

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 11, 2024**

The March 11, 2024 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanek and second by Miess to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the minutes the regular board meeting of February 19<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Student Council members reported on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and high schools.

Mr. Schmidt informed the board that School Perception sent the referendum survey to the printer. Emails will be sent out to staff and parents. Surveys will start arriving in mailboxes on March 28<sup>th</sup> with a deadline of April 17<sup>th</sup>. Due to post office delays, Board packets will be sent electronically on Thursday and paper copies will be brought to the meeting. We are finishing up the speaker project. There is a meeting scheduled with the Village of Muscoda for the fence variance. Nick Stitzer, Bill Tracy, Dave McHenry, and Ronee Harris will be on the elementary principal interview committee.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that 4K and Early Childhood screening took place on March 5<sup>th</sup>. We screened 23 students and have an additional 5 students who plan to attend next year. Riverdale hosted STREAM Night on March 7<sup>th</sup> and was a great turn out. The Book Fair earned \$2,787 to purchase books and supplies for the classrooms. The Lit Wars Teams competed at SWTC on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Individually, Kinley Porter earned 1<sup>st</sup> place and Levi Wagner earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place on their books.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that on February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> Dawn Jewell took students to STEM events at UW-Platteville. On March 2<sup>nd</sup> three Junior High students attended the state KidWind Team competition at UW-Madison and placed first in the Instant Challenge category. Seven students attended the Wisconsin Education Rising Summit in Stevens Point. Juniors will take the ACT tomorrow, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders will take Forward testing after spring break. And the PreACT for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade is on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Three wrestlers placed at the state tournament. Brody Miess finished second, Grant Mathews placed third and Rylee Wanek placed sixth. Four powerlifters competed at the state powerlifting meet on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Appleton. Carons Ramirez placed 4<sup>th</sup>, Carter Degenhardt placed 9<sup>th</sup>, with a school record bench press, Cayley Carter scored PR lifts and finished with a 414 total, and Olivia Miess scored a PR squat and finished with a 440 total.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miller to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and the last day June 6, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Stitzer to approve the Academic and Career Plan (ACP). Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Stanek to approve the SWTC courses for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miess to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A. Discussion on Resignations B. Discussion on Staff Transfers C. Discussion on Hirings D. Discussion on Staff Reductions Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 7:33 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve the resignations of Jon Schmidt, district administrator effective June 30, 2024, and Bobbi Ann Goplin, aide, effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Stitzer to approve hiring Kyla Montgomery as a full-time aide at 7.5 hours effective March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Miess to approve hiring Kassandra Janisch as an aide effective March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2024**

The February 19, 2024 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miller to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the executive minutes the special board meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, the regular board meeting of January 8<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miess to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Student Council members reported on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and high schools.

Lynn Tarrell and Cheri Wilkinson gave a midyear AGR (Achievement Gap Reduction) update to the board. They shared kindergarten through third-grade targets of reading and math.

Mr. Schmidt informed the board that the CPI is at 4.12%. Quartz will have a zero percent increase for 2024, 5% for 2025, and a 6% increase for 2026. This will save about \$50,000. The budget for 2023-2024 is slated to be around \$492,911 in the deficit. The budget for 2024-2025 is looking to be \$610,606 in the deficit.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that the fourth graders are learning all about the state of Wisconsin in the social studies class. They had many organized activities. The K-6 staff participated in a Data Dig. 4K and Early Childhood screening is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>. 30 students have been identified as 4K school-age for the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that Alivia Sturdevant is the Valedictorian and Dreyton Deglow the Salutatorian for the Class of 2024. David May will receive the Wisconsin Excellence Scholarship as the student with the highest GPA. Juniors will take the ACT on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The rest of the students in the junior/senior high school will participate in a virtual learning day. 63% of high school and 49% of the junior high student body made the first-semester honor roll. Two student teachers, Lizzie Forehand and Tanner Behling, are at the JH/HS this semester.

Motion by McHenry and second by Stitzer to approve the recommendations from the curriculum meeting of adding Introduction to Computer Science, adding Yearbook as a high school course, and reducing the annual advisor HS position to 50%, from 0.10 to 0.05 of base. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanek and second by Hudson to approve the summer school dates. The first session will be June 10<sup>th</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the second session will be July 15<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

The referendum survey from School Perceptions was discussed with no action taken.

Motion by Miess and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A. Discussion on Resignations B. Discussion on Hirings Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Harris and second by Couey to approve the resignations from Shari Hougan, elementary principal, Jeff Johnson, teacher, and Todd McKay, FBLA Advisor, all effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Hudson to approve hiring Steven Fritz as a custodian, effective February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Hudson to approve hiring Juliette Schneider as a junior high track coach. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2024**

The January 8, 2024 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:40 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Miess to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of December 11<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023, the buildings/grounds & transportation meeting of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the finance meeting of January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by McHenry and second by Couey to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Student Council members reported on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and high schools.

Jen Tarrell gave an update on Special Education to the board.

Mr. Schmidt gave the board a referendum update.

Mr. Schmidt informed the board that the school district received a lunch donation from the Muscoda Fishere. Mr. Schmidt gave an update from the Buildings/Grounds & Transportation meeting. Mr. Schmidt would like to set a Curriculum meeting for Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm in the junior/senior high school library.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that Mrs. Schaefer and Mrs. Wilkinson hosted an *Hour of Code* for students in grades 5K-4. Coding teaches students to speak the language of the computer. Riverdale third graders attended a virtual field trip to the National Mall in Washington D.C. that was led by a National Park Ranger. Elementary students are taking their winter assessments by completing Dibels and iReady Math and Reading diagnostics. Assessments are used to measure academic growth from the start of the school year.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that on January 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Riverdale Music Department hosted the SWAL Honors Band. A group of students also attended Dorian Music Festival at Loras College. High School Student Council will host Snoball on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00.

Motion by Couey and second by McHenry to approve the second reading of new and revised policies of Volume 32 Number 2. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanek and second by Stitzer to approve the resignations of William Ewoldt, custodian, effective January 8, 2024 and Nharra Kessenich, custodian, effective January 19, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Hudson and second by Miller to approve not to set space limitations for any regular education grade or program and to close open enrollment to the district's special education program for the 2024-2025 school year. There are 0 spaces available for open enrollment in the early childhood program, elementary cross-categorical program grades K-2, elementary cross-categorical program grades 3-4, elementary cross-categorical program grades 5-6, elementary intensive cross-categorical program grades K-6, junior high cross-categorical program grades 7-8, high school cross-categorical program grades 9-12, junior high/high school intensive cross-categorical program grades 7-12, and speech and language program grades 4K-12. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Couey to approve administration contracts for Shari Hougan and Jen Tarrell for (2) two years starting July 1, 2024. In April or May determination of any changes in compensation will be made for these administrators. 5 (five) days at per diem will be added to Jen Tarrell's contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to change the February board meeting date to Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>. The time and location will remain the same. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A. Discussion on Hirings

Moved to closed session at 8:16 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:22 p.m.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miller to approve hiring Kaitlin Schaller as an aide. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2023**

The December 11, 2023 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 6:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Junior and Senior High Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Miess to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Hudson to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup>, the policy meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of December 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Student Council members reported on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and high schools.

Kelly Schaefer gave the board an update on the DPI Report Cards.

Mr. Schmidt informed the board that the district has received many lunch donations from the community. We are looking into a STEAM Lab and how to fund it. Mr. Schmidt told the board that some school districts are going to referendum, and we may want to consider going to referendum in April. Our forecast is under budget with a deficit of around \$492,000.00 and in 2024-2025 a \$600,000 deficit without two ESSER positions. We will bring more information to the January board meeting.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that the Spelling Bee was held on December 6<sup>th</sup> with 20 spellers competing. The Bee went 21 rounds with the champion being Allison Adams and Emma Horton taking second place. They will advance to the Regional Bee at Southwest Technical College on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that Junior Mock Interviews were held on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Seventeen individuals from various careers and backgrounds took part. Junior & Senior High Student Councils will organize activities for December 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> Riverdale hosted the first ever Alumni Day. Over forty different alumni participated.

Motion by Stanek and second by Miess to approve the first reading of new and revised policies of Volume 32 Number 2. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve the resignation of Paula Booth, cook, effective November 22, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Couey to approve STEAM Club, a new student organization club for students in grades 5-8. Mrs. Wilkinson will be the volunteer for this organization and not be paid. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Sitzer to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. A. Update on Satt and Student Issues B. Discussion on Hirings C. Discussion on Administrator Evaluation Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 6:47 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer to approve hiring Kathryn Benedict as a cook. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Harris to approve hiring Morgan Kosharek as a full-time substitute teacher for the second semester of school. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk



**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 13, 2023**

The November 13, 2023 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by McHenry to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of October 9<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of October 9<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of October 24<sup>th</sup>, the annual meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup>, the special board meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup>, the finance meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, and the special board meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miess to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Student Council members gave a report on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and high school.

Mr. Schmidt had the board pick a delegate and alternate to represent Riverdale at the State Education Convention in Milwaukee. Nick Stitzer and Gray Stanek volunteered. Mr. Schmidt gave the board an update on New Frontier that only one student is now attending and being transported. American Education week is November 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> and board members are encouraged to come in and check out all the awesome things happening at Riverdale. Mr. Schmidt informed the board that we were awarded the COPS Grant for the speaker and fence projects in the amount of \$97,800.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that 5K will host a Thanksgiving Gathering on November 21<sup>st</sup> for their families. The school spelling bee is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the RES Commons. There will be 2 student representatives from each ELA 4-8 grade class. Riverdale will send 2 spellers to the Sectional Bee at SWTC on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The 5K-4 grade winter concert is set for December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the RES gym. The 4K holiday program is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm in the RES Commons. Mrs. Hougan thanked many individuals and organizations for their generosity.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that Mrs. Clark took part in the Iowa/Lafayette/Grant County Communities on Transition mentoring day. 8 students attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis November 1-3. Craig Hillier was a guest speaker for students in grades 7-12. A Veterans Day Assembly was hosted with Riverdale School District and Post 85 on November 9<sup>th</sup>. The Riverdale One Act cast and crew advanced to WISDAA State One Act festival at UW-Green Bay.

Motion by Miess and second by Harris to approve the school safety training and evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanek and second by Miller to approve the Drama fundraiser going off school grounds for 2023-2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Stitzer to approve the snow plow bid to Riverway Trucking/Hackl Construction for \$80.00 an hour for plowing, \$100.00 an hour for hauling snow, and \$90.00 an hour for loading snow. Salt and sand are extra at time and material. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Hudson and second by Couey to appoint Mindy Kratochwill as deputy clerk for election purposes. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Couey to approve the 2023-2024 District Library Plan as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to approve the resignation from Amanda Wolf, full-time custodian, effective November 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Stitzer to approve the 2022-2023 school audit report. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and Miess to approve extending an internal part-time aide position to a full-time 7.5 hour aide position. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Hudson to approve changing the December board meeting to 6:00 p.m. at the Junior & Senior High School library. Motion carried.

Motion by Hudson and second by Miess to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility A. Discussion on Hiring Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 7:31 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:33 p.m.

Motion by Harris and second by Hudson to approve hiring Bruce Young, full-time custodian, effective November 27, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 2023**

The October 9, 2023 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miess to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of September 11<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by McHenry and second by Hudson to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Student Council members gave a report on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and high school.

Mr. Schmidt gave the board a financial update from 2022-2023 school year with an ending surplus of \$84,055.27. Mr. Schmidt also gave a Budget update for the 2023-2024 school year. This year we will be \$560,000 over budget. We will get hit with declining enrollment even though our enrollment is up this year. October 15<sup>th</sup> is when the final numbers come out and everything will be finalized for the annual meeting. Mrs. Shari Hougan is the winner of this year's WiRSA Principal of the Year.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that students in K-2 will be attending a performance on October 11<sup>th</sup> of Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook at the Richland Center High School presented by Eau Claire Children's Theater. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend the Wisconsin Science Festival at UW-Madison. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will also participate in a virtual field trip in connection with the Science Festival on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The first concert of the year will take place October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the RES Commons.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that a successful homecoming concluded a week ago. FFA will have a pumpkin carving and a family fun night at the outdoor learning center. Members will be heading to the national convention at the end of the month in Indianapolis. The HS Student Council will be attending the SWAL Leadership Conference held at Southwestern High School on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve the overnight and out of state field trips for 2023-2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Stitzer to approve the fundraisers going off school grounds for 2023-2024. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve Early College Credit Program as presented to the board. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Stanek to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wis. Statue 19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. A. Discussion on Hirings B. Discussion on Student Discipline Issues Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 7:20 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:39 p.m.

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer to approve hiring Nharra Kessenich, full-time custodian, and BJ Hinkle, JH Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 11, 2023**

The September 11, 2023 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Stitzer to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of August 14<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Sarah Ploeckelman gave a Dual Credit Report to the board. There are seven options for dual credit – AP courses, Transcribed Credits, CAPP, SWTC College UP, UWP Intro to Education, Start College Now, and Early College Credit Program.

Kelly Schaefer gave a Redefining Report Card and AP Report to the board. Currently, seven AP courses are offered at Riverdale with 6 juniors and 30 seniors taking the courses.

Mr. Schmidt gave the board a TID 5 meeting update. Mr. Schmidt also reported that enrollment is up for the 2023-24 school year. There will be some internal special education staff changes at the RES. Richland Grant will be providing back up internet and phone services to the district starting September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that Ms. Morgan Kosharek will be a student teacher for the first semester working with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The academic coaches, Title 1 staff, and classroom teachers are completing fall assessments with their students. Data is used to measure student academic growth and determine individual student needs. School pictures are scheduled for Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> with Lifetouch this year. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 7:30pm.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that Homecoming week is Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Skit night will be Thursday at the RES. There is an all-school assembly planned and the parade to follow at 2pm on Friday. The senior class celebrated the start of their senior year with a "Senior Sunrise" early in the morning the first week of school. They are also planning a "Senior Sunset" the last week of school. Kathy Bresnahan will give two presentations to the JH and HS on Friday morning. She will speak of inclusion, choosing kindness, and making the people around you better.

Motion by Couey and second by Stitzer to accept the Resolution of the 2023-2028 Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by McHenry and second by Hudson to close hunting on the school farm during weekdays when school is in session. Motion carried.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the annual meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve the Elementary Speaker Project with Lifeline for \$99,565.00. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Couey to approve \$1.00 an hour increase for night differential for those employed and new hires. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miess and second by Harris to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A. Discussion on Resignations B. Discussion on Hirings Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:15 p.m.

Motion by Hudson and second by Stitzer to accept the resignations from McKenzie Couey, JH Track Coach, Susan Kuester, Special Education Teacher effective June 2, 2023, Donna King, custodian, effective September 22, 2023, and Charles King, custodian effective September 22, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve hiring Alexia Jones, aide, Kevin Remington, custodian, and Amanda Wolf, full-time custodian. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 14, 2023**

The August 14, 2023 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Stitzer to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of July 10<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of July 10<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miess to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Mr. Schmidt gave the board a budget update. We unofficially have a \$248,000.00 surplus from getting more interest than expected and putting the brakes on spending. At the last meeting we discussed some different options for keeping the money in Fund 10, purchasing a bus, or transferring the money to Fund 46. We put the surplus in Fund 46. Next year's budget will be \$642,000 in the deficit due to low revenue school, declining enrollment with a big drop off and low enrollment and losing \$300,000 in exemptions. We will take a big hit this year but better next year. Last spring, we had 38 4K students screen however we have 50 students enroll. Currently we have 34 students in kindergarten. We will move a kindergarten teacher to 4K. We have applied for a \$135,000 grant for the elementary PA system. We will find out at the end of September if we will receive it. If not, we will need to take it out of the budget. Our annual audit is done. Our new school bus is arriving on Wednesday, and we are donating an old bus to the Blue River Fire Department.

Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that Riverdale will have staff in-service days on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> with an open house on August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm. Chieftain Care will be open for students in grades 4K-5 with hours being 6:30-7:40am and 3:20-5:00pm. The Muscoda/Avoca/Blue River Lions Club have organized Stuff the Bus Program again this year. Donations from community members and other organizations have also been received.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that the first day of school for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, 9<sup>th</sup> graders, and academy students will be August 24<sup>th</sup> and the entire 7-12 student body will begin on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. An Advisory period will now take place after second hour for JH/HS students. This replaces Chieftain Time at the end of the day. Teachers will have around 14-15 kids split evenly between grade levels. Mondays will be for individual student meetings, mental health activities, and community service activities. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday will be for club and sport meetings and Friday will be for staff PLC meeting time.

Motion by Hudson and second by Harris to accept the bid from Bryson Distributing for milk for the district during the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stanek and second by Miller to accept the bid from Pan-of-Gold for bread for the district during the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Couey and second by Stitzer to accept the bid from Shell One Stop for gas and diesel for the district during the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the student handbooks for elementary, junior/senior high, and academy for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve fixing the broken high school chiller for \$20,000.00. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A. Discussion on hirings Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 7:35 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:45 p.m.

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve changing the Extra-Curricular positions and wages for the JH Dance and Spirit Squad Advisor and the HS Dance and Spirit Squad Advisor. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miess and second by Harris to approve hiring Sarah Mueller, full time aide, Samantha Chitwood, English Teacher and 11<sup>th</sup> grade class advisor, Kathy Nondorf, aide, Paula Booth, cook, and Sarah Johnson, HS dance and spirit squad advisor. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk



**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 10, 2023**

The July 10, 2023 meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by Bill Tracy Jr. at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Riverdale Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, Veronica Harris, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

Motion by Stanek and second by Harris to approve the proof of publication for the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, minutes the regular board meeting of June 12<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of June 12<sup>th</sup>, the negotiations meeting of June 14<sup>th</sup>, the executive minutes of June 14<sup>th</sup>, and the finance meeting of June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miess and second by Stitzer to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Mr. Schmidt presented the Restraint and Seclusion report for the 2022-2023 school year. There was 1 incident of seclusion and 0 incidents of restraint. Riverdale currently has 18 staff members trained and certified in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention. This program is on early intervention and providing the best care, welfare, safety, and security for the students within our school.

Mr. Schmidt told the Board that we have a \$200,000 surplus coming from putting breaks on the budget, less money on salaries, and more revenue than expected. We can roll it into Fund 10, do a Fund 46 transfer, or add to our bus fleet. The biennial budget is set with receiving \$325.00 per pupil, low revenue cost is at \$11,000.00 per pupil, mental health getting \$20,000.00, special education is a 33.3% reimbursement rate, and library aide money is up. Mr. Schmidt told the board that the football and wrestling cheerleading positions were both left open. We would like to combine the programs and go away from a side-line cheer and do more dance and performance but not competitive. The goal is to have a dance and spirit squad for the JH and HS and community. They would perform at least 2-3 football events, 2 wrestling events, 2 girls basketball games, and 2 boys basketball games.

Mr. Schmidt, on behalf of Mrs. Hougan, Elementary Principal, informed the Board that the second session of summer school begins on July 17<sup>th</sup> and runs through August 3<sup>rd</sup> with 114 students that have signed up. This session focuses on math and reading, giving students a "Jump Start" for the 2023-24 school year. There are some special events planned including animal visits, field trips to the high school to see animals, and ice cream cones from Vesperman Ice Cream truck, sponsored by TC Networks. Six staff members completed the 5 days of LETRS training with completing 3 out of 4 units in Volume 1.

Mr. Campbell, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the Board that Riverdale had six representatives attending Badger Boy and Girls in June. The State FFA Convention was held and Riverdale received many awards.

Motion by Stanek and Hudson to accept the resignations from William Miller, cook, Julie Miess, aide, and Jalissa Reynolds, English teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miess to approve Academic Standards for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Harris to approve Budget Transfers for the 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Couey to approve school fees for the 2023-2024 school year. This year everything raised including food service prices, registration fees, athletic passes and entry fees, and athletic fees. Families that fill out the free and reduced lunch form will have their child's registration fee waived and students 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above will receive a student activity pass free of charge.

Motion by Hudson and second by Miess to set the annual meeting for Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the RES Library.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve adding Cash in Lieu for insurance in the Support Staff Handbook. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0-1 with Miess abstaining

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the changes to the Athletic Handbook as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stanek and second by Couey to approve purchasing an IC-International 2024 72 passenger school bus for \$111,000.00. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Statue secs 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. A. Discussion on Wage Schedules and Staff Contracts for 2023-2024 B. Discussion on hirings Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 7:45 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:58 p.m.

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve 5.0% fixed amount to each cell on the teacher's salary schedule for 2023-2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0-1 with Hudson abstaining

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer to approve extracurricular driving time to be 5 hours instead of 4 hours. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miller and second by Harris to approve 5.0% increase to the support staff wages for 2023-2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0-1 with Miess abstaining

Motion by Hudson and second by Stitzer to approve 5.0% increase to the administrative and administrative support wages for 2023-2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve Business Specialist contract for 2023-2024. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer approve adding Cash in Lieu to Administrative and Administrative Support contracts. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0-1 with Miess abstaining

Motion by Stanek and second by Miller approve Teacher Sub Pay to \$150.00 a day. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris approve Support Sub Pay to \$15.00 an hour. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve Lenor Wilkie as Art Club Advisor and Annual Advisor - HS. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by McHenry and second by Stanek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk