

# Quick Board Summary

March 16, 2023

## Board of Education

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Member  
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## Superintendent of Schools

Chris Simpson

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The regular meeting of the Richland County Board of Education was called to order by President Jeff Wilson at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 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. Mr. Combs, RCMS Band Teacher, presented Jereme Higginbotham, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at RCMS, for being a participant in the All Illinois Junior Band.
2. Rodger Clark spoke in regards to his Pre-K grandson and riding the school bus.
3. Herb Meeker introduced himself as the new reporter with the Hometown Register for the Olney area.

**Consent Agenda Items** –The regular and closed minutes of the February 16th regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recording of August 19, 2021, IHSA Agreement, and building reports were approved as presented.

### Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

**Financial Reports** - The February financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$1,330,370.66 was approved.

### Superintendent's Report

- 1) Ryan Fuhler with Poettker Construction gave an update on the Pre-K Center Construction.
- 2) Bill Fritcher and Angie Eden with Opa! presented information on Contracted Food Services.
- 3) Mrs. Edwards; RCES Principal, Mr. Thompson; RCMS Principal, and Mr. Houchin; RCHS Principal presented an update on School Improvement Priorities.
- 4) Mr. Simpson announced that high school graduation will be held on Sunday, May 14th at 3:00 p.m., the middle school promotion ceremony will be held on Friday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m., the last day of student attendance will be May 19<sup>th</sup> and the last day of school will be a Teacher Institute on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 5) The May board meeting will be moved up from May 18<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup> in order to seat the new board members.

### Discussion/Action Items

1. The board approved the resolution for purchase of real estate property located at 2408 E. Main St., Olney.
2. The board approved the Health/Life Safety Amendment for the RCMS and RCHS Roof Projects as presented

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

3. The board approved the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Teacher Institute Days will be August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and the first day of student attendance will be August 16<sup>th</sup>.
4. The board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with RCEA for English as a Second Language Endorsement.
5. The board approved the Bank Bid Specifications as presented.
6. The board approved the Five Year Maintenance Plan as presented.

### Personnel Matters

**Reinstatement of Sick Days** – The board approved the reinstatement of 34 sick days to Food Service Staff Member Nancy Ginder.

**Resignation(s)** – The board approved the resignations of Blaize Kimmell as RCHS PE/Health Teacher, Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, and Pep Club Sponsor effective the end of the 2022-23 school year, Carly Page as RCES Paraprofessional effective March 17, 2023, and Michelle Klingler as RCMS Athletic Director effective June 30, 2023.

### Employment –

The board approved the employment of Alicia Henning as Special Education Teacher, Lukas Carmody as RCHS PE, Health and Driver's Education Teacher, Courtney Roth as RCHS PE and Health Teacher, Collin Klingler as RCMS Health Teacher, and Kristi Nosek as RCES Teacher Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board approved the extra-curricular assignment of Lukas Carmody as RCHS Head Football Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board also approved the extra-curricular volunteer coaches Stephanie David for RCHS Track, Galen Slover for RCHS Softball and Brett Judkins for RCMS Track for the 2022-2023 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Upcoming Regular Meeting  
Thursday, April 20, 2023