

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2026**

The February 9, 2026 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Marc Couey, Amanda Kinyon, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer, and Darin Miess.

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

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the minutes the regular board meeting of January 12th, the agriculture meeting of February 4th, and the finance meeting of February 5th, 2026. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miess 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 senior high school.

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. Campbell gave the board an update to remind members of the building/grounds and transportation meeting on March 4th. The annexation of the school farm is going to the village board in March. Special Education funding was discussed. The state budget included a 42% reimbursement rate but now looking at 35% since the funding is sum certain instead of sum sufficient. Five of the largest school districts in Wisconsin sent letters to legislators. Mr. Campbell discussed from the Ag committee meeting of the Meister Cheese Program. They would like to deposited water waste on the school farm. An application with the DNR is being submitted. It will be a zero cost to the district and will provide fertilizer to the school farm.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that a huge thank you was give to the Riverdale Community Education Foundation for holding the annual Winter Carnival on Saturday, January 31st. Many families and community members attended the event and enjoyed numerous games, face painting, supported the concession stand, and jumping in the bounce houses. Riverdale staff members and students volunteered their time and baked items for the concession stand. The Riverdale Way assembly was held on January 30th. We celebrated the end of mid-year testing, reinforced the Riverdale Way, and recognized students. Olympic themed games were also played. A February incentive was also introduced. Another 3-6 grade incentive was planned for the last week of January. Teachers reinforced behavior expectations of respect, responsibility, and caring. Students who followed these expectations all week were rewarded with an Olympics trivia event.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, gave the board an update on attendance, comparing last year to this year. Last year, 29 students were completely out of days as the start of 2nd semester compared to only 9 this year. Last year 31% of the student body, or 91

students, missed at least 7 days or more, compared to only 9% or 25 students this year. The implementation of 10 absences per year, as opposed to 20, has made a huge impact on our attendance rates this year. Macy McKay has been named Class of 2026 Valedictorian and Riley Leith as Salutatorian. Macy will also receive the Wisconsin Excellence Scholarship, having the highest GPA. Juniors will take the ACT on Tuesday, March 10th while the rest of the students (in grades 7-10 and 12) will do virtual learning. On Tuesday, March 17th the 7th-8th grades will take the Forward Exam and 9th-10th graders will take the PreACT. Junior and Seniors will have a virtual day. 64% of high school students and 55% of junior high students made the first semester honor roll.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Stanek to approve the early graduation request as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve the resignations from Carrie Neff, teacher, at the end of the school year, and Sue Drapper, aide, effective February 13, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Kinyon to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against 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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 1/12/26 Board Meeting B. Discussion on Student Issues C. Discussion on Staff Updates Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 6:36 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:11 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2026**

The January 12, 2026 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Marc Couey, Amanda Kinyon, Darren Miller, and Nick Stitzer. Darin Miess arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Motion by Stanek and second by Stitzer 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, the revised minutes the regular board meeting of November 10th, the minutes the regular board meeting of December 8th, 2025, and the finance meeting of January 8th, 2026. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer 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 senior high school.

Stacy Sosinsky gave an update on Special Education to the board.

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update that Bill Tracy, Mandy Kinyon, and Darren Miller will run unopposed. Mr. Campbell gave the board a tax bill explanation and overview. Preferred sub Michelle Lange is moving out of the state, closer to family. We have a new sub bus driver, Robb Chase. Jan Nankee from the Riverdale Communities Education Foundation talked about the upcoming Winter Carnival.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that the 4K-5th grade concert was held on December 17th where friends and family filled the gym! The second annual Holiday Shop was put on by Mrs. Schaefer and the RNJHS. All 4K-6th grade students got to shop for up to 5 family members. Mrs. Wilkinson and Mr. Swiggum are holding a weekly Riverdale Way incentive to reward students who demonstrated responsibility, respect, and caring each week. The 4th-6th grade teaching team helped students organize and hold a community holiday party for senior citizens in the Riverdale community. Students planned and prepared invitations, decorations, activities, and food.

Mr. Campbell, informed the board on behalf of Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, that final exams are scheduled for January 16th and 20th for high school students. First semester ends on January 22nd and second semester begins January 26th. JH and HS Honors Band performed at Iowa-Grant on January 10th. The JH and HS Honors Choir will perform on January 24th at Mineral Point. Culver's donated one free custard treat to 34 students who received straight As on their first quarter report card. The Ag Mechanics class just finished resorting a Ford tractor that belongs to Dylan Topper's family.

Motion by Stanek 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 2026-2027 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 Stitzer and second by Miess to approve administration contracts for Jeff Campbell, Sarah Ploeckelman, Sarah Gruen, and Stacy Sosinsky for (2) two years starting July 1, 2026. In April or May determination of any changes in compensation will be made for these administrators. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Kinyon to approve the summer school dates. The first session, credit recovery, will be June 9th to June 26th, 2026 and the second session, school enrichment, will be July 20th to August 6th, 2026. Motion carried

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve additional early college credit program requests as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve the annexation of a portion of the school farm. This will allow us to hook up village water and sewer at the Jack Meister Learning Center. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Stanek to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against 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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 12/8/25 Board Meeting B. Discussion on Professional and Support Staff Hirings C. Discussion on Student Updates Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 6:32 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve hiring Amanda Lund as a paraprofessional aide. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 8, 2025**

The December 8, 2025 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Marc Couey, Amanda Kinyon, 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, the minutes the regular board meeting of November 10th, the curriculum meeting of November 12th, and the finance meeting of December 4th, 2025. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris 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 senior high school.

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update on the DPI Report Cards.

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update of the donations received from various organizations and people: \$1,000 lunch donation from an anonymous person, \$848.98 lunch donation from Blue River United Methodist Church, \$100 lunch donation from Avoca Methodist Church, new coats and boots from the Riverdale Food Pantry and Deb Patch, and various treats for AEW. Bill Tracy, Darren Miller, and Mandy Kinyon are up for election this year. Senator Howard Marklein stopped and visited with Mr. Campbell for 45 minutes. They discussed many items including declining enrollment and consolidation, private vouchers, money per pupil for school districts, and special education. Alumni Day was held with about 50 people participating. The lunch program was also discussed because of fewer lunches being taken. A survey will be sent to parents in January or February.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that Mrs. Feuersthaler held her first 6th grade band and choir concert. The band played a few songs and the choir sang two selections. On November 20th, the district wide spelling bee was held for students 4th through 8th grade with Allison Adams as the winner. On November 21st, the kindergarten classes held their annual Thanksgiving gathering with 190 family members attending. The students sang songs, danced, introduced themselves, and said what they were thankful for. Light refreshments were also served. The second grade class held their 2nd annual Balloons Over Broadway parade on November 25th. The classes designed, decorated, and paraded their balloons down the hallway for the student body with the Riverdale pep band leading the way.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the board that Alumni Day hosted at the JH/HS on December 5th and was a huge success! 49 Riverdale Alumni came and shared their stories, knowledge, and experiences with the students. A heartfelt thank you to all the organizations and families that treated the staff during American Education Week: The

American Legion Post 85 Auxiliary sent cheese trays, Riverdale Health Care Center sent apple cider donuts, and the Stanek family shared popcorn. Riverdale reached silver level in the Dual Credit District Recognition Program for the 2024-25 academic year! 41% of our high school students participated in two or more dual credit programs, including COLLEGE Up, Start College Now, Transcribed credits, and 38.14 contracted courses. The girls' varsity basketball team played a conference game at the Fiserv Forum on November 24th.

Motion by Stanek second by McHenry to approve the recommendations from the curriculum meeting by adding Introduction to Music Theory, Applied Math, and Math with Business Applications. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 1st and the last day Friday, May 28th. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve the 2024-2025 school audit report. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against 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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 11/10/25 Board Meeting B. Discussion on Professional and Support Staff Hirings C. Discussion on Student Updates D. Discussion on Staffing for 2026-2027 E. Discussion on Administrator Evaluation

Moved to closed session at 6:42 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to accept the resignations from Jeff Johnson, JH Football Coach, and Ashley Vale, paraprofessional effective December 19th, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve hiring Jeff Johnson as boy's head football coach for the 206-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Harris and second by Stitzer to approve hiring Caleb Johnson as boy's assistant varsity football coach for the 2026-207 school year. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 10, 2025**

The November 10, 2025 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Amanda Kinyon, Darren Miller, and Darin Miess. Marc Couey and Nick Stitzer were absent.

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

Motion by McHenry and second by Harris to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the minutes the regular board meeting of October 13th, the annual meeting of October 22nd, the special board meeting of October 22nd, and the finance meeting of November 6th, 2025. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 7-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 7-0

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

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update of the donations received from Compeer Financial for \$8,000.00, Collision Specialists for \$150.00, Mark Stori for \$500.00, and WCCU Credit Union. American Education Week is November 17th to 21st. We will have staff dress up days. Mr. Campbell will meet with parents and community on Wednesday at 6:30 to give a football update. Head coach interviews will be held next week. The wireless device bill passed which we already follow. We will look at our policies and will adjust. Head Start closed last week for the older students however infants are still going. We provide room rental and meals to them. Riverdale hosted the WIAA Division 5 Sectional Volleyball final. Mr. Thompson and his crew did a great job. Mr. Campbell went over his goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that the third grade class took a trip to the school farm on October 23rd for wagon rides, toured the farm, picked and carved a pumpkin. Thank you to Mrs. Koch and the FFA members! Kelly Schaefer, Lynn Tarrell, and Cheri Wilkinson presented at a WiRSA breakout session. Judy Makovec was honored as the WIRSA 2025 Support Staff Person of the Year where a board member read a summary of Judy's Riverdale career and was presented a plaque. The monthly Riverdale Way assembly was held on October 29th where they honored Judy, drew BUMPS tickets winners, and had a staff vs. student game of dodgeball. The Riverdale boys and girls basketball teams held their annual Tiny Dribblers on November 4th with 73 students in 4K-4 grade participated.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the board that a Veteran's Day Program will be held on November 1st at 11:00 am in conjunction with Post 85. Students in 3-12 grade will attend. The FFA held their annual Haunted Walk on October 23rd with 250 customers in attendance. Nine Riverdale FFA members attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 29-31. Tanner Williamson took the junior and seniors to the

Richland County Career Fair on November 4th. Todd McKay took the sophomore class to Upper Iowa University on November 6th. Dawn Jewell took the Outdoor Adventure Club to Governor Dodge State Park on October 19th and Devil's Lake on November 2nd.

Motion by Miess and second by Harris to approve the school safety plan, training, and evaluation for the district. Motion Carried.

Motion by Stanek and second by Miess to approve the snow plow bid to Riverway Trucking/Hackl Construction for \$95.00 an hour for plowing, \$120.00 an hour for hauling snow, and \$100.00 an hour for loading snow. Salt and sand are extra at time and material. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 7-0.

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

Motion by McHenry and second by Harris to approve adding assistant varsity coaches for the 2026-2027 school year. This will be for football, volleyball, girls basketball, boys basketball, boys wrestling, softball, and baseball contingent on numbers. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 6-0-1 with Kinyon abstaining.

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes form 10/13/25 Board Meeting B. Approval of Closed Session Minutes form 10/22/25 Special Board Meeting Motion carried. Roll call vote. 7-0

Moved to closed session at 6:32 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:34 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2025**

The October 13, 2025 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Marc Couey, Amanda Kinyon, Darren Miller, Nick Stitzer. Darin Miess was absent.

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

Motion by Couey and second by McHenry to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the minutes the regular board meeting of September 8th, the policy meeting of September 24th, and the finance meeting of October 9th, 2025. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miller to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Student Council member reported on some of the class activities and extra-curriculars going on at the junior and senior high school.

Tanner Williamson gave a Dual Credit Report to the board. There are six options for dual credit – AP courses, Transcribed Credits, CAPP, SWTC College UP, Start College Now, and Early College Credit Program.

Kelly Schaefer presented the Redefining Report Card to the board.

Kelly Schaefer gave an AP Report to the board. 22 students took 35 AP exams last school year with 14 students scored at three or higher which allows them to earn college credit.

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update that the track is complete. It was about \$20,000 under budget. The district received lunch donations from Catholic Financial Life Branch 310 for \$250.00 and Compeer Financial for \$200.00. We are losing our contract with Oregon Mental Health as of December 31st. We will pick up Psychotherapy Center of Waunakee and will continue to use our current therapist. We are currently looking at a \$100,000 deficit. DPI has not updated their numbers since August 22nd. The official numbers will be released by October 15th. The WiRSA Conference will be October 29th through 31st in Stevens Point. Kelly Schaefer and Cheri Wilkinson will be presenting and Judy Makovec will be honored as Support Staff Person of the Year. The girls and boys basketball teams will play at the Fiserv Forum against Boscobel. Girls will play on November 24th and boys on January 21st both at 1:00 pm. Mr. Campbell is planning to have a football meeting with staff, players, and parents. JH football will move to eight-player league next year. A decision on the possibly moving high school to 8 player football in the future will be discussed at a future meeting. Nick Stitzer informed the board about some state policies from a WASB meeting he attended.

Mr. Campbell on Mrs. Ploeckelman's behalf, informed the board that our 5th grade students traveled to Iowa County Fairgrounds on October 18th for Iowa County Rural Safety Day. Students rotated through sessions led by Iowa Co. Health Department, Rescue Squad, Alliant Energy, Iowa Co. Sherriff, Dubuque Fire and Safety, WI DNR, and session on Tech Safety and

Animal Safety. The elementary students loved participating in the Homecoming dress up days. The Homecoming parade was a huge success having it go down 6th street. It was easier for supervision, kids were not lined up on a state highway, and was close to the school in case of an emergency. 5K through 3rd grade students attended Junie B. Jones – Toothless Wonder on October 8th at the Richland Center High School Auditorium. Tickets were purchased from the American Legion donation.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the board that the senior class started their year with a “Senior Sunrise” on September 16th, complete with a full breakfast on the Blackstone. They are planning a “Senior Sunset” at the last week of school. Homecoming week was successful with student participation in all activities. Special thank you to: Homecoming activity coordinator Jessi Kinney, parade organizer and junior class advisor Tanner Williamson, skit night and Freshman class advisor Matt Wermich, dance organizer and Sophomore class advisor Dawn Jewell, senior class advisor Todd McKay, high school student council advisor Mindy Kratochwill for 9-12 games and powderpuff Volleyball, junior high student council advisor Carrie Pratt for 7-8 games, and to Jen Mau, Mindy Kratochwill, Larry Swiggum, Jason Troxel, Chelsi Clark, Micah Thingvold, and Jessi Kinney for the great all school assembly on Friday. High School students listened to the presentation “Forever Seventeen” on September 22nd. The impactful and powerful message was about two sets of parents who lost their daughters in a high speed car crash and the dangers of speeding. Dana Fulton from WKOW 27 News was here on Tuesday, October 7th to highlight our Outstanding Ag Program award we received this summer and all the great things happening with our Ag program. The story aired on October 9th during the 10:00 pm news.

Motion by Stanek and second by Couey to approve the first reading of new and revised policies of Volume 34, Number 2. Motion Carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve overnight and out of state field trips for 2025-2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve fundraisers going off school grounds for 2025-2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Kinyon to approve Early College Credit Program as presented to the board. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 9/8/25 Board Meeting Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Moved to closed session at 6:43 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:44 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2025**

The September 8, 2025 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Marc Couey, Amanda Kinyon, 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 McHenry and second by Miller to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the minutes the regular board meeting of August 11th, and the finance meeting of September 4th, 2025. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

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

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update on the track. The Homecoming Parade will be on October 3rd at 2:00 pm. There will be a new parade route from the high school, to the elementary school, to Mechanics Street, the nursing home, and back to the multipurpose building. The State Convention will be January 21st to the 23rd. The elementary school received a \$3500 donation from the Muscoda American Legion Burger Night. It will be used for field trips. Walsh's Ace Hardware donated 84 cases of water for the fall athletic teams. A pipe broke at the junior/senior high school building. It was caused by a tree root and is next to the road. The estimated cost to repair is between \$7,000 to \$8,000. Four of the six new teachers introduced themselves to the board. Mr. Campbell reported that we are looking at a \$120,000 deficit, mostly due to the track. The numbers are not finalized yet and we will know in October at our annual meeting.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that the Open House on August 26th was a great turnout. Kandee Lee painted a school bus for a photo prop and was a huge hit. A meeting was held for 4th and 5th graders and their parents to discuss the rotating schedule, how to read their schedule, and expectations. Students were welcomed back on Tuesday, September 2nd. The first Riverdale Way Assembly was held on Friday, September 5th. Students were welcomed and reminded of the Riverdale Way. Mr. Swiggum introduced Bumps tickets and the Silver Slide award. On Wednesday, August 27th, The Muscoda American Legion presented Riverdale Elementary with a donation from their June Burger Night. The money went into the activity fund and will assist with field trip costs. The first one they are sponsoring is a 5K-3rd grade play in Richland Center in October.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the board that Homecoming week will be September 29th to October 4th. Skits will be Thursday night at the RES, All School Pep Rally on Friday at the RES, parade on Friday at 2pm, football game on Friday at 7pm against Boscobel, and the dance will be Saturday from 7-11 pm in the JHHS gym. There are 26 high school students out for football and 15 junior high. 20 junior high and 27 girls are out for volleyball. And 11 high school and 8 junior high students are out for cross country. Online registration was a success this year! Parents are getting more comfortable with the process.

Currently there is 1 junior high and 1 high school who have not completed their registration. Lisa Elskamp will be a guest speaker on Monday, September 22nd. Lisa is from Iowa who tragically lost her 17 year old daughter in a 2022 car crash and will discuss with students the dangers of speeding.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Couey to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve the revised CESA 3 Contract for 2025-2026 by adding IRC+ for \$3,500.00. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against 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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes form 8/11/25 Board Meetings B. Discussion on Professional and Support Staff Hirings C. Discussion on Former Employee Misconduct D. Discussion on Student Incident Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 6:21 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Harris and second by Miller to approve hiring Shae Klicko as an Assistant Cross Country Coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Kinyon to approve hiring Shae Klicko as the FBLA Advisor for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

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August 11, 2025**

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Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the consent agenda, district vouchers, the minutes the regular board meeting of July 14th, the special board meeting of July 28th, and the finance meeting of August 7th, 2025. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

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

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update that Title funding is being release to the state. This will be about \$60,000.00. New teacher inservice is tomorrow, August 12th. The inservice schedule for August 25th to 28th was discussed. August 26th is our Open House from 4pm to 7pm. So far, 162 elementary, 47 junior high, and 71 high school students have their registrations completed. New asphalt was finished last week at the track. It now needs to sit for the next month before the final surface is applied. Nick Stitzer is now on the CESA Board of Control and was recognized by the state school board association for reaching Level 2 with Gary Stanek reaching Level 3.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that Second Session of Summer School ran from July 21st to August 7th with 127 students participating. The theme this year was Outdoor Adventures and had guests Jake Elder and Jeff Johnson come in. Mr. Elder talked to students about trees we see around school and Mr. Johnson taught about fishing and tying fish flies. Students also participated in using the rock climbing wall and high ropes courses. Classrooms are cleaned and ready for teachers and the Open House. Back to School letters have been emailed along with information about Open House and the first day of school. The Class of 1980 took up a donation for the elementary school at their recent class reunion to be used for school supplies. The Lions also dropped of supplies donated from their Stuff the Bus event on August 2nd.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the board that Tuesday, September 2nd will the first day of school. At the JHHS building, 7th graders, 9th graders, Academy students, and any new students will start on September 2nd and the entire 7-12 student body will start on September 3rd. The high school football team started practice on August 5th with their first game being August 22nd at Ithaca. Cross Country started practice on August 18th with their first meet on August 30th at Iowa-Grant. And the volleyball team's first practice was August 18th with their first competition will be a two day tournament on August 29th and 30th at Just a Game Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells. Second session of summer school finished up on August 7th with 24 of the 27 high school students attending. 18 out of 19 6th-8th graders completed their credit recovery requirements.

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve the milk bid from Bryson Distributing for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve changing the milk price to \$0.50 a carton for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Stanek and second by Miller to approve the bread bid extension from Pan-O-Gold for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Miller and second by Kinyon to approve the gas and diesel bid from Muscoda Mini Mart for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-1 with Miess voting no

Motion by Couey and second by Miller to approve the CESA 3 contract for physical therapy services. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Harris and second by Couey to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Stat. §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against 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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes from 7/14/25 and 7/28/25 Board Meetings B. Discussion on Professional and Support Staff Hirings C. Discussion Regarding Staff Misconduct Investigation Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Moved to closed session at 6:21 p.m.

Returned to open session at 6:49 p.m.

Motion by Stanek and second by Kinyon to approve hiring Casey Michek as a AM/PM bus driver. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve hiring Jared Roen and Dustin Gaudette as co-coaches for assistant wrestling for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to approve hiring Jared Roen and Dustin Gaudette as co-coaches for junior high wrestling for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve hiring Shae Klicko as a social studies teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve hiring Carson Kinyon as a junior high football coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 2025**

The July 14, 2025 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 Elementary Building, located in the Village of Muscodia. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Gary Stanek, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Marc Couey, Amanda Kinyon, Darren Miller, and Darin Miess. Nick Stitzer was absent.

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, the minutes the regular board meeting of June 9th, and the finance meeting of July 10th, 2025. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve the activity accounts as presented. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Mr. Campbell presented the district's strategic plan. The district's new mission is Connect. Empower. Grow. And the vision statement is Leading the way in opportunities for college, career, and life ready community members. Also set were the district's five-year objectives, pillars, and commitments.

Mr. Campbell gave the board an update on the budget. The state signed the budget on July 1st. We are guaranteed \$325.00 per pupil or \$11,650. Special education will see an increase from 33% to 42% for reimbursement. Aid estimates will have a decrease of 2.01% or \$114,001.00. Since no new money put towards state aid, this will see an impact on our tax payors. Wisconsin joined a lawsuit against the federal government as 72.5 million dollars being withheld. This impacts the district by \$50,000 to \$60,000.00 loss. We could also possibly lose \$32,695 in Title 1 money. Mr. Campbell reported that for ACT 12, DPI crime statistic, the district report zero crimes at the high school. There are 50-60 bumps on the track. We have two options – repair it or replace it. WIAA rejected our baseball and softball teams to be in a lower division. We are working with Delta 3 to annex the school farm.

Mrs. Ploeckelman, Elementary Principal, informed the board that first session of summer school was very successful, with 143 students in attendance at the elementary school. 68 students participated in the T-Ball and Coach Pitch programs as well. Tim and his crew have been working hard getting all the rooms ready for the fall. New teachers have been in the building, touring, meeting with students and staff, and setting up their classrooms. Jump Start, second session of summer school, will start on Monday, July 21st with 115 student enrolled. Outdoor Adventure is the theme for this session. The focus is on math and ELA skills review along with guest speakers and an assembly to highlight outdoor activities.

Mrs. Gruen, Junior/Senior High School Principal, informed the board that 17 students completed Drivers Education through SWTC. Pre-Calculus will be an additional class offered through UW-Oshkosh's CAPP program for the 2025-2026 school year. We also offer Elementary Statistics, Calculus I, and Spanish IV taught by Mr. Van Epps and Mrs. Pope. Gretjen Buchholz and Mari Medina attended Badger Girl State from June 15-20th. The State FFA Convention was held on June 10-12th. Riverdale received the PRIDE (promote, recruit, inspire, develop, educate) award

as a chapter. Jordan Bomkamp was 3rd overall in the state in the Diversified Ag Production proficiency area and a section winner in Ag Production and Ag Sales. Jordan Bomkamp, Chaise McGuire, Kaden Anderson, Brandon Miess, and Mason Dailey were awarded the State FFA Degrees, the highest accolade a member can achieve at the state level. Henry Drone's ag artwork, a turkey fan taxidermy, made the top 3 in the state. Riverdale was awarded the Outstanding Ag Program in the state for 2025. This award is only given out to one Ag program in at the state!

Motion by Miess and second by Couey to approve the resignation from Brad Kratochwill, junior high volleyball coach, Leah Boebel, junior high volleyball coach, and Courtnee Philips, cook. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve school fees for the 2025-2026 school year. Lunch prices raised \$0.10 for students and adults and Chieftain Care by \$1.00. Families that fill out the free and reduced lunch form will have their child's registration fee waived. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to approve budget transfers for the 2024-2025 budget. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Motion by Stanek and second by Miller to approve Academic Standards for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Harris to set the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve the extra-curricular code handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Miess and second by Miller to approve the student handbooks for elementary, junior/senior high school, Academy, virtual option, HS work experience, and a new transportation handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Harris to approve a paraprofessional guidebook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kinyon and second by Harris to adjourn into closed session under Wis. Stat. §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. Approval of Closed Session Minutes form 6/9/25 Board Meeting B. Discussion on Professional and Support Staff Hirings Motion carried. Roll call vote. 8-0

Moved to closed session at 6:57 p.m.

Returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Couey and second by Miess to the resignation of Jamey Bomkamp, junior high cross country coach. Motion carried.

Motion by McHenry and second by Miller to approve hiring Jamey Bomkamp as head cross country coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Couey and second by Kinyon to approve hiring Megan Swiggum as junior high volleyball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Kinyon to approve hiring Jen Mau as junior high volleyball coach for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller and second by Miess to approve hiring Eunice Black as a 5 hour cook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Dave McHenry, Riverdale School Board Clerk