

**Riceville Community School  
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Guertin, Hale, McCarthy, Eastman and Baethke. Student Board Rep: Kennedy Linkenmeyer. Also, in attendance: Barb Schwamman—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn- Board Secretary. Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm- Principals. Cassandra Leff- EJ Newspaper. Staff: Elizabeth Asfahl, Tammi Mueller, Izzy Worrall, and Alicia Winters Parent: Vanessa Johnson & Erica Baethke. Community Members: Elaine Govern, Sharon Adams, Sharlene Milesky, Deb Moore, Ellen Grady-Manns, Craig Moss and Sheryl Noble. Students: Darby O'Brien, Owen Baethke, and Justin Knode.

Public hearing on Fiscal 2026 Amended Budget was opened at 6:00 PM. Noone was present to speak on Amended Budget. Public Hearing was closed at 6:01.

Public hearing on Fiscal year 2027 Budget was opened at 6:01. No one was here to speak on behalf of the 2027 Budget. Public Hearing closed at 6:02 PM.

Guertin called the meeting to order 6:02 PM.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Baethke to approve the agenda. 5 Ayes. MC.

Mrs. Asfahl's middle school students shared their science fair projects during Spotlight on Education.

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

A written letter from Omnitel was presented on the internet with the speed the district receives.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve one open enrollment out to Osage. 5 Ayes. MC

Motion by Eastman seconded by Baethke to table the contract for Tyler Bartels- JH Girls Wrestling. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Hale to approve the following resignations:

- Rick Bartels- JH Boys Wrestling
- Matt Schwade- Asst Football
- Joan Grimm- Counselor

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

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve the following volunteer coaches:

- Adam Lewis- Softball

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

Student Rep Linkenmeyer reported on:

- FFA
- Track
- Golf
- Prom
- Senior Class hand off
- ISASP testing

Mrs. Suckow spoke about:

- ISASP Testing
- Tornado

Superintendent Schwamman spoke on:

- Tornado
- IA Rural School Summit
- Superintendent Search
- Daycare
- Staffing
- Legislative
- IASB Meeting in July
- Daycare Tour with MFL Marmac

Technology will bring requests after July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Building & Grounds meeting will be set for May 18<sup>th</sup>@ 5 PM.

Daycare: It was noted that Brooke is doing a great job and is working on the move to the new building.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve the Lease Agreement with Little Cats' Daycare. 5 Ayes. MC

Elaine Govern with Wa-tan-ye presented on the Buresch School house. The district would like to thank the lady's for everything they have done for the one room schoolhouse.

A discussion was held on Crossroads and the different options available.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by Baethke to approve fiscal year 2026 Amended Budget. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Hale to approve the second reading of the following board policies: 5 Ayes. MC.

- 102-Equal Educational Opportunity
- 102.R1- Grievance Procedure
- 102.E1-Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination
- 102.E2-Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination
- 102.E3- Section 504 Student and Parental Rights
- 102.E4- Discrimination, Anti-Bullying, and Anti-Harassment Complaint Form
- 102.E5- Witness Disclosure Form
- 102.E6-Disposition of Complaint Form
- 710.1R1- School Food Program- School Nutrition Program Civil Rights
- 710.1E1- School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination
- 710.1E2- Child Nutrition Programs Civil Rights Complaint Form

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Eastman to approve exempt employees wage increases. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve non-certified staff increases. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to approve the Consideration and approval of agreement to purchase real estate property locally known as 904 Woodland Avenue, Riceville, Iowa, from Timothy and Robin Kuhn. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Hale, seconded by Baethke to approve the PTO fundraiser of School Toolbox Supplies. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve the memorandum of between Winona State University & Riceville Community School District. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by McCarthy, seconded by Eastman to approve the Fifth Amended Restated Iowa Star School 28E Trust. 5 Ayes. MC.

Announcements:

- Next School Board Meeting-May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM
- Daycare Ribbon Cutting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 @ 5 PM
- Meeting with IASB July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM

Motion by McCarthy, second by Baethke to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

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Kyle Guertin  
Board President

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Jennifer Dunn  
Board Secretary