

Quick Board Summary

May 11, 2023

Board of Education

President
Scott Snyder

Vice-President
Jeff Wilson

Secretary
Cindy Lockley

Member
Jake Anderson

Member
Cindy Bailey

Member
Norm Henderson

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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 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 three FFA teams as State Champions at the following events; Illinois State FFA Poultry Evaluation Career Development Event, Illinois State FFA Conduct of Chapter Meeting Leadership Development Event, and the Illinois State FFA Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development Event. Each team will be recognized at the Illinois State FFA Convention in June and then will represent Illinois and compete at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. They also recognized Aubrey Lambird as 2023 Illinois FFA Top Section Reporter and Delaney Williams as Illinois FFA Top 10 Chapter Reporter.
2. The board listened to a presentation from a group of students in Mrs. Pampe's Calculus Class on their end of year class project with butternut squash.
3. Mr. Kirby presented RCHS students that earned the Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish or State Commendation Toward Biliteracy in Spanish.
4. The board recognized Superintendent Chris Simpson as the 2023 IASA Superintendent of Distinction for the Wabash Valley Region.

Consent Agenda Items –The regular and closed minutes of the April regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recording of October 21, 2021, April FOIA requests, policies for second reading and adoption with an exception to the 2023-2024 RCCU1 Athletic Handbook/Agreement being retroactive to August 1, 2022, and monthly building reports were approved as presented.

Discussion/Action Items

1. The board approved the Administrator and Salary Contracts for 2023-2024.
2. The board approved the wage increase of 4% for all educational support staff for FY24.

The new Richland County School Board was seated following the April 4, 2023 election. The four members elected were incumbents Scott Snyder and Jeff Wilson and new board members Jake Anderson and Cindy Bailey.

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

Richland County Circuit Judge, Ray Vaughn, administered the Oath of Office to the four newly elected board members.

The meeting adjourned sine die and began business with the new board.

Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Norm Henderson, Marc Leist, Cindy Lockley, Scott Snyder, and Jeff Wilson were in attendance.

New officers of the board of education were elected. They are Scott Snyder, President, Jeff Wilson, Vice-President, Cindy Lockley, Secretary.

In addition, Rita Kman was appointed as the school district treasurer and Angie Wisner was appointed as the district recording secretary.

The board approved to continue with meetings the third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. except in November they will meet on Tuesday.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The April financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$1,455,150.89 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. Ryan Fuhler with Poettker Construction gave an update on the Pre-K Center.
2. FFA presented their annual report to the Board
3. RCHS Graduation will be Sunday, May 14th at 3:00 p.m. and the RCMS Promotion will be Friday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m.
4. Mr. Simpson reported that the new board member training was held on May 4th.
5. The Joint Annual Conference for the board members will be held November 16-19 in Chicago.
6. End of Year Breakfast for all staff and Service Awards will be Monday, May 22nd beginning at 7:30 a.m.
7. Mr. Simpson congratulated the first group of students that completed the Grow Your Own Future Teachers program.

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1. The board approved the revised Food Service Director and Administrators job descriptions as presented.
2. The board approved the 2023-2024 Student Handbook revisions for RCHS, RCMS, and RCES as presented.
3. The board approved the updated policy 3:20 Richland County CUSD1 Organizational Chart with revisions.
4. The board approved the 2023-2024 Consolidated District Plan as presented.
5. The board awarded the bank bid to TrustBank with a fixed rate of 4.05% for checking and money market accounts.
6. The board approved to draft an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Richland County Sheriff's Office to provide \$5000.00 in support of a K-9 unit.
7. The board approved the Tentative Amended FY23 Budget.

Personnel Matters:

Reinstatement of Sick Days – The board approved the reinstatement of 35 sick days to RCES Teacher Brenda Hendrickson.

Notification(s) of Intent to Retire – The board approved the intent to retire of RCMS Special Education Teacher Lori Allen at the end of the 2026-2027 school year, RCHS Teacher Brenda Stallard at the end of the 1st Term of the 2027-2028 school year, and Bus Driver Jessica Leaf effective August 1, 2023.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignations of Marissa Routien as RCES Teacher at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, Emili VanGundy as RCHS Guidance Counselor/Social Worker effective Jun 6, 2023, Kalei Jared as RCMS School Social Worker effective May 22, 2023 and Mary Ann Harness as RCMS Secretary effective June 30, 2023.

Employment – The board approved the employment of Dakota Brown as RCHS Business Teacher and Erica Flittner as RCES Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board approved Dakota Brown and Matt McLaren as RCHS Assistant Football Coaches, Jessica VanDyke as Volunteer RCMS Softball Coach and Brandis Grove as Volunteer RCMS Baseball Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

The board approved the 2023 Summer Driver's Education Instructors: Jessica VanDyke, Matt Music, Shannon Hough, Rob Flanagan, Traci Gray, Luke Carmody, Curtis Ochs, Brandis Grove, Jillian Woods, Rick Franklin, and Greg McKinney.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting(s)
June 15, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM