

**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 Guertin, Hale, McCarthy and Baethke. Student Board Reps: Kennedy Linkenmeyer & Bernie Losee. Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn- Board Secretary. Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm- Principals. Cassandra Leff- EJ Newspaper. Staff: NickWaltz & Tammi Mueller. Students: Miguel Zamora, Brooke Wolthoff, Chloe Collier, Marley Drilling & Charlotte Smith.

Guertin called the meeting to order 6:01 PM.

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

Speech team presented their speech entries during Spotlight on Education.

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

Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to approve the following resignation and volunteer coaches :

- Judy Bartels – retiring at end of FY 26 school year
- Allison Zweibohmer- Girls Track
- Sherry Marr & Barb Gesell- Boys & Girls Track

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

Student Rep Linkenmeyer reported on:

- FFA
- Track
- Girls Wrestling

Student Rep Losse reported on:

- Boys State Wrestling
- ASVAB Testing
- Girls & Boys Basketball

Mrs. Suckow & Mrs. Grimm gave a presentation on teacher evaluations, guidance counselor duties, social worker duties, and behavior interventionist duties.

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Legislative Update
- Budget
- Daycare is on track for completion (thanks to Howard County supervisors for their donation) & ribbon cutting
- ISFLC Conference
- Boys State Wrestling
- Crossroads Academy
- District Service Plans

Mr. Waltz, technology director, reported on:

- Good on iPads & Chromebooks
- Network Upgrade
- E-rate with AEA
- Sharing with Keystone and Osage
- AI – is in student Chromebooks

Director Baethke reported on the Howard County Conservation Board Meeting.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hale to approve that sporting events can be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in June every year as is. We appreciate GMG who has made it possible to move games for two years. 4 Ayes. MC

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to deny the Grocer project with the AG Class & Cafeteria. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to table the Lighthouse Napkin & poster fundraiser. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Hale to approve the field trip to Mayo on February 20<sup>th</sup>. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve the agreement for E-rate between Keystone AEA & Riceville Community School. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to set the public hears for March 23<sup>rd</sup>: 5 Ayes. MC.

- FY 2026-2027 School Calendar (March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00 PM)
- Hearing #1 Property Tax Rate (March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:05PM)

Motion by Baethke, seconded by McCarthy to approve the change of Insurance Agents. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to approve the agreement with Upper Iowa Clinical Placement. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve the first reading of board policies 102.E1, 102.E2, & 505.5. 4 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve the At- Risk Plan for 2026-2027. 4 Ayes. MC.

Next board meeting will be held Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

Motion by McCarthy, second by Hale to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 PM. Ayes 4. MC.

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Kyle Guertin  
Board President

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Jennifer Dunn  
Board Secretary