

# THE JUNE 15, 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 Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in the District Office Conference Room, 1409 Vermont, 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, Erin Shackelford, Jeff Hartman, and Jessica Herbster. Chris Hewins was absent. Also present were Travis Githens, Superintendent, Vicki Wyatt, Clerk, Joel Euler, Attorney, Leslie Rullman, Technology Director, Khris Haedt, Primary Principal, John Whetzal, incoming Superintendent, Dustin Robinson, Sophie Juhl, Angela Williams, Cori Bauman, Craig Graham, Marty Lippert, and Marlin Roach, High School Principal (arrived at 5:58 PM).

Sue Bartley offered a prayer.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Barb Derrick moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens and Jennifer Davis presented Sophie Juhl with a Cyclone Pride Award for Qualifying for the KSHSAA State Track Meet in the Long Jump.

Dustin Robinson of Elwood, KS discussed with the Board of Education the possibility of starting a sports program/mini camps for Elementary age students (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>). The Board of Education was asked for usage of gyms when available and promotion of this program. The board agreed that planning phase should be explored further and will offer assistance with requested items. Dustin Robinson left the meeting.

Mr. Githens introduced the PUR-O-Zone facilities study experts-Craig Graham, Marty Lippert, and Mark McFarland (joined by ZOOM at 5:46 PM). The group presented the Board of Education with the results of the study and processes to achieve Riverside's operational goals and a short discussion followed. Craig Graham, Marty Lippert, and Mark McFarland left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Angela Williams and Corey Bauman with Parents as Teachers organization shared information with the Board of Education on the services they have provided over the past year to 36 families within the Riverside District. A short discussion followed. Angela Williams and Cori Bauman left the meeting at 6:20 PM.

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 up from where the district was in 2019-20. Revenues and expenditures have a slight increase due to the SPARKS funding for COVID-19 related activities. No Legislative Report this month.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Githens shared and discussed the following topics: Facilities improvements, County to help with East Campus 12<sup>th</sup> Street chip and seal, ESSER funding uses, K-JUMP update, Fleet update, and Speech requirement for High School graduation and handbook changes will be added next month. Discussion followed.

Leslie Rullman, IT Director, shared with the Board of Education information on the bids for classroom interactive board upgrades from Dell, Haddock, and SHI. Her recommendation was to go with Dell for a total of \$24,251.36. A discussion followed. Barb Derrick moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to approve the classroom interactive board upgrades through Dell. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens stated the KASB Board Policies updates are on the paperless board website for them to review and approve next month.

Mr. Githens presented bids for tuckpoint masonry project on the West Campus from Davis Masonry, National Restoration Co. Inc., and S.B. Meers Masonry & Concrete Company. After a discussion, Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to approve the tuckpoint masonry bid from S.B. Meers Masonry for the project on West Campus. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens asked the Board of Education to approve the commercial (KERMP) insurance renewal. A discussion followed. Erin Shackelford moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to approve the commercial (KERMP) insurance renewal for the 2021-22 school year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens shared the end of year transfer process and asked the Board of Education to grant the Superintendent permission to make the needed transfers to close out the fiscal year. Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion stating the Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to make the end of fiscal year 2021 transfers as necessary to close out the current budget.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes at 6:53 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 6:58 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.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 7:00 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 7:20 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, Vicki Wyatt, and Joel Euler. Travis Githens left the executive sessions at 7:07 PM and Vicki Wyatt left at 7:12 PM and Travis Githens reentered the meeting.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes at 7:21 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 7:41 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, Marlin Roach, and Joel Euler, unless otherwise noted. Marlin Roach left the executive session at 7:29 PM.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to go into executive session for 7 minutes at 7:41 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 7:48 PM. 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, and Joel Euler, unless otherwise noted.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded an amendment to John Whetzal’s contract for the medical and dental insurance to be paid out as salary for the months of July & August and add monthly single vision coverage. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Mercedes Lofts as Middle School Science teacher effective at the end of contract year 2020-21. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Nathan Bokay as a bus route driver effective May 21, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Melody Mace as Middle School girls track coach effective at the end of contract year 2020-21. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to accept the retirement of Fred Smith as a bus route & Pre-K driver effective on August 1, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Sue Bartley seconded the motion to accept the hiring recommendation of Aundrea Larabee as a Pre-K Para on the West Campus for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the hire of Tristan Allen & Davis Hershberger as High School assistant football coaches for the 2021 season. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion we authorize the listing of a full-time substitute position for the district. The motion was unanimously approved.

The clerk shared with the Board of Education thank you notes from Kathy McMullen, Jenny Wendt, Stephanie Juhl, Brynn Severance, Renae Welch, Ashtyn Clay, Marlin Roach, and Jan Bradshaw. The clerk also asked the Board of Education to select a date for the goals and expectations session with John Whetzal and Sue Givens. Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> were the suggested dates.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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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Vicki Wyatt, Clerk Board of Education	

