

**Riceville Community School
Riceville, IA**

The Board of Education of the Riceville Community School District held their regular board meeting on August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The board members present are Guertin, Hale, McCarthy, Baethke, and Eastman. Also, in attendance: Andy McQuillen—Superintendent, Jennifer Dunn- Board Secretary. Heather Suckow & Marcia Grimm- Principals. Cassandra Leff-EJ Newspaper. Staff: Rene Retterath, Bryce Conway, & Sarah Ross. Parents: Erica Baethke Students: Daynan & Harlan Conway, Maci Miller, Charlotte Smith, Blake Baethke, Andrew Moore & Kallie Eastman.

Guertin called the meeting to order 6:01 PM.

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

Guertin did welcome.

Mrs. Suckow reported on Crossroads Update & Registration. Mrs. Grimm emailed her report to the board.

Motion made by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to table the revised contract for Rene Retterath.

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the following contracts:

- Kylie Loberg & Laurel Burrington- Paras
- Abby Gomez- Cheer Coach
- Clark Ebert- JH Volleyball
- Roll Call Vote: Hale, McCarthy, Baethke, Eastman & Guertin. -Aye. MC

Motion by Hale, second by Eastman to approve the open enrollments (5) into the district and (3) out of district. 5 Ayes. MC

Motion by Hale, second by McCarthy to approve the Can Drive for Eagler Bluff and School Blast for Elementary students. 5 Ayes. MC

Motion by Baethke, second by Eastman to approve the following Agreements: 5 Ayes. MC

- Independent Contractor Agreement with Central
- Northeast Iowa Health Occupations Academy
- Contract between Northeast Iowa Community College and Riceville CSD

Motion by McCarthy, second by Baethke to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, financial reports, and summary of bills. Ayes 5.

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Eastman to approve the first reading of board policies: 5 Ayes. MC.

- 503.11 R1- Disruptive Behavior-Removal Procedures
- 503.11 R2- Disruptive Behavior- Removal Procedures for Nonviolent Behavior for Students with an IEP

Motion by Eastman, seconded by McCarthy to approve the first reading board policies: 5 Ayes MC

- 201- Board of Directors
- 210.5-Meeting Notice
- 401.1-Equal Employment Opportunity
- 409.2-Employee Leaves of Absence
- 501.15- Open Enrollment Transfers-Procedures as a Receiving District
- 503.1-Student Conduct
- 503.11- Disruptive Behavior
- 504.6-Student Activity Program
- 507.2-Administration of Medication to Students
- 507.2E1- Authorization-Ashma, Airway Constricting, or Respiratory Distress Medication Self-Administration
- 507.2E3-Parental Authorization and Release for Independent Self Carry and Administration of Prescribed Medication
- 603.1-Basic Instruction Program
- 603.3-Special Education
- 603.4-Multicultural Gender Fair Education -Rescinded
- 603.6-Physical Education
- 603.10-Global Education- Rescinded
- 604.1-Private Instruction
- 603.4-Program for Talented & Gifted

- 604.3R1- Program for Talented & Gifted- Regulation
- 604.5-Technology and Instructional Materials
- 604.5E1- Technology and Instructional Materials Exhibit
- 607.1-Student Guidance and Counseling Program
- 704.3 Investments
- 713-Responsible Technology Use and Social Networking
- 804.5-Stock Prescription Medication Supply
- 804.5E1- Stock Prescription Medication Supply-Parental Authorization and Release Form for the Administration of a Voluntary School Supply of Stock Medication for Life Threatening Incidents
- 901-Public Examination of Records

Motion by Baethke, seconded by McCarthy to approve the bids for the items in the house, bread, Bus #1, Dodge minivan, & Milk. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Eastman to approve the FY 25 audit report: 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Eastman to approve the document for eighth graders participating in varsity sports. 5 Ayes. MC.

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Eastman to approve the following handbooks: 5 Ayes. MC.

- Student Technology Handbook (with change of wording)
- 2026-27 Riceville Community Preschool Handbook
- 2026-2027 Student-Parent Handbook
- 2026-2027 Staff Handbook

Motion by Baethke, seconded by Hale to approve the sale of daycare playground equipment; except for the wizzy dizzy. 5 Ayes. MC.

Superintendent McQuillen reported on:

- Elma Students
- Roofs
- Student School Board Rep
- Parking Lots
- Legislative Changes
- Iowa Star Conference

Announcements:

- Next School Board Meeting-September 21st @ 6 PM

Motion by Eastman, second by McCarthy to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Ayes 5. MC.

Kyle Guertin
Board President

Jennifer Dunn
Board Secretary