

**Riceville Community School
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their organizational board meeting on December 15th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Board members present: Eastman, Hale, Guertin, McCarthy, Baethke and Fox Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn—Board Secretary/Treasurer, Heather Suckow-Principal. Brooke Watson- LCD.

Fox called the meeting to order 6:31 PM.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Guertin 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.

A discussion was held on the Construction projects. Kitchen has two payments left. Daycare is coming along and looking to send out another letter for donations.

A plaque was presented to Karl Fox for his 16 years of service on the school board.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Guertin to adjourn with the retiring board 6:42.

President pro-tem Schwamman call the organizational meeting to order @ 6:43.

Roll call was taken, all directors were present.

The canvas of the votes was given by Dunn.

Oath of Office was given to Director Baethke.

Nomination was made by Hale to nominate Guertin as board president. Vote was held, with a 5-0 vote. Guertin was nominated president and sworn in by board secretary Dunn.

President Guertin then took over the meeting and nominations were taken for vice-president with a nomination from Hale to nominate McCarthy, Guertin nominated Eastman as vice-president. With a 3-2 vote McCarthy was elected vice-president and sworn into office by board secretary Dunn.

McCarthy made a motion to appoint Dunn as board secretary/treasurer. Oath of office was given to Dunn by President Guertin.

Committees were established:

- SIAC (School Improvement Advisory Committee- Shanna Hale
- Building & Grounds- Lyle Eastman & Kyle Guertin
- Mitchell County Conference Board- Audrey McCarthy
- Howard- County Conference Board- Liz Baethke

A discussion was held on time & date of meetings. It was decided that the regular school board meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00PM.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to appoint Ahlers & Cooney and Walk & Murphy as school attorneys. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to appoint First Security Bank as the bank depository in the amount of 3 million. 5 Ayes. MC.

Student Reps reported on:

- Lighthouse Committee (Big Brother/Sister, Breakfast, Dress-up, Movie Day)
- Girls & Boys Basketball
- NHS gift wrapping
- Wrestling
- FFA
- Christman Concert

Mrs. Suckow spoke about:

- Fast Testing
- ISASP

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Keystone AEA
- Staffing
- Legislation
- IASB Conference
- IHSAA
- New Board Training

Technology is going well. Great follow-through.

Brooke Watson gave a quarterly report on daycare:

- 26 Staff and 115 Kids
- IQ4K submission for level 2
- Preschool is at 19
- Wait list for infants
- 42 Kids before and after school
- Daycare Addition
- Playground- push for donation
- SOS Grant
- Updates Handbook
- Daycare board up to 10 people

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the early retirements of Carla Cray- teacher, Linda Byrnes, Building Secretary, & Michelle Berentsen- Nurse. Also, approved the resignation of Sara Hollenbeck- Drumline. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Baethke, aye; Eastman, aye; Guertin, aye. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Hale to approve Tracy Geerts- as custodian. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Baethke, aye; Eastman, aye; Guertin, aye. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve Aubrey Orthr as a substitute Teacher. Roll Call Vote: McCarthy, Aye; Hale, aye; Baethke, aye; Eastman, aye; Guertin, aye. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve membership increases of \$10 per level for the RAC (Single \$130-140, Couple- \$160-\$170, Family- 210-\$220). 5 Ayes. MC.

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

- Lighthouse- Non caffeinated drinks sold on Fridays at lunch
- School Store- PK-8 (Jan 20th)

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve At -Risk Application in the amount of \$101,828.00. 5 Ayes. MC.

A discussion was held on SBRC Application.

A discussion was also held on the 5-year projection model.

Next board meeting will be held Monday January 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by Hale, second by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting @ 7:45 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

Kyle Guertin
Board President

Jennifer Dunn
Board Secretary