

**Unapproved  
Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, June 9, 2016, 7:30 PM  
Room 214 - Board Room**

The Ruthven-Ayrshire Board of Education held its regular meeting with the following in attendance; Larry Conlon, Tracy Enderson, Darin Malm, Susan Sikora, Jon Josephson, Kelli Harmon, and Andrew Woiwood. Absent: Stephanie Fay, Heather Ruehle and Bruce Long. Also in attendance: Josh Bader, AEA, through Skype.

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- I. Call to Order** - President Sikora at 7:30 p.m. - Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Review of District Mission Statement** - Enderson
- III. Approve Agenda** - Motion by Enderson to approve the agenda. Second by Malm. Motion carried.
- IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests** - President Sikora
- V. Board Learning** - None
- VI. COMMUNICATIONS**
  1. Citizens or organizations in attendance - None
  2. Received through the mail - None
  3. Through Board Members - There were good comments about the new speaker system for the ball games and having the National Anthem. - Sikora  
There has been smoking and pets at the T-ball games. - Malm. It was suggested to get signs up to remind people smoking and pets are not allowed.
- VII. Business & Action Items**
  1. **Consent Items** - Motion made by Conlon to approve the consent items. Second by a Malm. Motion carried.
    - a. **Minutes** - May 16, 2016 Minutes were approved as is.
    - b. **Approval of Bills/Claims**
    - c. **Request to pay June Bills**
      1. Authorization of 2015-2016 year end expenditures.
    - d. **Financial Reports** - Presented by Josh Bader of AEA.  
Ruehle joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
    - e. **Activity Calendar for July** - The regular School Board Meeting will be held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
    - f. **Field Trips**
      1. **4th Grade Report on May 11th trip.** The 4th Grade went to the Palo Alto Co. Fairgrounds for Educational Partners-Agriculture and Kids. The students learned how agriculture is used in our daily lives. They had 7 stations: 1) From Hen House to Our House; 2) Biofuels Blast; 3) Chores on the farm; 4) Animal Bits and Pieces; 5) Delicious Discover; 6) Bountiful By-Products; 7) Nature's Filters. Overall very educational for the students.
      2. **Mr. Nielsen - Instrumental Music and Vocal Music** - Tri-State Middle School Honor Band - March 5th.- Very successful day! Middle School Contest - May 16th - Sixth graders played solos for rating and comments from Laura Geibler from Estherville Lincoln Central. TAG Field Trips - Lakeside Lab Touched by Science for 8th grader, Joel Sikora. It was a successful day for Joel. Lakeland

TAG Products Convention - Several TAG students from 3rd grade to 6th grade attended with their projects. The projects were displayed at the elementary concert. Iowa Lakes Show Choir Clinic/Competition - Junior High Show Choir Legacy Elite performed for a clinician for comments and ideas to improve their performance. Teresa Ortmann accompanied and Anna Davis was Choreographer. Jubilation Show Choir Competition at the Junior High Level did not place well, but the students took pride in what they accomplished.

**3. 2nd Grade Field Trip Report** - Mrs. Peton provided comments from the students on the field trips they took. FFA Animal Safety - 1) Both a cow and a goat give us milk and meat, 2) Cut off sheep tails, 3) Pigs eat corn and bugs are a few comments. Nature Center Field Trip - 1) Pelicans can hold a lot of fish in their pouches. 2) A squirrel ate part of Luke's lunch! 3) Red ants aren't always fire ants. These were a few comments by the students at the Nature Center.

**2. Personnel** - Motion by Malm to approve the resignation of Brooke Hanson as MS Reading /Language Arts teacher. Second by Malm. Motion carried. Motion by Malm to approve the hiring of Kayla Bortvit as MS Reading/Language Arts teacher and Lynn Morris-McEwan as Special Education Paraprofessional, and the Palo Alto County Nurse, Fawn Brown, \$2,145.00. Malm also made the motion to approve the sharing positions for 2016-17. Curriculum Director - Chris Myers at 20% with GT, Guidance - Matt Borchers - 50% with GT, Family/Consumer Science - Kate Myers - 20% with GT, Industrial Tech - TBD - 20% with GT, Spanish - Alison Johnson - 20% with GT, Maintenance - Gary Edwards - 20% with GT, Art - John Clouse - 37.5% to GT, Superintendent - Andrew Woiwood - 40% to GT, School Nurse - with Palo Alto County Health, Library - TBD. Second Conlon. Motion carried.

**Stephanie Fay joined the meeting at 8:20 p.m.**

Motion by Enderson to approve the payment of associates who request to be paid over 12 months. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

**3. Approve 2016 Graduates** - Motion by Conlon to approve the 2016 Graduates. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

**4. Open Enrollment - Application** - None

**5. Transportation Report** - Motion by Fay to approve the Annual Transportation Report. Second by Ruehle. Motion carried.

**6. Requests for Milk, Bread, Gas and Bids** - Motion by Fay to approve the requests for bids for Milk, Bread and Gas. Second by Enderson. Motion carried.

**7. Inter-District Transportation Agreement** - Motion by Malm to approve the Inter-District Transportation Agreement. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

**8. Mid-Iowa School Improvement Consortium Agreement (MISIC)** - Motion by Enderson to table the approval of the annual renewal of the MISIC contract. The contract has not been received. Second by Conlon. Motion carried.

**9. Grant Wood AEA Computer Services Agreement** - Motion by Ruehle to approve the continuation of the Grant Wood AEA Computer Services Agreement in the amount of \$52779 to be paid out of the PPEL fund. Second by Malm. Motion carried.

**10. Summer Projects - Update** - Motion by Enderson to wait on the purchase of the lawn mower and to approve new lockers, locker rooms and west entry projects. Second by Fay. Motion carried.

## **IX. Recognition of Staff and Students**

**A. "Good News Sharing" - in the Principal/Superintendent Reports**

## **X. Principal/Superintendent Reports**

## **A. Principal Report - Mr. Josephson**

### **1. State Track**

- Jacob Conlon got 10th in the 800 and 19th in the 1600.
- Toni Alesh got 11th in the 100 and 10th in the 200
- Madison Norris got 16th in the 800

### **2. End of the School Year Activities**

- 7th and 8th grade students presented their annual Mock Trial at the Palo Alto County Courthouse on May 20th.
- 9-11 students participated in our first ever May Term the week of May 23rd. Overall, we felt the May Term went smoothly for both the teachers and students. We are looking at trying to make this an annual program for G-T/R-A.
- 5-8 Students participated in Leadership Academy during the week of May 23rd. Students worked collaboratively within their Advisor-Advisee groups to complete a series of daily activities that challenged their leadership ability, cooperation, and teamwork. On the last morning, we did our final activities together with the G-T Middle School and then conducted our PBIS end of year raffle.

**3. Honor Rolls** for 4th Quarter and 2nd Semester have been completed and sent out to the media.

**4. Mrs. Cook, Mr. Borchers, Mr. Simington and I** are in the process of verifying 2016-2017 student course registration for our 9-12 students and will work throughout the summer to assure our students are registered for their fall courses.

## **B. Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report**

**Professional Development - 5/27/16 - Building Level PD** - We conducted Grade Level Meetings, PBIS Meeting, TLC Update on Hopes/Fear/Questions, The teachers finished the grades and got their rooms ready and did their check outs.

### **Administrative Retreat**

The Principals, Counselors and Tech Directors met at the Nature Center to discuss the 2015-16 school year and to start planning for 2016-2017 school year. This is our 3rd year doing a retreat. There are a lot of good discussions on what we have done, ways to improve our districts and new ideas to keep the districts moving forward.

### **State Reporting -**

- Student Reporting in Iowa (SRI) has been Certified.
- Spring BEDS have been Certified.
- Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) has been Certified.
- Title 1 Application has been completed.

### **Upcoming Events -**

- TLC - Upcoming Meetings
  - July 13 - Planning PD - Des Moines
  - August 1, 2, and 3 - Training with TAP
  - August 29, 30, 31 - Training with TAP
- Start Dates
  - August 17 - New teachers start
  - August 19 - Teachers start
  - August 24 - School starts

## **XI. Information Items:**

**1. Legislative Priorities 2016 and Legislative Resolutions 2016** - The board will need to decide which five resolutions the board will want to submit to IASB. We will have this on

the July Board Agenda.

**XIII. Adjourn** - Motion by Enderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Second by Fay.  
Motion carried. The next board meeting will be Monday, July 11th at 7:00 p.m.

***Kelli Harmon, Board Secretary***