

**RIO COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017 - 6:30 PM  
MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL, RM 142**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Alice Marquardt. Doug Shippert led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. This meeting was properly posted in the District.
- III. Roll Call: Alice Marquardt, Suzie Ferriter, Doug Shippert, and Bob Hagenow were present. Kate Carlson was excused.
- IV. Also present were District Administrator, Mark McGuire; Elementary Principal, Craig Vetter; Middle/High School Principal, Dana Tait; Director of Business Services, Lois Sunde; Administrative Assistant, Nicole Howard; and five visitors.
- V. Recognition of Visitors. There were five visitors present, all for items pertaining to them on the agenda.
- VI. Approve Minutes from the April 24, 2017 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Bob Hagenow and seconded by Doug Shippert to approve the April 24, 2017 minutes as presented in printed form. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.
- VII. Action Items
  - a) A motion was made by Doug Shippert and seconded by Suzie Ferriter to approve checks #53670 - #53716 in the amount of \$174,777.60. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.
- VIII. Discussion/Information/Possible Action
  - a) **Project Wild Child Update.** Sarah Noguee, a kindergarten teacher, and Becky Bender, the early learning teacher, provided the Board with an update on Project Wild Child. They shared what a success it has been and the many things the children are learning in the school forest. They also discussed the benefits the children have received and the standards that are being met. Students will continue the weekly visits to the forest again next school year. There will be a celebration for all of the families on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 5 - 7 PM at the school forest.
  - b) **School Counseling Presentation.** Steve Harris, middle/high school guidance counselor, presented his school counseling program to the Board and answered questions.
  - c) **Maintenance/Custodial Information.** John Newton, Director of Maintenance, discussed the results from a survey sent out to staff regarding the cleanliness of our schools. Based on the survey results, he has updated the cleaning protocols at the middle/high school. The

custodians will receive training on any new equipment and/or supplies. He also shared some of the cleaning projects that he has planned for over the summer.

d) **Middle/High School Hot Water Heater.** John Newton informed the Board that the middle/high school hot water heater is leaking and needs to be replaced. There was discussion regarding which model would be the best to replace it with. A motion was made by Doug Shippert and seconded by Alice Marquardt to replace the existing hot water heater with a new, high-efficiency AO Smith model as per Kohlwey's quote of \$22,190.00. Motion carried by a roll call vote with Marquardt, Shippert, Ferriter, and Hagenow voting yes.

e) **Update on the Energy Efficiency Projects.** Mark McGuire shared that the energy efficiency projects are going well. Right now the lights and sensors are going in and everything is moving forward smoothly.

f) **Health Insurance Cooperative Update.** Mark McGuire provided the Board with an update on how the health insurance cooperative process is going.

g) **Property Insurance Bids.** A motion was made by Bob Hagenow and seconded by Doug Shippert to accept the property insurance quote with the additional option of more umbrella and more cyber coverage, with a five-year agreement to work with Tricor. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.

h) **Fireman's Park Lease.** A motion was made by Suzie Ferriter and seconded by Doug Shippert to approve the lease contract with Fireman's Park, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.

i) **Summer School Teacher Contracts.** A motion was made by Doug Shippert and seconded by Suzie Ferriter to approve the summer school teachers and assistants contracts, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.

j) **Summer Student Workers Wage Agreement.** A motion was made by Suzie Ferriter and seconded by Bob Hagenow to approve the wage agreements for the summer student workers, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.

k) **Individual Teacher Contract Language.** A motion was made by Bob Hagenow and seconded by Doug Shippert to approve the recommended language changes to the individual teacher contracts, as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.

l) **Board of Education Representative to Graduation.** After some discussion, Doug Shippert volunteered to represent the Board at graduation for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Graduation will be held Sunday, June 4 at 2 PM at the Rio Middle/High school.

m) **Legislative Report.** Suzie Ferriter provided the Board with a legislative update via email.

n) **Administrative Reports.** **Mr. Vetter** shared that after being rescheduled twice due to bad weather, the annual Elementary Track Meet was a great success. There were two school records broken. He wanted to thank all of the students, teachers, parents, and community members that came to help or just cheer the students on. He has finished the summer school schedules, and as of this meeting, there were 143 students enrolled so far. The schedules will go home shortly. **Mrs. Tait** discussed the WIAA Annual Meeting that she had attended. She reviewed with the Board several rule changes. She also discussed how, because of game cancellations due to rain, the softball team had to schedule a game on a Wednesday night. **Mr. McGuire** shared that he had the pleasure of attending the Academic Honors Banquet and National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on May 1st. There were 12 students inducted into

the National Honor Society. He also informed the Board of the date for the school district boundary appeal hearing. He then invited the Board members to attend the Community Engagement Night on autism on Wednesday, May 10.

- IX. A motion was made by Suzie Ferriter and seconded by Bob Hagenow to adjourn into closed session according to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.85 (1)
- (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically: Personnel Concern.
  - (f) Considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Specifically: Student Incident.
- 8:59 PM Motion carried by a roll call vote; Shippert, Hagenow, Ferriter, and Marquardt voting yes.
- X. A motion was made by Suzie Ferriter and seconded by Bob Hagenow to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM Motion carried by a voice vote; four votes yes.