

Quick Board Summary

January 26, 2023

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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. on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Jeff Wilson, Dennis Anderson, Alex Cline, Norm Henderson, Marc Leist, Cindy Lockley, and Scott Snyder were in attendance. The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at <http://live.rccul.net>.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The 2023 Illinois State Scholars were recognized and presented with a Silver Eagle Coin. The following students were recognized: Abigail Atwood, Darby Bissey, Dawson Brown, Cody Fulk, Megan Gibson, Jozalyn Houser, Chloe McKinney, Mallory Miller, Emeline Odgers, Sophia Raines, Kyle Rennier, Sydney Scherer, Tyler Smashey, Colleen Steber, and Taylor Tedford.
2. The FFA Agronomy Team was recognized for placing 1st in State Competition. They will advance to Nationals in Indianapolis. Members of the team are Cody Fulk, Brett Kocher, Trenton Payne, and Colleen Steber.
3. Dusty Kocher spoke on behalf of 6th grade student Simon Buchanan regarding a concern at school.
4. Britt Kocher spoke on behalf of Ashley Buchanan regarding her son's concerns.

Consent Agenda Items –The regular and closed minutes of the December regular board meeting and the regular and closed minutes of the December 29, January 9 & 11 special meetings, destruction of the audio recordings of June 3 & 17, 2021, December FOIA requests, policies for second reading and adoption and building reports were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The November financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$985,827.16 was approved. Currently, the state owes the district \$925,627.45

Superintendent's Report

- 1) Mr. Simpson presented the annual State of the District Report. The ECRA strategic dashboard is available on the district website www.rccul.net. The State of the District Report will also be posted on the district website in the coming week.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- 1) Mr. LeCrone gave an update on the RCMS Cooling Tower project.

The Board of Education met in regular session at
6:00 pm at the
Richland County High School

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved the RCMS Roof Bid to Jim Taylor Roofing in the amount of \$389,395.00
2. Approved the RCHS Roof Bid to Joiner Sheet Metal and Roofing in the amount of \$143,771.00
3. Approved the purchase of three buses with Central States Bus Sales in the amount of \$391,430.00.

Personnel Matters

Leave of Absence - The board acknowledged the family medical leave absence of Transportation Bus Aide Allyson Summers from December 12, 2022 – March 12, 2023.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignation of Lynda Eagleson as RCES Teacher Assistant effective January 13, 2023 and the resignation of Tara Racklin as RCHS Girls Head Tennis Coach effective December 31, 2022.

Employment – The board approved a 3 year contract for superintendent candidate Jason Fox, effective July 1, 2023.

The board approved an amended contract for Assistant Superintendent Chad LeCrone for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

The board approved the employment of Kevin Paddock as RCMS Paraprofessional effective January 30, 2023, Bridgitte Paddick as RCES Teacher Assistant effective January 27, 2023. The board also approved Madison Eagleson and Amber Wibbenmeyer as RCES Teachers, Grace Walker as RCES Art Teacher, and Jessica VanDyke as RCHS Athletic Director all effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Approved the extra duty assignment for Dakotah Brown as RCMS Boys Assistant Track Coach for the 2022-2023 school year and Ryan Fancher, William Fritchley, Mike Harness, Greg Garner, and Pat Everette as Volunteer RCHS Bass Fishing Boat Captains for the 2022-2023 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Upcoming Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 16, 2023