

Ralls County R-II School District
Regular Board Meeting

August 18, 2022

Superintendent's Office
Mark Twain High School

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of Ralls County R-II Board of Education was called to order on Thursday, August 18, 2022, by President Ron Evans immediately at 7:05 p.m. annual tax levy hearing.

Member	Title	Present/Absent
Ron Evans	President and Member	Present
Pete Hilgenbrinck	Vice President and Member	Present
Michael Boling	Secretary and Member	Present
Jason Liter	Treasurer and Member	Present
Jake Moss	Member	Present
Scott Hodges	Member	Present
Ritchie Palmer	Member	Present

Others in attendance included Tara Lewis, Carey Scherder, Deacon Windsor, Jen Hays, Natalie Gibson, Cody McCann, Architect Jacques Reynolds.

PUBLIC SESSION

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

1. Administrative Reports- Building administrators have shared updates.

III. 1. Administrative Reports (CSIP 1.1, 2.2 1.10, 1.11):

Administrative Updates: August 2021 -- TEAM TIGER !!!!

ECSE & Special Education (Ellen Britt):

- We have 21 Pre-K students ready to begin their school year soon!
- MTJH and MTHS SPED staff have worked to get students' IEPs amended to reflect schedule changes and grade promotion for the upcoming school year!
- Upcoming Professional Development for the SPED team will include an update on DESE form changes, changes in the State Compliance Plan, and iReady training for RCE and MTJH staff who will be utilizing the program.

Ralls County Elementary (Carey Scherder & Natalie Gibson):

- RCE is looking great and ready to welcome back students and staff.
- We distributed "Tiger Lives Here" signs to our Kindergarten students, the class of 2034!
- We are excited to have had over 25 new students enrolled in K-5 for this upcoming school year.
- Staff will be utilizing the iReady testing and instructional toolbox to help with learning goals this year and through the students Tiger Time, which is our Response To Intervention time.
- Sonya Campbell has created an amazing lighthouse and bulletin board to go with our theme this year "Be A Light On The Path To Greatness." Come check it out at back to school night!
- Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Scherder are working with teachers on reviewing math resources for purchase by spring of 2023. The link below is the process that teachers will be following in the review, and we plan to have resource samples available to view for parents and students to provide feedback on as well. There are links to many of the resources included in the document linked below. Please let us know if you have any questions.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13TnNyc59RJYDxbjc6SIEbdY0FGp0T7Lo9S-0VIPV2ag/edit?usp=sharing>

- Sonya Campbell worked with Dustin Wasson to create an amazing t-shirt design for our building for this year, honoring our Lighthouse School honor.
- There was an issue with the HVAC units in the 4/5 wing. Matt looked into it and believes the dampers were left open, causing warm air to circulate through the registers, increasing moisture and causing issues in several areas. Dehumidifiers were purchased and are running in multiple locations.

Mark Twain Junior High School (Jennifer Hays):

- HVAC work is being completed in JH classrooms.
- The maintenance and custodial staff have done an excellent job preparing the building for the school year.
- Mrs. Kent has been VERY helpful filling me in on all things MTJH and answering all my questions. She is a wealth of knowledge!
- The PD Committee met and has planned high quality professional development for the first semester. We will meet later this fall to plan for the second semester.
- Ralls County R-II will be welcoming Stand Tall Steve to campus on Aug. 19th for a high energy, PD session to help get the school year started off right.
- The sixth grade team met with Mrs. Hays to discuss changes related to new classroom locations, lunch shift times, and RTI time.
- The new program, iReady, will be utilized during RTI time to help monitor student progress and provide lessons to help build skills in both math and reading.
- Wednesdays will be DEAR Time. All staff and students will “Drop Everything and Read” during RTI time.
- The MTJH theme for this school year is “Better Every Day”. Students and staff will be encouraged to work at improving on some aspect every day. The improvement can be related to listening better, scoring better on a test, showing more patience with a classmate, being more active, etc. Students and staff will be recognized throughout the school year for working to be “better every day”. Banners with the theme will be displayed around the building.
- 6th and 7th grade students will participate in the Junior Achievement program and attend JA Biztown in Chesterfield next March.

Mark Twain High School (Deacon Windsor):

- WOW - CAMPUS PROGRESS!!
- Mark Twain has Amazing Staff & Students!!
- Great to see Coaches/Sponsors/Teachers/Students on Campus making Progress!!
- 3 Cheers to Our Custodial Staff - Very different Summer and they are flexible!!
- Hats off to Maintenance - Non-stop being pulled in all directions!!
- High five to Mrs. Ross for All she does daily with Pride!!
- Looking forward to Mentor/Mentee mtg on August 16th!!
- ALL STAFF on Campus the 17th - FINALLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Impressive how much is being done and done Right with Pride!!
- Great to see Students on Campus as practices began on the 9th!!
- Well planned by the Adm Ladies lunch for Our Awesome Support Staff on the 10th!!
- On-Line Registration is going really well!!
- STUDENTS ARE COMING the 25th!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Facilities, Athletics, & Transportation (Cody McCann):

-Transportation-

- New buses are here!
- We are looking at adding a driver.
- Routes are finished up and we are ready for the school year!

-Facilities-

- Construction is ongoing.
- I sprayed for weed control on campus 8/4/21.
- Moving everyone into their classrooms with start soon once the wax on the new floors is dry

-Athletics-

- Practices begin on Aug 9th for HS and Aug 16th for JH.
- Scoreboards will be going up at the softball and baseball fields soon!
- Scoreboard and 25 second clocks are ready to go at the football field.
- The football field scoreboard is leaning towards the track. Not sure what happened, but it has shifted

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

1. Adoption of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
2. Minutes, Bills & Treasurer's Report

Jake Moss motioned to approve the consent items as presented, Ritchie Palmer second. Motion passed 6- 0-1

V. SPECIAL REPORTS

1. MSBA Delegate Report – The link for the monthly video report was shared with board members.

VI. ITEMS FOR DECISION

VI. 1 Facility and Long Range Planning (CSIP 4.1, 4.4)

1. Freise Construction - Renovations of MTHS classrooms, MTJH Hallways, exterior panel improvements, exterior lighting, exterior signage.

STARTING Contingency \$30,000

CURRENT Contingency with all approvals \$75,547.00

Change Orders:

1. Omit FACS door/courtyard slab and change cabinet specifications - \$35,420
approved 5/12/22
 2. MT Kitchen electrical changes + \$5,231 approved 5/12/22
 3. Exterior Signage change, eliminate elementary sign - \$36,151 approved 5/12/22
 4. Interior Lighting Substitution -\$13,115 approved 6/16/22
 5. Replace stage curtain tracks \$4,029 declined by President Ron Evans 6/22/22
 6. Transfer balance from 2021 projects to current purchase order to close former purchase order
\$10,000 approved 6/16/22
 7. Ceiling/lights in classroom 235 \$4,587 approved 7/14/22
 8. Substitute Flooring Adhesive \$6,589 (+95% humidity required) approved 7/14/22
 9. Gym Ceiling Paint substitution (alcohol based) approved 7/20/22 by President Ron Evans
 10. Floor wax substitution \$4,365 approved 8/2/22 by President Ron Evans
2. JH Multipurpose Building, right unit condenser coils are leaking and need replacement, bid from Stewart Refrigeration is \$7,885.00 Matt Lawson is seeking another bid.

Jason Liter motioned to approve the #9 and #10 change orders and the bid for \$7,885 to repair the coils on Multipurpose unit from Stewart Refrigeration unless a lower bid is obtained from another company, seconded by Jake Moss, motion passed 7-0.

3. Groundsource system is leaking in the Mark Twain High School east parking lot, seeking solutions.

VI. 2. Conflict of Interest Ordinance (CSIP Goal 2)

The resolution to disclose conflicts of interest is due prior to September 1st. This ordinance will be in effect for two years from the date of adoption. The nepotism chart was shared to inform decision making

Pete Hilgenbrink motioned to approve the conflict of interest ordinance, seconded by Scott Hodges, motion passed 7-0.

VI. 3. Special Education Local Compliance Plan (CSIP 1.5)

DESE required document.

Pete Hilgenbrinck motioned to plan as presented , seconded by Ritchie Palmer, motion passed 7-0.

VI.4. COVID-19 SAFE Return Plan (CSIP 1.1, 1.8, 1.12, 2.2, 2.6)

ESSER III required a Safe Return to School Plan with community input to be in place prior to the school year beginning. Our plan was approved in June 2021, reviewed in December 2021 and is now due for review again. The next requirement is to review and update if necessary the plan within six months. A survey was conducted with parents and employees in July. The survey results are included on the following pages and resulted in no change necessary to our Safe Return to School Plan.

Motion by Jake Moss to approve Safe Return Plan for 2022-2023, seconded by Jason Liter, passed 7-0.

VI.5 Parents as Teachers Reimbursement Rates (1.12)

DESE has revised the reimbursement rates and the following would follow our past practice

\$25.00 per completed child screening for goal setting and child need visits

This does not include school readiness screenings required for school enrollment.

(Planning, Follow-up and paperwork must be completed on each screenings)

\$40.00 per completed child visit Regular Needs Visit

(Planning, Implementation, Follow-up and paperwork completion)

\$55.00 per completed child visit High Needs Visit

(Planning, Implementation, Follow-up and paperwork completion)

\$25.00 per completed group activity (4 per year)

(You must be in attendance at the event and all planning, implementation, and documentation completed before pay is received.)

\$100.00 for completion of monthly connection activities(monthly Sept.-June),

maintaining PAT electronic pages for duration of contract, completion of 20 hours required PD

(this does not include the foundational training and must include 6 hrs ASQ, and final submission of all required documentation for the end of the year).

Motion by Michael Boling to approve the reimbursement rates for PAT, seconded by Jake Moss, passed 7-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

VII.1 Back to School Professional Development (CSIP 1.13, 2.2)

An agenda for the employee back to school dates was shared. Board members were invited to the opening session to visit with employees.

VII.2 District Contacts (CSIP 2.2, 3.4)

The list of district contacts to be submitted to DESE for the 2022-2023 school year was included in the meeting packet

VII.3 Administration/Director Goals (CSIP 1.12, 1.13, 2.4)

All administration and director faculty have developed their goals for the upcoming school year. Progress updates will be provided throughout the year to the Board of Education.

VIII. COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A summary of monthly activities toward the district's CSIP Goals was reviewed and discussed.

CSIP Goal 1: Academic Achievement

CSIP Goal 3: Graduation & Beyond

CSIP Goal 2: Community & Communication

CSIP Goal 4: Facilities & Finances

Jason Liter motioned to approve the August 18, 2022 regular meeting and all meetings held in the interim, Ritchie Palmer seconded. Motion passed (7-0).

At 8:07 p.m. Pete Hilgebrinck motioned to close open session and go into closed session and Jason Liter seconded to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Hilgebrinck- yes, Moss- yes, Evans-yes, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-yes, Palmer-yes, motion passed 7-0

Jason Liter motioned to accept the resignation of Austin Leake-Weight Lifting and Mark Epperson- JH Boys Basketball Assistant seconded by Ritchie Palmer. Roll call vote: Hilgenbrinck- yes, Moss- yes, Evans-yes, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-refuse, Palmer-yes, motion passed 7-0

Ritchie Palmer motioned to hire Michaela Badger Magdich for 1st semester elementary p.e. to notify by November 11 about continuance into 2nd semester for 2022-2023 school year., seconded by Scott Hodges. Roll call vote: Hilgenbrinck- yes, Moss- yes, Evans-yes, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-refuse, Palmer-yes, motion passed 7-0

Jason Liter motioned to hire Mark Epperson for ½ summer weight lifting, seconded by Jake Moss. Roll call vote: Hilgenbrinck- yes, Moss- yes, Evans-recuse, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-refuse, Palmer-yes, motion passed 6-0-1

Ritchie Palmer motioned to hire Stephanie Davis-teacher assistant (retention grant funded) \$100 per day, Jessica Bauman- substitute as needed to cover absent floating substitute and Ethan Mack for assistant football high school and assistant jh boys basketball coach, seconded by Scott Hodges. Roll call vote: Hilgenbrinck- yes, Moss- yes, Evans-yes, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-refuse, Palmer-yes, motion passed 7-0

Ritchie Palmer motioned to accept volunteer coaches Jake Moss- HS football assistant and Stacey Grossman- softball with fingerprint background check on file, seconded by Jason Liter. Roll call vote: Hilgenbrinck- yes, Moss- recuse, Evans-yes, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-refuse, Palmer-yes, motion passed 6-0-1

Pete Hilgenbrinck motioned to leave closed session at 8:41 p.m., seconded by Ritchie Palmer . Roll call vote: Hilgenbrinck- yes, Moss- yes, Evans-yes, Boling-yes, Liter- yes, Hodges-yes, Palmer-yes, motion passed 7-0

Michael Boling made a motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m., seconded by Scott Hodges , motion passed 7-0.

President

Secretary