

**Riceville Community School
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on January 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Eastman, Guertin, Hale, and Baethke. Arrived @ 6:20 PM. McCarthy. Student Board Reps: Kennedy Linkenmeyer & Bernie Losee. Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn- Board Secretary. Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm- Principals. Community Member: Brittany Guertin, John Dinger & Shannon Pickar. Staff: Nancy Eastman Students: Marshall Christensen, Emma Eastman, Ella Meirick, Kylie Perry,

Guertin called the meeting to order 6:04 PM.

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

The Lighthouse Lunch sub-committee presented during the Spotlight on Education.

Motion by Baethke, second by Eastman to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and summary of bills. Ayes 4. MC.

The Community Club presented having a sports dead day on Ag Days each year moving forward.

Written letter was presented from the Wapsi-Great Western Line Trail Association about a grant in the amount of \$968.92 for the daycare.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Hale to approve 1 open enrollment in from Howard-Winn. Ayes 5. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve:

- Alexa Houser-Sub Teacher
- James Howey- Volunteer Girls HS Wrestling Coach

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

Student Rep Linkenmeyer reported on:

- Speech
- Lighthouse
- Leader in Me
- Clover Kids

Student Rep Losse:

- Prom
- Winter Sports

Mrs. Suckow spoke about:

- 3 new students
- FAST Testing

Mrs. Grimm spoke about:

- Honor Roll
- Leader-in-Me
- Game Closet (SOS Grant)
- Lighthouse- problem solving committee

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Staffing
- Budget
- Legislative Meetings
- Transportation Equity
- Construction Update
- Conference Realignment Committee
- IA Star Conference Committee
- Weather
- Work Session

Building & Grounds: Working on the daycare playground. Fencing was donated. Schedule a meeting for building and Grounds.

Baethke noted she attended the Howard Co Conference Board meeting.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Eastman to approve the closing for three unused activity accounts, moving the remaining funds to the General Fund.5 Ayes. MC.

- X-Wrestling \$34.67
- Library \$90.00
- Food & Fitness \$3892.47

Nancy Eastman presented the Growcer (Adding Agriculture to Classroom and Cafeteria). Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to table due to needing more information.

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

- Carnations- NHS

Work Session will be held Thursday, January 29th @ 6PM.

Next board meeting will be held Monday, February 16th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by Eastman, second by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

Kyle Guertin
Board President

Jennifer Dunn
Board Secretary