

RIVER BEND EDUCATION DISTRICT

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BOARD MINUTES

January 27, 2015

Members present: Remus, Weikle, Peterson, Ringhofer, Trapero, Kirchner
Members absent: Weber, Ness
Others present: Erin Toninato, Doug Hazen, Chris Bodick, Linda Beck, Jennifer Rose,
Kristen Drill, Cindy Brunner

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Annual Organization

Motion by Remus, second by Weikle to elect Peterson as Chair of the Board of Education for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Peterson, second by Ringhofer to elect Remus as Vice-Chair of the Board of Education for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Weikle, second by Remus to elect Ringhofer as Clerk of the Board of Education for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Weikle, second by Remus to elect Ringhofer as Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Remus, second by Trapero that all 2015 regular Board meetings be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the River Bend conference room. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Remus, second by Weikle to designate *The Journal* of New Ulm as the official newspaper for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Ringhofer, second by Kirchner to designate the United Prairie Bank as the official depository for checking for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Remus, second by Ringhofer to set the salary for the Chairperson at \$350 with \$45 per meeting for all members, and mileage at the IRS allowed rate for the 2015 calendar year. Motion carried 6-0.

Technology: Chairperson Peterson appointed the following Board member to serve on the Technology Committee: Weikle

Negotiations: Chairperson Peterson appointed the following Board members to serve on the Negotiations Committee: Remus, Peterson and Weikle.

Motion by Weikle, second by Kirchner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Remus, second by Weikle to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Kirchner, second by Trapero to approve wire payments and bills paid as listed by the check registers dated December 8, 2014 through January 27, 2015 totaling \$442,157.93.
Motion carried 6-0.

Director Toninato provided information on River Bend programs and services.

Personnel

Leave Request:

Dana Miller ALC Teacher Remainder of year plus 2015-16 school year
Anna Haynes School Psychologist 10 weeks beginning approx. Feb. 16, 2015

Employment:

Josef Warta Long Term Substitute in the ALC BA+1

Lane Change:

Kathy Turbes Special Ed. Teacher Move to MA + 2
Sara McMonagle Special Ed. Teacher Move to MA + 5

Motion by Remus, second by Ringhofer to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

Member Ringhofer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the River Bend Education District No. 6049 Board of Education as follows:

That the following donations be accepted with appreciation:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Designation</u>
Allina Health	\$500	ALC
Family Video	\$5	ALC
Brandi and Adam Schultz	Kaye Stander (\$1000 Value)	OT Department

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member Kirchner, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following members voted in favor thereof: Ringhofer, Remus, Weikle, Peterson, Kirchner, Trapero

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE

Member Ringhofer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the School Board must reduce expenditures, and, WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and, WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contract must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or

fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of River Bend Education District No. 6049, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Director of River Bend Education District to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions, or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Kirchner. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Ringhofer, Remus, Weikle, Peterson, Kirchner, Trapero

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FLEXIBLE LEARNING YEAR

Member Weikle introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of River Bend Education District, 6049, State of Minnesota, as follows:

WHEREAS:

1. The School Board of River Bend Education District, 6049 is responsible for the educational program, including the learning year, for the students in the education district; and,
2. The administration of River Bend Education District, 6049, at the direction of the Board of Education, made a concerted effort to explain and discuss the concept of a flexible learning year with the community at large to determine the level of support and/or opposition among the District's parents, patrons and community leaders for a flexible learning year that best meets the needs of our school district; and,
3. The educational leaders of River Bend Education District, 6049 believe a flexible learning year best meets the educational needs of the students and takes into consideration the needs of the community in our education district; and,
4. A flexible learning year, established by the educational leaders of River Bend Education District, 6049 and approved by the River Bend Education District, 6049 Board of Education, is best suited to meet the needs of our schools and will allow us to achieve better student outcomes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that River Bend Education District, 6049 requests our state legislators seek legislation waiving state mandates that prohibit or stall us in the process of designing a learning year that meets our local needs. Furthermore, we instruct our district leadership to work with our legislators and associated advocacy organizations to advance such legislation in the 2015 state legislative session.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Trapero. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Ringhofer, Remus, Weikle, Peterson, Kirchner, Trapero

And the following voted against: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Other

The next regular meeting of the River Bend Education District Board is scheduled for February 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Kirchner, second by Trapero to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Linda Beck
Administrative Secretary