

THE DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13, 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, Chris Hewins, Jeff Hartman, and Jessica Herbster. Also present were John Whetzal, Superintendent, Vicki Wyatt, Clerk, Joel Euler, Attorney, Khristi Haedt, Primary School Principal, Marlin Roach, HS Principal, Dr. John Eplee, Kobe Davis, Megan O'Grady, and Brice Paden.

Chris Hewins offered a prayer.

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

Jennifer Davis presented Cyclone Pride Awards to Megan O'Grady – Big 7 Honorable Mention Volleyball, Kobe Davis- Big 7 Football 1st Team Defensive Back and Big 7 Honorable Mention Quarterback, and Todrick Duncan(not present) KSHSAA All-State Football Honorable Mention Linebacker-Big 7 Honorable Mention Defensive Linebacker. Megan O'Grady, Kobe Davis, and Brice Paden left the meeting at 5:34.

No public presentation.

Dr. John Eplee, House Representative for District 63, shared that the legislature passed several bills this past session and discussed legislative bills that will have an affect on public schools. HB 2134 Omnibus Education Bill and SB 13 Property Tax Notice and Hearing Requirements. He also shared information about the Kansas Department of Labor fraud, COVID Issues, and he also plans to fight to stop school vouchers. Discussion followed. Dr. Eplee left the meeting at 5:55 PM.

Jennifer Davis asked the board if they had looked at and had any questions about the administrative reports from the principals.

Mr. Whetzal shared his Superintendent's Report:

- Golf Team w/Troy- Superintendent McKernan has asked about a possible cooperative agreement between Riverside and Troy. Board of Education advised Mr. Whetzal to move forward with exploring cooperative. Discussion followed.
- Intermediate Roof Project-7 contractors met with Mr. Whetzal at pre-bid meeting and final bids will be due in January before next month's meeting.
- Lincoln School Building- Mr. Whetzal had a local mason look at the brickwork and mortar deterioration on the building and he determined this is the cause of the leakage. Mr. Whetzal will meet with the Library Board about their interest to take over the building if an agreement can be reached. Discussion followed. Joel Euler made recommendations for transition.
- Lean-to Roof- needs repairs, Mr. Whetzal had a local contractor give a repair estimate over \$20,000, so he would like to put a hold on this project and pursue adding this project in with the Intermediate Roof Project. Discussion followed.
- Students Moving Buildings-Mr. Whetzal asked to continue discussions through the next school year due to the expense of the intermediate roof project. Discussion followed. Mr. Whetzal was asked to address the teachers list of pros and cons with possible solutions to a later board meeting.

- Representative to Neighborhood Revitalization Program- after discussion, School Attorney Joel Euler advised that statutorily Mr. Whetzal could not participate as a representative.
- Baseball Cooperative Agreement- Mr. Roach shared that principals and coaches of Doniphan West and Riverside have met and the specifications of a 2-year cooperative agreement have been listed. A discussion followed.
- KASB Policy Updates- are posted for the Board of Education to review and may approve at the January meeting.
- League Discussion-After a discussion, the Board of Education asked that the coaches, athletic directors, and Mr. Whetzal meet to discuss the pros and cons of changing leagues.

Mr. Whetzal started the financial and legislative report by sharing that Dr. Eplee had given a through detail of the legislative updates. Due to a lack of Parent Financial Surveys being filled out at enrollment, the District will likely have negative funding adjustments of approximately \$200,000 to \$240,000 in High Density At-Risk Funds for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Otherwise the District is right on track as compared to last year at this time. A discussion followed.

The Clerk shared donations for the Primary Library from the Jack & Cora Rullman and the donations received from the "Give Where You Live Day" of \$1860.43 with matching funds to follow. Jessica Herbster moved and Sue Bartley seconded the motion to approve the donation to the Riverside Primary Library from the Jack & Cora Rullman Family and the "Give Where You Live" donations. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to go into executive session for 15 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 6:45 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Khris Haedt & Marlin Roach left the meeting at 6:30 PM.

The above executive session was needed to protect the privacy rights of identifiable individuals. Unless otherwise noted present were John Whetzal, and Joel Euler.

Chris Hewins left the meeting at 6:46

Jessica Herbster moved and Sue Bartley seconded the motion to approve the hire of Carl Schafer as Cook effective November 15, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to approve the hire of Kathleen Herie as Cook effective November 16, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Sue Bartley seconded the motion to approve the hire of Janell Galvan as Cook effective December 6, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to approve the hire of Michael O'Grady as High School Girls Softball Assistant Coach. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Kathleen Herie as cook effective end of day on December 6, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board of Education read and Jennifer Davis listed thank you cards from Heather Cline, Israel Elder, and Kellie Harrington, Macy Ricklefs, Sue Bartley and families.

Erin Shackelford moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Vicki Wyatt, Clerk
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Jennifer Davis, President
Board of Education
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Approved Date

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