

August 14, 2017

1. Call to order, roll call, and verification  
The Regular Meeting of the Rantoul Township High School District 193 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ann Reale. Secretary Janet Brotherton called roll: Foster, present; Reale, present; Quinlan, present; Jordahl, present; Brotherton, present; Larson, absent; Pacunas, absent.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Tonight's Agenda:
  - a. Approval of tonight's agenda.
  - b. Approval of the regular meeting minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  - c. Approval of bills and payroll to be paid.President Reale asked if everyone looked at the Consent Agenda and if there were any questions or changes. Janet Brotherton expressed her concern of the Golf Outing using Jimmy John's in Urbana instead of a local business. Mr. Amerio noted that flowers were sent to Tony Worthington upon his illness. As there were no further questions, President Reale determined the Consent Agenda be approved. Jordahl moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Quinlan. Roll call: Foster, yes; Reale, yes; Brotherton, yes; Quinlan, yes; Jordahl, yes. Larson and Pacunas absent. Motion carried.
4. Receiving and hearing of individual citizens and citizens' delegations.  
Mayor Chuck Smith stood and spoke regarding a Tax Report on Property Data, stating that Rantoul has the highest real estate taxes in Champaign County, and we have only issued 1 building permit in Rantoul this past year. He stated that Economic Development is the easiest way to correct these findings and gave out copies of Business Magazine for the board to review. Mr. Amerio then wanted to recognize Christian Life Church and its volunteers for the landscaping that they did around the RTHS buildings. Mr. Terry Sheppard was present to receive the praise and well wishes from the board. It was also noted that Christian Life had also helped stuff book bags for our students.
5. Freedom of Information Act Requests:
  - a. Mr. Amerio noted that we had received a FOIA on the bonds that we have, and the companies that helped us get them. Information was sent by Mr. Amerio and Ms. Tammy Evans to comply with the request.

6. Reading Communications Received.
  - a. Mr. Amerio acknowledged receipt of a thank you note from the family of Richard Taylor.
7. Information Items:
  - a. Financial Update:
    1. The State of Illinois is behind by one GSA Payment.
    2. Ms. Reale suggested we reach out to our senators.
    3. RTHS received \$49,550.08 from the County Sales Tax this month, which was higher than last month.
    4. Mr. Amerio gave an update on SB1.
  - b. Board Reports:
    1. Advisory Board to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, every three months
    2. Dates set up for future meetings.
    3. Survey to sophomores about their experience as freshman.
  - c. FY18 Tentative Budget
    1. Mr. Amerio expressed difficulty in doing an accurate budget in this economic climate.
    2. Budget to be approved in September.
8. Items Requiring Board Action:
  - a. Costa Rica Trip Proposal given by Ms. Emily Bayer. Ms. Bayer told the board how successful their trip was this summer and gave a brief update on the trip and the students who went. She thanked the board for the opportunity. She then presented a proposal to go again next summer, and to get on a schedule to provide this opportunity every other year. The board president asked for a motion to approve the Costa Rica Trip Proposal. The motion was made by Janet Brotherton and Seconded by Doug Jordahl. Foster, yes; Reale, yes; Brotherton, yes; Quinlan, yes; Jordahl, yes. Larson and Pacunas, absent. Motion carried.
  - b. Pedestrian Crossing Proposal was presented by the Superintendent with Greg Hazel from the City in attendance and ready for questions. The Chanute St. crossing will have improvements and additional signage, more visible crosswalk areas, and a pedestrian-activated visual. In addition to Chanute St., we will also add a crosswalk with the same signage etc., behind the High School leading to Wabash Park. This will be a joint project between RCS, RTHS, and the Village of Rantoul, with estimated cost for each entity being under \$35,000.00. The board president asked for a motion to approve the Pedestrian Crossing Proposal. Doug Jordahl made the motion, Roger Quinlan seconded. Roll Call Vote: Foster, yes;

Reale, yes; Brotherton, yes; Jordahl, yes, Quinlan, yes; Larson and Pacunas absent. The motion carried.

c. First Reading of Proposed Board Policy 4:122 – Meal Charge Policy. This policy was presented by Superintendent Amerio and is in draft form at this point. The USDA now requires to have a policy in place regarding student lunch accounts. Our policy will set a limit of a negative balance of -\$5.00 on a student or faculty members lunch account. Once a student goes over the -\$5.00, he or she can only get an alternative meal. The expectations set forth in this policy will be communicated clearly to staff and students. Recommendation made by Amerio to look through the policy and place it on the agenda for next month. The board president asked for a motion to accept the first reading of the Proposed Board Policy. Roger Quinlan made the motion with Kelly Foster seconding. All voted AYE.

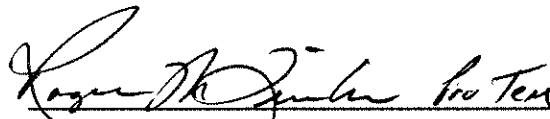
d. Personnel: The superintendent presented information on personnel. He noted that we need to hire more instructional aides as we have a significant increase in the number of our functional students. Recommended new hires were: Aisah Cole, Instructional Aide, Lakimya Wade Instructional Aide and Danielle Day 7.5-hour cook. Resignations: April Dambacher.

Appointments of Betty Jones, Volunteer Dance Team Level 3; Eric Springer, FBLA Club Sponsor; Ben Hanks, Girls Track Head Coach; Mitch Wilson, Boys Track Head Coach; Travis Flesner, Softball Head Coach; and Jon Donovan, Baseball Head Coach.

9. Adjournment: No Closed Session

President Reale asked if there was any other business. There being no further business to come before the meeting, at 8:00 p.m. Jordahl moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Quinlan. All voted AYE.

  
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 ANN REALE, PRESIDENT

  
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 JANET BROTHERON, SECRETARY