

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 11, 2008**

Meeting called to order by President Joe Gilfillan at 6:30p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Taken: Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams, Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan.

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Motioned by Todd Goforth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Adams to approve the following consent items:

- Approval of January 8, 2008 special meeting minutes
- Approval of February 12, 2008 regular meeting minutes
- Approval of Financial Report
- Approval of Monthly Bills
- Approval to reimburse the Imprest Fund

Ayes: Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan, Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams.

Nayes: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried

Others present: Dianne Maxheimer, Maria Warner, Joy Siebel

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Joy Siebel came to discuss cheerleading for the next school year with the School Board so everyone understands. Joy stated that last year she started the school year with 12 cheerleaders, then went to 14 cheerleaders and then after eligibility ended up with only 8 cheerleaders.

Joy expressed concern to the School Board that some of the students that are trying out for the 2008-2009 school year might have eligibility issues. She asked the School Board should the students be eligible to try out for next year cheerleading.

Joy also stated that this cheerleading year there should not be any problems with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders cheerleaders and parents not pleased that their student is cheering for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team and not the 8<sup>th</sup> because there is only one incoming 8<sup>th</sup> grader trying out.

The School Board decided that the students this year do not have to be eligible to try out for the 2008-2009 cheerleading year. The Board also decided that there should be 12 students on the squad with Joy being able to run the cheerleading squad as she sees fit.

Maria Warner spoke to the School Board that we invested the working cash bond into a 3 Month CD. This CD would be making more interest money that just putting the money into the money market account.

Maria stated that the money that was in the Money Market account she put into 7-day CD that would be making more money also than what the money market would be making.

## **PRINCIPAL/SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**A.** ISAT Testing is over except for the students that gone last week. Joe Blessman stated that Mrs. Gerber was pulled from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and we split the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class to help with ISAT testing.

Joe Blessman also stated that last week to help create smaller classes for the ISAT testing; Mrs. Emery's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class was split into 2 classes. Joe Blessman stated that he administered the tests to ½ of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class.

**B.** Superintendent Blessman stated that there have been parents asking what the fees for next year are going to be. Joe Blessman informed the School Board that he does not think it would be wise to raise the fees for next year since fees were raised the last 2 years. The School Board agreed with Mr. Blessman.

**C.** Superintendent Blessman informed the School Board that a teacher is interested taking a Masters program that would be completed in 2 years. This teacher has already 30 hours extra than her Bachelors Degree and wanted to make sure that these hours will can be transferred once the Masters program was completed as long as none of those extra hours were used to complete their Masters program. The School Board agreed with the Superintendent.

**D.** Maria Warner spoke to the School Board regarding the investment of the Working Cash Bond Funds. The School Board decided that a plan needs to be established of the use of the Working Cash Fund and should be presented at the next board meeting in April.

**E.** Joe Blessman asked the School Board if he could research into obtaining the services of a new architect. Mr. Blessman explained our current architect, Farnsworth, does not return phone calls to him. Also, Mr. Blessman stated when the school went to bid the roof job again, Kayse Doering from Farnsworth spoke to Mr. Blessman and agreed that the bid packets would more than likely just needed to have dates changed. Farnsworth sent the school an invoice for \$2800

and upon a phone call from Mr. Blessman to Farnsworth; they stated that they overcharged our school and sent another invoice for \$1900. Mr. Blessman informed the School Board that he feels that they are really not interested in our business and would like to look around for a new architect. The School Board agreed to allow the Superintendent to check into obtaining a new architect for the schools further needs.

**F.** Joe Blessman informed the School Board that the roof bid opening is Thursday, March 13 at 10 a.m. The Superintendent asked if one or two of the School Board members could attend the bid opening this Thursday.

**G.** Joe Blessman informed the School Board that last year we spent \$1000 for East Bay Camp. Superintendent Blessman stated that he informed Mrs. Kuehn that the School will pay the same amount as last year which will lower the students cost to \$25.00 this year. The School Board was pleased with that decision.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Motioned by Lucy Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Story to abate the following funds:

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| Abate from Working Cash to Education      | \$60,000 |
| Abate from Working Cash to Building       | \$25,000 |
| Abate from Working Cash to Transportation | \$25,000 |

Ayes: Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan, Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams, Don Story, Lucy Zeller.

Nays: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried.

**B.** Joe Blessman asked the School Board if the Sun Foundation could use one of our buses this summer to transport students to their facility. Superintendent Joe explained that the school has allowed them to use the bus. This year Traci Scachette has volunteered to drive the bus. The school will only have to pay for the fuel.

Motioned by Todd Goforth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Adams for the Sun Foundation be allowed the use of the school's bus.

Ayes: Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan, Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams.

Nays: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

**C.** The School Board decided to table the approval of Russ Draggist for mowing for the 2008-2009 school year until next board meeting because they believe that it needs to be posted.

**D.** The School Board asked Joe Blessman to look into other companies for a Content Filter and a Spam filter other than the bid that was received from Tri-Com.

**E.** Joe Blessman showed the School Board 4 quotes from a Playground Equipment sales company with pictures. Joe Blessman informed the School Board that he had received a flyer that was offering 40% off and this seems to be the cheapest out of all of the companies that Joe has received booklets. Superintendent Blessman explained that these are just a few but would like everyone to look at them and once pick maybe your favorite two types out we could revisit the issue of purchasing new playground equipment. The deadline to obtain the 40% off is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Michelle Adams stated that PTO has a playground equipment fund. She said that she is unaware of how much was in the fund, but she said that she would contact Jane Haeffele and find out and inform Superintendent Blessman and he could email the School Board.

Michelle also stated that it would be nice to get rid of the wood chips and get the tire chips. Joe Blessman talked about the chain link fence needs to be fixed or replace. Joe Blessman talked about how the outside of the school is another thing the prospective homeowners look at when looking at houses to purchase.

**F.** Mrs. Dawson informed Mr. Blessman that the timer that they are currently using is partially broke. Mrs. Dawson explored the internet to find a timer that would work with our equipment and also checked pricing.

Motioned by Lucy Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Matheny to purchase a new Scholastic Bowl timer from Zee Craft.

Ayes: Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams, Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan

Nays: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried

**G.** Joe Blessman stated our school is able to receive a total of \$6500 for textbooks and the amount that our teachers have used was \$6200. Superintendent Joe informed the School Board that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Science Books were published in 1991 and our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies textbooks were published in 1996 and both need to be replaced. Mrs. Kuehn also asked if there was money left that she could use some new reading books for the students to read and write reports on the book.

Motioned by Lucy Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Adams to purchase the textbooks for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and the reading books for Mrs. Kuehn..

Ayes: Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan, Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams.

Nayes: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried.

**H.** Shawn Whitman spoke with Joe Blessman regarding purchasing a new auditory enhancement system. Shawn informed Superintendent Joe that we have a few students that would benefit from this equipment. She also informed Joe Blessman that this system is the same as what Germantown School has and they state that the system works great.

Motioned by Lucy Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Matheny to purchase an auditory enhancement system with 2 microphones from LightSPEED.

Ayes: Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams, Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan.

Nayes: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried.

**I.** Superintendent Blessman stated that we need to give notice of Honorable Dismissal to a few employees. Once the school determines the number of students that will be attending each class will determine whether or not they need to rehire any employees.

The following employees will be given formal Notice of Honorable Dismissal to Mrs. Emily Dawson, Mr. Jason March, Mrs. Marla Obourn, and Mr. Anthony Cox.

Motioned by Lucy Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ray Matheny to give Notice of Honorable Dismissal to the above employees.

Ayes: Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams, Don Story, Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan.

Nayes: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried.

**J.** Motioned by Don Story, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michelle Adams to pay Howard Mayfield \$431.57 for the amount of funds that his insurance did not pay for his sons broken arm surgery that happen during school hours.

Ayes: Lucy Zeller, Ray Matheny, Joe Gilfillan, Todd Goforth, Michelle Adams, Don Story.

Nayes: None

Absent: Steve Tiezzi

Motion Carried.

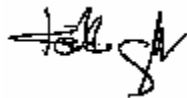
## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Transportation – Maria is still checking with Regions Bank regarding the lease on the small school bus.
- B. Finance – President Gilfillan informed the School Board that the tax dispute should be over possibly next month. He said that he informed our attorney to accept the offer of \$7500 from Metamora Grade School for the taxes that they received in previous years that should have come to Riverview.
- C. Curriculum – Superintendent Joe Blessman discussed the dismissal of a few employees.
- D. Handbook - Superintendent Blessman stated that they should be
- E. Building – Todd Goforth and Ray Matheny are to have a meeting with Joe Blessman about what projects needed to be completed this year.
- F. Technology – no report
- G. Labor Management – no report
- H. Wellness – no report
- I. Disaster Preparedness – no report

Motioned by Lucy Zeller, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Story to adjourn meeting at 9:40p.m.



Joe Gilfillan, President  
Riverview Board of Education



Todd Goforth, Secretary  
Riverview Board of Education