me
- Last day of school/ community service

Student Rep Miller reported on:

- FFA banquet, State Convention & Donations
- Golf
- Trap Shooting
- Travel Club

Principals Suckow & Grimm spoke about:

- DDSDP Plan
- Camaro Crash
- Prom
- Travel Club
- College Visits

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- SSA settled at 2%
- Construction Meetings
- Girls Wrestling
- Thanks to Kyle for attending the School Finance Forum
- May 5<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting for Daycare
- Football Districts
- Senior Letters will go out Friday

Daycare resented on:

- Groundbreaking for new Daycare on May 5<sup>th</sup>
- DHS Review
- Seed Grant
- Mitchell Co Economic Development – Solutions Fund
- Daycare Rates

Building & Grounds

- Roof

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

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

Motion by Guertin, seconded by McCarthy to approve the first reading board policies: 5 Ayes. MC.

- 400-407.6E3
- 102,102R1, 102.E1, 102.E2, 102.E3, 102.E4, 102.E5, 104.E2, 104.E3
- 206.3
- 302.1, 303.2
- 401.1, 401.5, 402.2
- 501.8, 503.9, 503.9R1, 506.1
- 600, 603.4, 604.1R1
- 708, 710.1E2
- 804.2, 804.6
- 901

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale, to approve the increase in school/daycare fees. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by McCarthy to approve the field trips: 5 Ayes. MC.

- 4<sup>th</sup> grade to Decorah April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten to Byron, MN May 9<sup>th</sup>

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hale to approve the fundraisers: 5 Ayes. MC.

- FACS – Pampered Chef

Motion by Guertin, seconded by McCarthy to the graduation list. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve DDSDP Plan. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the 28E agreements with Osage: 5 Ayes. MC.

- Superintendent
- Human Resources
- Building & Ground
- Transportation Director
- HS English Teacher

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

Motion by Eastman seconded by Guertin to approve the exempt salaries of 2. % increase for exempt salaries and moving Nancy Eastman to 55,000 as a salary and no summer stipends. Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Guertin to approve the 2026 Budget. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the 2025 Amended Budget. 5 Ayes. MC.

Next board meeting will be held Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by McCarthy, second by Eastman to adjourn the meeting 8:10 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

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Karl Fox  
Board President

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Jennifer Dunn  
Board Secretary