

RIVER BEND EDUCATION DISTRICT

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BOARD MINUTES

January 31, 2017

Members present: Remus, Weikle, Ringhofer, Kirchner, Trapero, Weber, Roufs, Meyer
Members absent: None
Others present: Doug Hazen, Linda Beck, Chris Bodick, Kristen Drill, Mary Olson

Chairperson Remus called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m.

Director Hazen asked to table item number 12 until next month for further review.

Motion by Ringhofer, second by Kirchner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Weikle, second by Trapero to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Trapero, second by Routs to re-elect Remus as Chair, Weikle as Vice-Chair and Ringhofer as Clerk/Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2017 calendar year. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Kirchner, second by Meyer, that all 2017 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 8-0.

Motion by Ringhofer, second by Routs to designate *The Journal* of New Ulm as the official newspaper for the 2017 calendar year and to designate United Prairie Bank as the official depository for checking for the 2017 calendar year. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Weikle, second by Trapero 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 2017 calendar year (\$.53½). Committee meetings that extend beyond four hours will be compensated an additional \$75. Motion carried 8-0.

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

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

Motion by Trapero, second by Weber to approve the wire payments and check registers dated December 17, 2016 through January 20, 2017 totaling \$299,191.80. Motion carried 8-0.

Director Hazen updated the Board on River Bend programs and services.

Member Weber introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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

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' contracts 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 Ringhofer. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor:

Weikle, Trapero, Ringhofer, Remus, Kirchner, Meyer, Weber, Roufs

And the following voted against:

None

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

The next regular meeting of the River Bend Education District Board is scheduled for February 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Linda Beck
Administrative Secretary