

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RIB LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 15, 2025
Rib Lake Boardroom

Board President Tlusty called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Thums, Meyer, Grzanna, Treffinger, Tlusty. Absent Glenzer, Scheller.

Treffinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2024 Regular meeting seconded by Thums. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Students

- a. Student Council Updates - Connor Highfill reported that the student council received a \$1000 grant, they have created a couple new committees Intergenerational Committee, Fundraising, Study Hall committees. The Winter Formal is this weekend, Prom Perfect, Community Breakfast, High School students are working with the Elementary School to learn about teaching, and the student council gave a thank you card to the board.
- b. Policy Update 2ndt Reading): Board Exhibit 341.1 Exhibit 1 Literacy Goals & Exhibit 2 Early Literacy Remediation Plan - Treffinger made a motion to approve the Board Exhibit 341.1 Exhibit 1 Literacy Goals & Exhibit 2 Early Literacy Remediation Plan, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- c. Policy Update (1st Reading): Open Enrollment Space Availability Exhibit 423 - Thums made a motion to approve the Open Enrollment Space Availability Exhibit 423, seconded by Treffinger. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.
- d. Summer School 2025 - Counselor Michelle Rhodes reviewed progress for the 2025 summer school program. We will still plan to have two swimming sessions at the Phillips Pool, the trip to Washington DC and starting the Driver's Education program this summer. We will plan to post sessions a month early, and have registration in April instead of May.
- e. Counselors Update - Counselor Michelle Rhodes reported that the contract for our Academic Career Planning Software will be ending, the state is looking at options. Students will be completing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey for the Taylor County Drug Opposition Partners. Scholarship packets were mailed to the community last week, we have 40-50 local community scholarships given each year. Ms. Rhodes will meet with Seniors to fill out applications for these scholarships. ELL Students completed an assessment, we work with Ms. Ablen to provide help to our ELL students based on these results. Juniors have the ACT and Spring testing will take place in mid March - April.

Community

- a. Citizens Input - None
- b. Review of Correspondence - None
- c. 2025 Board Elections - Administrator Grubbs reported that a District at Large and Town of Greenwood position are up for election both are running unopposed. .
- d. Community Education Update - Administrator Grubbs reported on Community Education programs in progress or will be happening soon. We have indoor walking, open gym basketball, pickleball, Valentine cake and cupcake decorating class, and creating a pollinator friendly garden class. Please look for pop up classes.

Staff

- a. Personal Contracts: Resignations/Hires- Thums made a motion to approve the resignation of Stacey Marcott SPED Aide, Nancy Peterman, MS/HS Business Education Teacher, and Dan Winkler SPED teacher, both effective June 30, 2025, seconded by Grzanna. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote. Treffinger made a motion to hire Darcy Guzinski and Alissa Ruppel SPED Aide, and Felecia Varner, CNA, seconded by Meyer. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

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Facilities and Finance

- a. Treasurer's Report - Administrator Grubbs presented our monthly bills, monthly revenues and monthly expenses. Treffinger made a motion to pay January bills in the amount of \$209,511.79 and approve the Treasurer's Report seconded by Grzanna. Motion carried with a roll call vote Meyer, Grzanna, Treffinger, Tlusty. Thums (abstain)
- b. Facilities Planning Update - Administrator Grubbs reported that our second bond sale settled, we had an open house for contractors, McNeil Environmental was here and took roughly 80 samples at the high and middle school. Findorff will be reviewing all bids so the board can choose who will be completing the bid packages. Plan to do this in early/mid February.
- c. Mid Year Budget Report - JoAnne Peterson reviewed the Mid Year Budget Report. All areas are running as projected.
- d. Behind the Wheel Vehicle Update - Administrator Grubbs reported that we have test driven a 2021 Ford Ecosport SE. We are working on the final steps to purchase the vehicle.
- e. Discussion and Possible Approval of Track Renovation Firm - Administrator Grubbs reported that the RFP was due on January 15th. We need to learn more about the current conditions of the track by doing soil bores and considering drain tile. We hope to complete this project this summer. Thums made a motion to spend \$4200 on soil boring, seconded by Grzanna. Motion carried with a roll call vote Meyer, Grzanna, Treffinger, Tlusty, Thums.
- f. Star News/Shopper Advertising Opportunities - Administrator Grubbs reported that the Star News is doing a Taylor County Trivia Board and the Star News Fingertip Directory. Thums made a motion to purchase the \$469 ad in the Fingertip Directory, seconded by Treffinger. Motion carried with a roll call vote Grzanna, Treffinger, Tlusty, Thums, Meyer.

Reports

- a. CESA 9 Report - Grzanna reported that the last meeting was focused on the resolutions for the state convection.
- b. District Administrators Report - Administrator Grubbs reported that we needed to have Messersmith come and look at the wood boiler, we had an issue with the main breaker at the high school, our winter staff party is this weekend, and Eddie passed his AKC Good Citizen test.
- c. ELE/HS/MS - Principal Dallmann reported that the elementary Christmas concerts were very well attended, Act 20 focuses on Aims Web Testing, students who place in the bottom 24% percentile need to have reading plans in place, Aims Web has been down, we have our PD day on Friday and hoping to have all testing done by Friday for our PD day, 3-5 had ABC meetings, we are happy with Wit & Wisdom and Super Kids, Principal Dallmann will be speaking to DPI about AGR and about our school being a high achieving school. Principal Blomberg reported that we had an overtime event on January 10, student council has a winter formal, data meeting will be at the end of the month, district spelling bee on January 29 at the middle school, end of semester activity day coming up, freshman orientation in February, and the 5th to 6th grade transition.
- d. Special Education - Principal Dallmann reported SPED budgets were submitted and grant claims were completed, we have interviewed aides and CNA's, high cost is next week.
- e. 2025-26 School Calendar - Administrator Grubbs reported that DPI accepted our letter, we are still gathering information to determine what our start date will be.

Treffinger made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with WI Statute 19.85.(1) c and (f). for the following items at 7:19 p.m., seconded by Grzanna. Motion carried with a roll call vote Thums, Meyer, Grzanna, Treffinger, Tlusty.

- a. Individual Administrative Staff Contract Renewals
- b. District Administrator Evaluation

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Thums made a motion for open session at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Treffinger. Motion carried with 5-0 voice vote.

Meyer made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Treffinger. Motion carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


JoAnne Peterson
Recording Secretary


Stacy Tlusty
President