

Quick Board Summary

November 15, 2022

Board of Education

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The regular meeting of the Richland County Board of Education was called to order by President Wilson at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Wilson, Dennis Anderson, Alex Cline, Norm Henderson, Marc Leist, and Scott Snyder were in attendance. Cindy Lockley was absent. The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at <http://live.rccu1.net>.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The RCHS Marching Band, Drumline, and Color Guard was recognized for receiving numerous 1st place awards and a Grand Champion Award.
2. The RCHS Girls Tennis Team was recognized for winning sectionals and qualifying for state. Coach Racklin received Southern Illinois Coach of the Year.
3. Tatum David was recognized for being the Class 2A Cross Country State Champion and will compete at the National Level.
4. The FFA Forestry Team was recognized for their accomplishments locally and finishing 4th place at the National Convention held in Indianapolis.
5. Todd Bettis spoke to the board in regards to his family wanting to purchase a retractable American Flag for the RCHS Gym.

Consent Agenda Items –The regular and closed minutes of the October regular board meeting and Nov 3rd Special Meeting, destruction of the audio recording of April 15, 2021, FOIA request, and building reports were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The October financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$1,036,133.25 was approved. Currently, the state owes the district \$537,646.81.

Superintendent's Report

- 1) Mr. Simpson presented the 2022 School Report Card.
- 2) American Education week is November 14-18. All RCCU #1 employees will receive a gift to thank them for their service.
- 3) In recognition of Illinois School Board Members Day, Mr. Simpson thanked the RCCU #1 Board of Education for their service.
- 4) Ryan Fuhler with Poettker Construction gave an update on the PreK Center Construction.
- 5) Emmert Dannenberg from PMA gave a presentation on financial advising and services they offer.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- 1) Mr. LeCrone gave an update on the FY22 Audit
- 2) Mr. LeCrone gave an update on the RCMS & RCHS Roof Projects for summer of 2023.

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6:00 pm at the
Richland County High School

- 3) Mr. LeCrone discussed the replacement of the RCMS Cooling Tower.
- 4) Mr. LeCrone gave information about using Sourcewell co-op to purchase buses for FY24
- 5) Mr. LeCrone gave an update on Health Insurance and will be having informational meetings for staff members to attend.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved a resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018 & Series 2019, of the District, for the purpose of improving school facilities of the District, providing for the pledge of certain revenues and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchase thereof.
2. Approved the 2022 tentative tax levy.
3. The board approved hiring Dr. Nick Osborne and Dr. Aaron Mattox of Osborne Consulting as the Superintendent Search Firm.

Personnel Matters

Leave of Absence - The board acknowledged the leave of absence of RCHS Custodian Tony Gerber from October 12, 2022 with a return date to be determined.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignations of Stormie Hartsey as RCES Paraprofessional effective November 3, 2022, Lasade Ragulen as RCMS Food Service Worker effective November 14, 2022, Ian Laughlin as RCHS Boys Cross Country Coach effective the end of the 2022 season, Brad Ameter as RCMS Track Coach effective November 14, 2022, and Matt Music as RCHS Athletic Director effective November 15, 2022.

Employment – The board approved the employment of Kayla Dalton and Lacie Lewis as RCES Paraprofessionals effective November 16, 2022 and Natalie Shryock as part-time RCES Paraprofessional effective November 16, 2022. The board also approved the following RCHS Volunteer Coaches for 2022-2023; Colby Steber and Anthony Holtschlag as Bass Fishing Captains, and Lauren Hill for Girls Soccer.

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.
Upcoming Meeting
December 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.