

THE MAY 12, 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, May 12, 2021, in the District Office Conference Room, 1409 Vermont, 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, Erin Shackelford, Chris Hewins and Jessica Herbster. Jeff Hartman was absent. Also present were Travis Githens, Superintendent, Vicki Wyatt, Clerk, Joel Euler, Attorney, Leslie Rullman, Technology Director, Khris Headt, Primary Principal, Marlin Roach, High School Principal, and John Whetzal, incoming Superintendent.

Chris Hewins offered a prayer.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to amend the agenda and add item 8a. Approval of phone project technology & equipment bids, and table item 10. Bid approval request-tuck point project. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to adopt the agenda with the amendments previously stated. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

No Cycle Pride Awards.

No Public Comments.

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 in line with where the district was in 2019-20. Revenues and expenditures have a slight increase due to the SPARKS funding for COVID-19 related activities. Mr. Githens stated the legislature has wrapped up sessions until fiscal year 2021-22. The highlights of the session include funding school budgets through 2023 and 20 mil state-wide property tax levy with House Bill 2134. Bill 2134 requires an annual report on the educational outcomes of students in foster care, allows school districts to pay all or a portion of postsecondary tuition and fees for high school students enrolled in dual or concurrent courses, new guidelines on how school districts may spend at-risk funds with reporting requirements and result expectations, restrictions on how school districts may provide remote learning, and expansion of the income tax credit scholarship program to include students K through 8th grade. The legislature also sustained the Governor's veto on House Bill 2058 that allows an 18 year old to conceal carry and school districts still retain the ability to prohibit this. A short discussion followed.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Githens shared and discussed the following topics: district has been COVID free for the last 5 weeks; Building & Facility Study meeting will be on May 17th; and he shared information on the ESSER II Funds; discussed the KJUMP natural gas update; KESA accreditation and pause survey submitted with the help of the Curriculum Team and Principals; Mr. Roach had sent a request for a semester of Speech to be required for Sophomores in the high school and discussion followed; and Summer School was discussed. Mr. Githens also reminded the President Jennifer Davis and Vice-President Barb Derrick to sign diplomas.

Leslie Rullman, IT Director, shared with the Board information on the bids for the wiring for the phone system and her recommendation is to approve the BHS wiring bid and purchase of 150 Chromebooks. After discussion, Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to approve the phone technology and equipment bids as recommended by Leslie Rullman. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens presented bids for the roof project from Hausman Metal Works & Roofing and Top Notch Roofing Solutions, LLC. After a discussion, Chris Hewins moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to approve the roof project bid for the West Campus upper roof from Top Notch Roofing Solutions, LLC as recommended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens presented bids for carpet projects on the East and West Campus. After a discussion, Barb Derrick moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the carpet project bid from Meyer Flooring as recommended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens asked the Board of Education about selling older vehicles in the district's fleet and replacing them with newer used vehicles. After a discussion, the Board by consensus agreed to sell the older vehicles by sealed bids and authorized Mr. Githens on behalf of the district to secure some newer vehicles.

Jessica Herbster moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 6:51 PM, to discuss litigation with our legal counsel pursuant to the exception for matters which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 6:56 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

The above executive session was needed to protect the privacy rights of identifiable individuals. Present were Travis Githens, John Whetzal, Khrist Haedt, Marlin Roach, and Joel Euler.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to authorize USD 114 to join negotiations and settlement in representation by Smithyman and Zakoura Chartered for gas bill resolution. The motion was unanimously approved.

After a short discussion on COVID-19 protocol, Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion that the district masking protocol documents state that masks are now recommended for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 7:01 PM, to discuss the proposal for negotiated agreement changes pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA, , and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:11 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

The above executive session was needed to protect the privacy rights of identifiable individuals. Present were Travis Githens, John Whetzal, and Joel Euler.

Erin Shackelford moved and Chris Hewins seconded the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 7:12 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 7:27 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 7:28 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 7:38PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to approve the retirement of Lisa Smith as 3rd grade teacher effective on June 1, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to approve the hire of Debra Wehr as a Middle School Math Teacher on the East Campus for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to approve the hire of Kathy McMullen as an Intermediate Teacher on the East Campus for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to approve the hire of Laurie Finney as a part-time reading para in the Primary Building on the West Campus for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to approve the hire of Stephanie Juhl as a full-time reading para in the Intermediate Building on the East Campus for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Erin Shackelford moved and Chris Hewins seconded the motion to approve the hire of Jim Kline as District Maintenance Director at his present annualized salary effective June 1, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

The clerk shared the Board of Education KASB training opportunities and invitation for the End of Year Celebration. The clerk shared thank you cards from Karla Root, Lyda Coleman, Nan Boos, and the Primary staff.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

_____ Vicki Wyatt, Clerk Board of Education Unified School District #114 Doniphan County, KS	_____ Jennifer Davis, President Board of Education Unified School District 114 Doniphan County, KS
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