

**Riceville Community School  
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on October 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Eastman, Guertin, Hale, McCarthy and Fox. Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm- Principals. Staff: Andrea Bauer, JoLynn Eastman, and Clark Ebert. Parents: Nathan Frazer. Students: Johnathan Frazer, Lucas Bauer, Myles Conway, Carter Eastman, and Kadence Guertin.

Fox called the meeting to order 6:30 PM.

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

Mr. Ebert's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class showcased finch robots as the Spotlight on Education.

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

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Guertin to approve 2 open enrollments in from Osage and 4 in from Howard- Winn. Ayes 5. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Hale to approve:

- Andrea Bauer and Amana Conway- Volunteer Girls Basketball
- Bryce Conway, Sal Gomez, Bret Brincks- Volunteer Boys Basketball
- Tyler Bartels, Brandon Hummel- Volunteer Wrestling
- Algina Bluhm- Sub Para

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

Mrs. Suckow spoke about:

- Shared the Community Report
- New goals

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Certified Enrollment
- Iowa Star Conference

Everything is going well in technology.

Building & Grounds:

- Kitchen & Daycare Projects

Daycare was awarded a \$10,000 grant from FEMC.

Board will have work sessions on vision and mission statements, and standard of excellence.

The kitchen construction project is about to be completed.

Daycare Construction is making good progress with the block laying.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hale to approve the trap shooting handbook. 5 Ayes. MC.

A discussion was held on the dividend check received from EMC.

Karl Fox was appointed as the IASB delegate by Hale, seconded by McCarthy. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by McCarthy to approve the FY 24 audit. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the Engagement Letter for FY 25 with Nolte, Cornman & Johnson. 5 Ayes. MC.

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

- Kirkwood (10-22-25)
- ISU (11-5-25)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to RCTC (11-18-25)

Motion by Guertin, seconded by Hale to appoint Audrey McCarthy to the Mitchell County Conference Board, and Lyle Eastman to the Howard County Conference Board. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Guertin, seconded by McCarthy to approve the second reading of board policies 600-607.2R1. 4 Ayes. MC.

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

- 700 series
- 800 Series
- 900 series
- 208, 208R1, 208.1E1.401.1, 502.7, 507.2,507.5, 708, 710.1E1, 804.5

Motion by Hale, seconded by Guertin to approve Resolution with ISJIT. 5 Ayes. MC

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A JOINT POWERS  
AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST FOR THE  
IOWA SCHOOLS JOINT INVESTMENT TRUST  
AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION THEREIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Association of School Boards, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa; the Pella Community School District and the Southeast Polk Community School District in the State of Iowa are municipal corporations and political subdivisions organized under and by virtue of the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, the Iowa Association of School Boards, Inc., the Pella Community School District and the Southeast Polk Community School District have approved the Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration and have established the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust as of October 1, 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code section 28E.1 permits political subdivisions to make efficient use of their powers enabling them to provide joint services with other agencies and to cooperate in other ways of mutual advantage, and to exercise and enjoy jointly any powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of being exercised by the School Corporation with any other school corporation or public agency of this state or private agencies for joint or cooperative action; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to adopt and enter into the Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration as amended, and it is in the best interest of this School Corporation to participate in the Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust for the purpose of the joint investment of this School Corporation's monies with other school corporations so as to enhance investment earnings accruing to each; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board deems it to be advisable for this School Corporation to make use of the Fixed Term Automated Investment Program available to Participants of ISJIT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

**Section 1.** The Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration is approved and adopted. This School Corporation joins with the other school corporations in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration as amended, which is incorporated herein by reference with the same effect as if it had been set out verbatim in this Resolution. A copy of the Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration as amended is filed in the minutes of this meeting. The President and Secretary of this Board are authorized and directed to take actions and execute documents necessary to affect the entry of this School Corporation into the Declaration to carry out the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** This School Corporation is hereby authorized to invest its available monies from time to time and to withdraw such monies from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration and the Fixed Term Automated Investment Program of ISJIT.

**Section 3.** The following officers and officials of this School Corporation and their respective successors in office are designated as "Authorized Officials", with full power and authority to invest and withdraw monies of this School Corporation in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement and Declaration and pursuant to the Fixed Term Automated Investment Program of ISJIT. The Board Secretary must notify ISJIT of any changes in Authorized Officials in accordance with procedures established by ISJIT.

Next board meeting will be held Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by McCarthy, second by Guertin to adjourn the meeting 7:46 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

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Karl Fox  
Board President

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Jennifer Dunn  
Board Secretary