

Quick Board Summary

April 20, 2023

Board of Education

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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. 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 board recognized The RCES Battle of the Books Championship Team, The Catinators from Mrs. Mitchell's 5th Grade Class.
2. A group of students from RCES Team Lighthouse and Team Torches presented to the board their Legacy Day Speech and fundraising success for St. Jude's. The Lighthouse Team announced RCES received Legacy School status.
3. The board recognized Mrs. Cris Edwards as the 2023 Illinois Elementary School Principal of the Year.
4. Lela Weesner spoke in support of a RCES employee.

Consent Agenda Items –The regular and closed minutes of the March 16, 2023 regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recording of September 16, 2021, March FOIA requests, Policies for First Reading and Consideration including an amended 2023-2024 Athletic Handbook/Code of Conduct and monthly building reports were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The March financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$2,202,869.13 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

- 1) Ryan Fuhler presented an update on construction of the Pre-K Center.
- 2) Mr. Simpson presented a list of district employees to be recognized at the Service Award Program that will be held on May 22nd at 8:30 a.m.
- 3) Mr. Simpson announced that the New Board Member Training will be held on May 4th at the district office. The new board members will be seated at the May 11th board meeting at 6pm.
- 4) Trent Gonzalez, a deputy with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, presented information on their K-9 fundraising.
- 5) The Richland County CEO will host their Tradeshow on Wednesday, April 26th from 5-7 p.m. at the RCHS Auxiliary Gym.

The Board of Education met in regular session at

6:00 pm at the

Richland County Elementary School

Assistant Superintendent's Report

- 1) Mr. LeCrone provided information on the IDPH HEPA Filter Program.

Discussion/Action Items

1. The board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement of the Regional Vocational Delivery System as presented.
2. The board approved the District Insurance Memorandum of Agreement as presented.
3. The board approved the updated job descriptions of Bookkeeper, Assistant Bookkeeper, District Office Secretary and Transportation Assistant as presented.

Personnel Matters

Notification(s) of Intent to Retire – The Board approved the notification of intent to retire from RCHS Special Education Teacher Melinda King, RCHS Spanish/Art Teacher Rob Kirby, and Assistant Superintendent Chad LeCrone at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Also approved the revised retirement date for Debbie Gray effective August 1, 2023.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignations of Julie Warfel, RCES Part-Time Food Service Staff Member, effective March 31, 2023, John McFarland, Food Service Director, effective April 7, 2023, Zachary Wingert, RCES Secretary, effective April 13, 2023, and Judy Redman, RCES Teacher Assistant, effective the end of the 2022-23 school year. The Board also approved the following coach resignations effective immediately; Klay Wheeler and Brad Ameter as RCHS Assistant Football Coaches, Lynn Fisher as RCHS JV Girls Basketball Coach, and Jonathan Knox as RCMS 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Employment –The board approved the employment of Brooke Bayles as Special Education Teacher, Leia Meredith as RCES Music Teacher, and Mackenzie Stubbe as RCES Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board approved the 2023 Summer Maintenance Workers: Dave Angle, Marcy Coats, Shelley Dehner, Shaun Hopkins, Adam Jurasik, Trinity Milburn, Sheree O'Connor, Bill Phelps, Kim Range, Hannah Reeves, Christy Travis, Abigail Fox, Allyson Harness, Colby Steber, Ethan Steber, Seth Hahn, Alex Harness, Isaac Page, and Dyllan Williams.

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Employment cont.

The board approved the following RCHS additional duty assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Football: Luke Carmody (Head Coach), Matt Powell and Hassan Steele (Assistant Coaches), Ryan Denton, Klay Wheeler, Jeremiah Brown, and Leslie Phillips (Volunteers)

Volleyball: Brenda Stallard (Head Coach), Kayelee Deimel (Assistant Coach)

Girls Tennis: Audrey Jensen (Head Coach), Jennifer Burgener, Tiffany Grove, Alex Kauble, and Logan Kauble (Volunteers)

Girls Cross Country: Amy Julian (Head Coach) and Bentley Farris (Volunteer)

Boys Cross Country: Rob Kirby (Head Coach)

Boys Soccer: Jason Burckhart (Head Coach),

Boys Basketball: Rob Flanagan (Head Coach), Josh Brown (Freshmen Coach) and Rick Franklin (Volunteer)

Girls Basketball: Ian Laughlin (Head Coach), Klay Wheeler (Assistant Coach)

Cheerleading: Briana Baltzell (Head Coach) and Brooke Wheeler (Assistant Coach)

Boys and Girls Golf: Curt Nealis (Head Coach), Dave Berry and Patrick Mehaffey (Volunteers)

Boys and Girls Swimming: Matt Powell (Head Coach)

Wrestling: Hassan Steele (Head Coach), Skyler Sutton (Assistant Coach)

Athletic Director: Jessica VanDyke

Band Director: Christopher Jones

Assistant Band Director: Nancy Deimel

Student Council Sponsors: Julie Fleming & Katie Fehrenbacher

Junior Class Sponsors: Amy Rusk, Jeffrey Ryden, and Sheri Gray

Musical Sponsors: Mandy Ginder (Director), Warren Weitkamp (Music Director), Jeffrey Ryden (Stage Director), Bryan Cummins (Set Design), Joyce Fritschle (Pianist), and Sue Pixley (Set Painting)

Olean: Amy Rusk

JROTC Drill Team & Rifle Team: Roy Waldhoff

FBLA: Brenda Stallard

Scholastic Bowl: Martin Dunn (Head Coach) and Chelsea Puckett (Assistant Coach)

Pep Club: Luke Carmody

Department Heads: Julie Fleming (Math), Jessica Hinckley (ELA), Curt Nealis (Science), Klay Wheeler (Social Science), Chris Jones (Fine Arts), Jessica VanDyke (Health/PE/Drivers Ed/JROTC), Melinda King (Special Education), and Brenda Stallard (Career Tech Ed)

Employment cont.

The board approved the following RCMS additional duty assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Athletic Director: Collin Klingler

Cross Country: Bobbie Lathrop (Head Coach), Kristie Shoemaker (Assistant Coach)

Softball: Elizabeth Sparks (Head Coach)

Baseball: Terry Puckett (Head Coach)

Boys Basketball: Dakotah Brown (Head Coach)

Girls Basketball: Jillian Woods (Head Coach)

6th Grade Girls Basketball: Jillian Woods

Volleyball: Emily Rusk (Head Coach), Amy Stevens (Assistant Coach)

Boys Track: Hassan Steele (Head Coach), Dakotah Brown (Assistant Coach)

Girls Track: Hilary Cecil and Jillian Woods (Co-Head Coaches)

Cheerleading: Donna Henby

Talent Show: Warren Weitkamp

Yearbook: Jamie Tyler

Student Leadership: Mandy Houchin

Band Director: Eric Combs

Team Leaders: Eric Combs (Rotation), Jamie Tyler (6th Grade), Mandy Houchin (7th Grade), and Julie Clodfelter (8th Grade)

The board approved the following RCES additional duty assignments for the 2023-2024 school year:

Team Leaders: Tiffany Grove (Kindergarten), Aimee Volk (1st Grade), Alexis Shawver (2nd Grade), Jill Greenwood (3rd Grade), Michelle Burgener (4th Grade), and Brittany Leaf (5th Grade)

The board approved rehiring the current administrative personnel, all tenured licensed staff, all non-tenured licensed staff, and all educational support staff for the 2023-2024 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

May 11, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM