

THE MARCH 10, 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 Wednesday, March 10, 2021, in the Riverside East Campus Conference Room, 203-04 North 12th, Elwood, KS 66024.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by the president, Jennifer Davis. Members present were vice-president Barb Derrick, Sue Bartley, Jeff Hartman, Erin Shackelford, Chris Hewins and Jessica Herbster (arrived at 6:39 PM). Also present were Travis Githens, Superintendent, Vicki Wyatt, Clerk, Joel Euler, Attorney, and Leslie Rullman, Technology Director, Sue Givens, David Keller, Shay Carter, and Shelly Vertin.

Chris Hewins offered a prayer.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Sue Bartley seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Melody Mace, Danielle Kiefer, Rashelle Meers, Briana Mendell, Rob Hampton, Allie Henggeler, Ella Wisler, Gunner Kiefer, Maddox Meers, Mia Jackson, Jeremy and Georgia Wisler entered the meeting for the presentation of the Cyclone Pride Awards to the Scholars Bowl-7A 20-21 Champions at Hiawatha and Sabetha Meets as follows:

Mia Jackson
Gunner Kiefer
Elle Wisler
Allie Henggeler
Maddox Meers

The Board of Education congratulated all the students and then everyone that entered for the presentation left the meeting.

No Public Comments.

Shay Carter, DCEC Director of Special Education, started her presentation by recognizing Becky Martinez, Kathy McMullen, Cindy Gove, and Brynn Severance for implementing Soliday with fidelity to help with reading. She also discussed adding a reading specialist and shared the DCEC Dyslexia Team plans to complete the Dyslexia handbook by May. She shared DCEC Assessment information with increases to target support for the following: school psychologist, IT Coordinator, 2 additional teachers, additional reading specialist, and reading paras. The DCEC will offer Extended School Year for 4 weeks, June 8-July 1. Mrs. Carter also announced that the DCEC will host the National/Kansas Teacher of the year at HCC on May 25th. Discussion followed.

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

Mr. Githens presented the Financial & Legislative Reports and discussed the following topics: the budget summary of funds show that financials are on target as compared to last year and explained that the Fund 07 Title I have percentage increases over last year due to receiving and spending of SPARKS funds. Mr. Githens discussed House Bill 2119 and stated this Bill will not benefit our district. A short discussion followed.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Githens shared and discussed the following topics: positive COVID cases in the district and updated guidelines from the State of Kansas and stated that the Doniphan County Health Department thanked us for extending the mask mandate; the completed, in progress, and projected summer projects from the Capital Outlay priority list for 2020-21; and he shared information on Round 2 uses of ESSER Funds. Discussion followed.

Leslie Rullman, IT Director, shared the Why's for a new phone system and presented the Board of Education with the different options for a phone system replacement. She stated that all bids will be presented next month. A short discussion followed.

After a short discussion, Sue Bartley moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to appoint Jennifer Davis and Erin Shackelford as 2021-22 Board Negotiation team members. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens presented a proposal for a 2021 Summer School Program funded with ESSER funds. After a discussion, Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded motion to authorize administration to proceed with the implementation of a Summer School program in 2021 financed with ESSER funds. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens discussed the possibility of an increase in K-Jump gas pricing, due to the cold snap in February. He asked the Board of Education to make a motion on the record to use contingency or capital outlay funds in case of future litigation. After a discussion, Erin Shackelford moved and Chris Hewins seconded the motion to grant Mr. Githens the authority to use contingency or capital outlay funds for expected unbudgeted utility cost increases. The motion was unanimously approved.

Shay Carter and Shelly Vertin left the meeting at 7:24 PM.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes at 7:24 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 7:54 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 7:55 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 8:00 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.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to approve the hire of Rashelle Meers as Middle School Head/Principal's Secretary. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Rob Hampton, Intermediate/Middle School Principal and Athletic Director effective at the end of his 2020-21 contract on June 30, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board of Education Clerk shared prepared interview information with the board that was vetted by Sue Givens, KASB Leadership Services Field Specialist.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes at 8:03 PM, to discuss Superintendent candidates pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 8:33 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

The above executive sessions were needed to protect the privacy rights of identifiable individuals. Present were Sue Givens and Joel Euler, unless otherwise noted. Mr. Githens left the meeting at 8:08 PM.

The clerk read a KSDE Certificate of Appreciation for the Riverside food service for delivering Kansas kids healthy and safe meals during the COVID-19 pandemic. The clerk also shared thank you notes from Khris Haedt, the family of Cora Rullman, and the Hillary Wilson family. The clerk shared the Board of Education KASB training opportunities. The clerk concluded with a discussion about the postponed holiday staff party which will be held on the May 24, 2021 work day at the Glacial Hills Venue. After a short discussion superintendent interviews will be held at the District Office.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

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