

December 19, 2011

Versailles, Indiana

President Keith Mathews called the meeting of the South Ripley Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees to order on Monday December 19, 2011. A prayer was said by Vice-President Tim Taylor. Members present were: Robert Garcia, Keith Mathews, Randy McIntosh, Jim Miller, Tim Taylor, and Becky Turner. Member Gil Landwehr was absent. Dr. John Mehrle, Superintendent, and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were also present.

The minutes, claims, and financial report were reviewed. Motion was made to approve by Tim Taylor, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Under action items, Superintendent Mehrle recommended approval for Business Manager Lana Miller to continue paying 2011 bills from 2011 appropriations through the end of 2011 and to encumber appropriations, if necessary, for bills created in 2011 and payable in 2012. A list will be created of any necessary transfer of appropriations from one major account to another and explanations given of all transactions so the Board can approve actions at the January 2012 meeting. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jim Miller, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended approval of a FMLA leave for Elementary Teacher Kathleen Riester, effective March 6, 2011. Ms. Riester is also seeking an extended leave through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended the employment of Beth Mathes to fill the

FMLA/extended leave of Kathleen Riester effective March 6, 2012 through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Ms. Mathes will be paid substitute rate for the first 15 days of the leave, and then teacher scale rate for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Tim Taylor, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended acceptance of the resignation of Joyce Wahl from her position of five-hour special education aide, as well as her position as a two-hour bus aide, effective November 21, 2011. Motion was made to approve by Tim Taylor, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended the employment of Thom Conover to fill the five-hour per day Teacher's aide position in the Elementary Moderate classroom, effective December 20, 2011. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended the employment of Thom Conover to fill the two-hour bus aide position, effective December 20, 2011. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended approval to transfer Tracy Burns to the vacant 4.5 hour cafeteria position from her current 2.25 cafeteria position, effective December 20, 2011. With Ms. Burns transfer, the recommendation included the approval of Teresa Isaacs to fill the vacant 2.25 cafeteria position, effective December 20, 2011. Ms. Isaacs is currently a substitute in the cafeteria, and also serves the school corporation as a bus aide. Motion was made to approve by Tim Taylor, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended approval to change the January 2012 board meeting date from January 16 to January 9 in order to comply with the State Law requiring board re-organization by January 15th. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Mehrle recommended approval of a field trip for the functional skills class, to attend the Cincinnati Museum Center on December 20, 2011. Motion was made to approve by Tim Taylor, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Mehrle shared information concerning the RISE evaluation tool, and information regarding the 1:1 initiative.

Superintendent shared the ROD Interlocal Agreement for review. Voting on this agreement will take place in January.

Second reading on the revised Gym Usage Policy took place. Additional revisions are expected before the final reading.

Superintendent Mehrle reminded board members that Board elections will take place at the January meeting. Board members are asked to return their election forms by January 6, 2012.

Business Manager Lana Miller informed the board that the December tax draws were received in the total amount of \$1,368,650. We received a 98.8% property tax draw. Business Manager Lana Miller thanked Ripley County Auditor for the timeliness of receiving the funds.

Superintendent Mehrle shared projected energy rate increases for 2012 as provided by Duke Energy Indiana.

Superintendent Mehrle shared the Emergency School Closing Plan for the 2011-2012 school year. Board member Randy McIntosh suggested that Radio Station 106.1 be added to the list.

Under other, Secretary Robert Garcia shared that he would be absent in January.

Motion was made to adjourn by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0. An executive session preceded the regular session regarding personnel. The annual board Christmas dinner followed the regular session at the South Ripley Elementary School.

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