

THE JANUARY 11, 2021 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #114, DONIPHAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

A regular meeting of the Riverside USD 114 Board of Education was held Monday, January 11, 2021, in the Riverside East Campus Conference Room, 203-04 North 12th, Elwood, KS 66024.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by the president, Jennifer Davis. Members present were vice-president Barb Derrick, Sue Bartley, Jeff Hartman, Jessica Herbster, Erin Shackelford, and Chris Hewins. Also present were Travis Githens, Superintendent, Vicki Wyatt, Clerk, Joel Euler, Attorney, and Leslie Rullman, Technology Director, and David Keller.

Chris Hewins offered a prayer.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda including minutes, check register, financial reports, waiver of place, and continuing resolutions to establish Board of Education officers and meeting dates. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Davis presented Cyclone Pride Awards to Jeff Hartman for his assistance to tow a bus that was stuck in mud.

No Public Comments.

Jennifer Davis asked the board if they had any questions about the Building/Principal Reports.

Mr. Githens presented the Financial & Legislative Reports and discussed the following topics: Financials look good as compared to last year at this time. Mr. Githens explained that an adjustment will be made later in the year to the general fund to move SPARKS fund expenditures to federal funds where SPARKS funds were received. Legislative session started today with no new updates. KSDE List Serve will be sending out updates as they happen.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Githens shared and discussed the following topics: KASB recommended policy updates for EBBD, GAR, JBE, JGCA, JGCC, and JHCAA, followed by a short discussion; shared a document of current COVID data; County Commissioner extended the mask order until February 22, 2021; COVID vaccines will be available to school personnel during Phase 2, discussion followed; teachers had dyslexia training during January 5th & 6th in-service; KESA accreditation year 3 on hold due to COVID; Spring enrollment numbers are up slightly; and discuss about providing meals for athletes on game days for high school & middle school. Additional discussion followed on remote learning.

Mr. Githens shared information on the Federal Families Corona Relief Act (FFCRA) which expired December 31, 2020 and how this affects staff going forward. He shared information on how other districts around Riverside are handling this issue and after a lengthy discussion there was no action taken.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to appoint Pete Studer as the Riverside Representative to the Wathena Recreation Commission.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to go into executive session for 18 minutes at 6:30 PM, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 6:48 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens left the executive session at 6:45 PM.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 6:49 PM, to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:19 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 7:20 PM, to discuss an individual employee’s performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:35 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

The above executive sessions were needed to protect the privacy rights of identifiable individuals. Present were Travis Githens, and Joel Euler, unless otherwise noted.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded to approve naming the new playground on the West Campus in honor of Mrs. Jamie Miller-Smith. The motion was unanimously approved.

The clerk shared the Board of Education KASB training opportunities. The clerk also shared thank you notes from JoAnn Smith, Nan Boos, Lyda Coleman, Carma Burtnett, Jan Bradshaw, Sadee Lofts, and the family of Jamie Smith. The clerk and superintendent presented the board members with certificates of appreciation and thanked them for their service in honor of KASB Board of Education Appreciation Month.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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