

**MISSION STATEMENT • DISTRICT 96**

**The mission of the Riverside Public Schools is to provide for each student a challenging education which promotes academic excellence, encourages creativity, develops critical thinking, and fosters respect for self, community, and the environment.**

RIVERSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
63 WOODSIDE ROAD  
RIVERSIDE, ILLINOIS  
HAUSER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
Tuesday, March 15, 2011, 7:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

- A. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance.
  - 1. Community Consolidated School District 181 Presentation.
- B. From Superintendent and Staff.
  - 1. Apple Exemplary Program.
  - 2. Bright Red Apple Award for Educational Excellence.
  - 3. Illinois State Board of Education Academic Excellence Awards.
  - 4. 2011 ISAT Review.
  - 5. 2011 Spring Legislative Season Presentation.
  - 6. 2011-12 Kindergarten Registration Report.
  - 7. Student Enrollment Update.
- C. From School Board Committees.
  - 1. Education.
  - 2. Finance.
  - 3. Policy.
  - 4. Board Liaisons (IASB; REC; REEF; PTA/O; Discipline Code Committee).
- D. Public Comment/Statement. (Will commence no later than 8:15 p.m.)
  - 1. Update, FOIA Request.
- E. Riverside Education Council.
- F. Consent Agenda (Roll Call Vote).
  - 1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 15, 2011.
  - 2. Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 15, 2011.
  - 3. Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 15, 2011.
  - 4. Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 22, 2011.
  - 5. Approve Financial Statement as of February 28, 2011.
  - 6. General Invoices, Schedule A-707.
  - 7. Dismissal Resolutions.
  - 8. Designation of 52-Week Employee Holidays, 2011-12.
  - 9. Resignation, Instructional/Certified Staff, Schedule B-393.

10. Resignation, Support Staff, Schedule B-394.
  11. Requests for Parental Leave of Absence.
- G. Old Business.
1. Action - Community Consolidated School District 181's Petition to Withdraw from LADSE (Roll Call Vote).
  2. Approve Revised LADSE Articles of Agreement (Roll Call Vote).
  3. 2011-12 Kindergarten Class Size Levels (Roll Call Vote).
- H. New Business.
1. Governor Quinn's School District Consolidation Proposal (Discussion).
  2. Approve 1st Reading of Board Policies Under Review.
    - a. Policy 2:220 - Board of Education Meeting Procedure.
    - b. Policy 2:230 - Public Comments at Board of Education Meetings.
    - c. Policy 2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure.
    - d. Policy 4:10 - Fiscal and Business Management.
    - e. Policy 4:170 - Safety.
    - f. Policy 5:10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment.
    - g. Policy 5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria.
    - h. Policy 5:120 - Ethics and Conduct.
    - i. Policy 5:220 - Substitute Teachers.
    - j. Policy 5:260 - Student Teachers.
    - k. Policy 7:50 - School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools.
    - l. Policy - 7:100 - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students.
    - m. Policy 7:310 - Restrictions on Publications.
- I. Future Meeting Dates.
1. April 19, 2011, Education Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
  2. April 19, 2011, Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
  3. May 4, 2011 (Tentative), Biennial Organizational Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- J. Enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing:
- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
- K. Adjournment.

*Public comments are subject to the following provisions: Identify oneself by name and address and be brief. Ordinarily, comments shall be limited to 5 minutes. The Board President may shorten or lengthen an individual's opportunity to speak. If a number of individuals wish to address the Board on the same subject, the group is encouraged to appoint a spokesperson.*

## **Welcome to a District 96 Board Meeting**

### **What is the District 96 Board of Education?**

The Board of Education is the governing body of District 96. It consists of 7 district residents elected to serve the community. Each member volunteers for a four-year term.

### **What does the Board do?**

The Board of Education sets district policy, approves educational goals, authorizes district expenditures and hires the Superintendent.

Only the Board, acting as a whole and in its official capacity, is vested with the authority to make decisions on behalf of the district. Individual board members can only offer their personal opinions on issues and cannot, as individuals, make binding decisions on behalf of the Board.

### **What happens at a Regular Board Meeting?**

Regular Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July) at 7:30 p.m. Please see [www.district96.org](http://www.district96.org) for each month's meeting's location. Committee meetings (Finance, Education, or Building) are usually held prior to the Regular Meeting.

Generally, at a Regular Meeting, the Superintendent and district staff update the Board about such topics as district finances, facilities and educational goals and initiatives. The Superintendent may also recommend that the Board take specific action on items it discusses. Typically, a Board vote on any item does not occur at the same meeting that the item is first discussed.

A Board vote on policies, programs and expenditures can only occur in an open session (in public). At some meetings, however, the Board may adjourn into closed session (apart from the public). Closed sessions are allowed by law due to the sensitive nature of some discussion topics. Board of Education Policy 2:200 itemizes a list of permissible closed session topics.

The Consent Agenda is a collection of items (e.g., Minutes, monthly payroll) that typically do not require discussion before Board action. There is an opportunity for Public Comment during every Board Meeting. The Board uses this time to listen to community questions and concerns, but may not respond immediately to individual requests and cannot take formal action on non-agenda items. Comments pertaining to individual students or staff are not permitted.

### **How to contact the Board?**

You may send an email to [boardofed@district96.org](mailto:boardofed@district96.org) and your message will be forwarded to all members. You can also call individual members at the numbers listed in the district calendar.

### **For more information:**

Please visit <http://www.district96.org/school-board/> and <http://www.district96.org/school-board/board-policy-manual/>