

Quick Board Summary

June 15, 2023

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The regular meeting of the Richland County Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Snyder at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Scott Snyder, Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Norm Henderson, Marc Leist, Cindy Lockley, and Jeff Wilson were in attendance. The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at <http://live.rccu1.net>.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The board recognized RCHS Boys Tennis Team State Tournament Qualifiers with Evan Uhl placing in the Top 8, RCHS Boys Track Team State Track Meet Qualifiers with Rex Hallam and Gavyn Cothorn both receiving medals and the RCHS Girls Track Team State Track Meet Qualifiers with Tatum David winning the 3200m and 1600m races.

Consent Agenda Items –The regular and closed minutes of the May regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recording of November 3 & 16, 2021, perusal of closed session minutes, May FOIA requests and building reports were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The May financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$1,007,833.85 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. Ryan Fuhler with Poettker Construction gave an update on the Pre-K Center construction which is projected to be complete by the last week of June.
2. Mr. Simpson presented the updated 2023 Organizational Chart for RCCU #1.
3. Mr. Simpson reviewed the FACTS Committee Report from November 14, 2017.
4. Mr. Simpson is retiring on June 30th and he wished the board and RCCU1 the very best and thanked everyone for his 35 years in education.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. LeCrone gave an update on the Summer Maintenance Projects.

Discussion/Action Items

1. After a public hearing to hear testimony and consider the amended FY23 Budget, the board approved the amended budget as presented.
2. The board approved the signed Intergovernmental Agreement with Richland County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit in the amount of \$5000.00.

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

3. The board approved the 2023-24 Student Fees as presented.
4. The board approved the 2023-24 Educational Support Staff Handbook as presented.
5. The board approved the 2023-24 Bus Driver Handbook as presented.
6. The board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services as presented.
7. The board approved the ERBA Head Start Agreement as presented.
8. The board approved the 2023-24 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewal as presented.
9. The board approved the FY24 Title I Plan as presented.

Personnel Matters

Leave of Absence(s) – The board approved the leave of absences for RCES Paraprofessionals Tori Gosnell and Shandy Holmes for the 2023 fall semester.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignations of Sarah Whittler as RCMS Special Education Teacher and Lisa Cummins as RCES Paraprofessional, effective at the end of the 2022-23 school year. The board also approved the resignations of Trenton Gonzalez as RCMS 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach and Dakotah Brown as RCMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.

Employment – The board approved the employment of Sherry Slankard as RCHS Guidance Counselor, Laura Holder as RCMS Guidance Counselor, Tyler Hahn and Christy Cantrell as Paraprofessionals, all effective for the 2023-24 school year. The board approved the employment of Sarah Higginbotham as RCMS Secretary and Andrea Thomas as Food Service Director, both effective July 1, 2023, and Brandi Lutz as Transportation Assistant, effective July 17, 2023. The board approved the extra-curricular assignment of Dakotah Brown as RCHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach and the employment of Martin Buchner as RCHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach for the 2023-24 school year. The board also approved the extra-curricular volunteer coaches for RCHS Boys Soccer of Luke Hahn, Seth Raney, and Tragen Stanley.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Upcoming Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 20, 2023