



*Broadmeadow*  
*Eastlawn*  
*Northview*  
*Pleasant Acres*  
*J.W. Eater*

*Michelle Ramage*  
*Superintendent*  
  
*Jennifer Frerichs*  
*Assistant Superintendent*  
  
*Allison Didier*  
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**Robert D. Little Board Room, 400 E. Wabash Ave, Rantoul, IL 61866**  
**Board of Education Meeting Thursday, September 19, 2019**  
**6:30 PM Budget Hearing with Regular Meeting immediately following**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**

**6:30pm Budget Hearing**

1. Hearing Convened – Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by President Sweat at: 6:30 pm. Those present: John Brotherton, Andy Graham, Kevin McCallister, Joe Robinson, and Bill Sweat. Those absent: Sandra Uhlott and Mark Keyes.

2. Budget Hearing

Kendra Good, Finance Manager, presented the 2019-20 budget. There are three main sources of revenue: local; state; and federal. The overall budget appears to have a surplus only because of a late real estate property tax payment not received last year FY19. The projected expenses of the budget and a break down of salaries, benefits, purchased services, and materials and supplies were provided. The highest benefit cost to the district is health insurance, which is true in most school districts.

3. Action: Hearing Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm was made by Member Sweat and seconded by Member Brotherton.  
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

**Regular Meeting**

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Sweat at: 6:44 pm. Those present John Brotherton, Andy Graham, Kevin McCallister, Joe Robinson, and Bill Sweat. Absent: Sandra Uhlott and Mark Keyes

2. Action: Consent Agenda Items

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member so requests (Action item #3), in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a) Approve Tonight's Agenda
- b) Board Meeting Minutes August 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Open Session
- c) Bills and Treasurer's Report
- d) Teachers and Administrative Salary and Benefits Report – annually required to post on our website.
- e) Donations: Staff donated all the bags of chips and cookies for Rantoul Cancer Walk!

A motion to approve the consent agenda items, including ratification of bills pre-paid by the Treasurer under Board Policy 4:50 was made by Brotherton and seconded by Robinson.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

~~3. Action: Approval of Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda~~

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inspires all to grow beyond limits.**

#### 4. Public Forum

~~Jack Anderson spoke again regarding public access to the board agenda items prior to the meeting as a matter of transparency and feels it would bring more community involvement to the meetings. He also provided his own calculations regarding per-pupil costs.~~

#### 5. Action: Personnel Report

A motion to approve the personnel report as submitted with the stipulation that each individual is required to comply with all requirements for new hires as indicated in Illinois statutes and RCS board policy and procedures was made by Member Brotherton and seconded by Member Graham.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

#### 6. Action: 2019-20 Budget

A motion to approve the 2019-20 budget as presented was made by Member Robinson and seconded by Member Sweat. AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

#### 7. Property Tax Interventions

Michelle Ramage reported on three property owners that have requested a reduction in their property value. The district submitted the intent to intervene letters with the Champaign County of Review. Those property owners are:

1. Taco Bell – about \$300,000
2. Villas of Hollybrook – about \$400,000
3. BRG – over \$8,000,000

#### 8. FOIA

- a. Jack Anderson – Request for August Board Packet
- b. Jack Anderson – Request for August Audio Recording of Open Session Board Meeting.
- c. LocalLabs – Union information
- d. SmartProcure – Purchase orders

#### 9. Facilities Update

Shannon Clark, Facilities Manager presented information on what the RCS Facilities Department completed over the summer. **Broadmeadow:** repainted swing set, stripped and refinished gym floor. **Eastlawn:** new landscaping added to the front, gym floor stripped and refinished, hallways painted and old tile in foyer covered with FRP. **Northview:** Doors and exterior office wall painted, exterior gym stairwell removed, hallway wall painted above tile, FRP added over tile in foyer and lunch tables removed, reserved parking spaces added, gym stripped and refinished, playground entry repaired, landscape added to the front of the school, library repainted to mirror style of the Innovation Center at JWE. **Pleasant Acres:** Exterior school letters repainted, safety signage added, completely new PreK playground, PreK shed added, refinished floors in the Cafeteria, added a new classroom, refinished hallways, added a new nurse's office, stripped and refinished gym floor, old storage area door removed. **JWE:** landscaping, painting in Annex, **Central office:** landscaping, removal of old pine trees.

#### 10. Sports Complex Presentation

Andy Graham (Youth Program Director) and Scott Eisenhower (Administrator, Village of Rantoul) provided a presentation about the new Sports Complex and its economic impact on the community.

#### 11. Board and Superintendent Comments

##### **Superintendent Comments:**

- Enrollment Update: an increase of 86 students compared to last school year
- Out of School Suspension Report
- Building Report
- RTHS Advisory Board Meeting Schedule 2019-20: 6pm Oct 22, Jan 28, April 28<sup>th</sup> at RTHS board room
- Principal Tom Magers co-author of article in Illinois Reading Council journal "*Getting to Know Our Students: The Heart of Differentiation in the Balanced Literacy Classroom*"

• Upcoming Dates:

- IASB Dinner in Mattoon Oct 3rd Tuesday
  - Master IASB board members recognition – Sandra (maintained), Kevin (Level I)
- Board Meetings: Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm; Nov board mtg moved to Tues Nov 19<sup>th</sup>
- Law Enforcement Drills at schools Sept 25, 27, 30
- Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-7:30 Bilingual Parent Advisory Council Meeting at EL
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Conferences

**Board Comments:**

Member McCallister requested the agenda item “board packet” be placed on the agenda. President Sweat seconded the request. President Sweat asked board members if they stood by their positions from last month’s discussion. Due to 3 board members wanting this agenda item, it will be placed on the October board agenda.

President Sweat reminded the board of the upcoming trainings at Central Office on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup>. He spoke to the members of the audience and directed them as to how to access some of these trainings on the Illinois Attorney General website.

12. Action: Closed Session for Personnel, Negotiations

A motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 8:12 pm for the purposes of Personnel and Negotiations was made by Member McCallister and seconded by Member Graham.

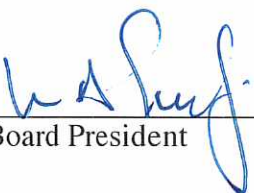
- a. *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.*
- b. *Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.* AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

13. Action: Reconvene to Open Session

A motion to reconvene to open session at 8:53 pm was made by Member McCallister and seconded by Member Graham. AYES: 5 NAY:0

14. Action: Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm was made by Member McCallister and seconded by Member Graham  
AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

  
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