

**Riceville Community School
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on August 18, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Eastman, Guertin, Hale, McCarthy and Fox (arrived @ 6:47). Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn—Board Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Suckow- Principal, Cassandra Leff-EJ Newspaper. Laura Huisman, Jessa Ketelsen -Mitchell County Public Health. Emily Valasek- Prairie Ridge

Guertin called the meeting to order 6:30 PM.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the agenda. 4 Ayes. MC.

Mitchell County Public Health presented on:

- Too Good For Drugs
- School-Based Teletherapy
- Narcan training

Motion by McCarthy, 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 contracts:

- Hope Nightengale-Cheer Coach,
- Gabe Mueller & Keri Pietan- Paras.

Roll Call Vote: Eastman, Hale, Guertin, McCarthy, & Fox-Aye. MC

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the resignation of Rachel Pickar- Para. Roll Call Vote: Eastman, Hale, Guertin, McCarthy, & Fox-Aye. MC

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve volunteer and substitute contracts:

- Gabe Mueller & Gavin Mueller—Speech & Music,
- Sydney Byrnes -Speech
- Missy McElroy-HS Volleyball
- Brandon Hummel & Scott Kraft-Football
- Allison Zweibohmer- CrossCountry

Roll Call Vote: Eastman, Hale, Guertin, McCarthy, & Fox-Aye. MC

Mrs. Grimm spoke about:

- Professional Development
- Leader In Me
- SAI Conference
- Cell Phone Policy

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Professional Learning/ Development
- Cell Phone Policy
- Mitchell & Howard County Supervisor meetings
- School Tours/ Hall of Fame

Technology: Our phone systems down and new access points have been installed.

Daycare is going well.

Director Fox asked when first home game football game was.

Updates were given on the kitchen and daycare construction project.

A discussion was held on the Booster Club purchasing a new softball batting cage.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Eastman to approve the second reading of board policies 501.1-503.7E2. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Fox to approve the first reading of board policies 104, 104E.1, 104.E2, 104.E3, 211, 402.2, 102.3, 405.2, 411.2, 501.3, 501.9, 501.9R1, 603.5, 503.8-508.2. 5 Ayes. MC.

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

- Middle School Lighthouse– Wacha Wicks Candles
- Homecoming Clothing- Business Class
- Book Blast- Elem
- Farmers Market- Kitchen
- Greenery Sales, Butter Braids, Clubhouse Choice- Music Parents
- Easter Egg Delivery- Speech

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

- Otter Creek- 1st Grade
- Sunshine Discovery Decorah- 1st Grade
- 9th Grade Biology-Hayden Prairie

Motion by Hale, seconded by Fox to approve the agreement with Western Governors University. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the substitute list for the 2025-2026 school year. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Fox to table the vehicle purchase. 5 Ayes. MC.

Next board meeting will be held Monday, September 15th, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by McCarthy, second by Fox to adjourn the meeting 8:06 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

Karl Fox
Board President

Jennifer Dunn
Board Secretary