

Approved: February 13, 2017

Riley County U.S.D. NO. 378 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2017

Minutes

The boardmanship training started at 5:45pm with Donna Whiteman, from Kansas Association of School Boards. The training ended at 6:45pm.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education of Riley County USD 378 was held at the Riley County High School Library on Monday, February 13, 2017. Board members present were Kyle Bohnenblust, Jared Larson, Nathan Mead, Randy O'Boyle, Kerry Thurlow and Ross Wahl. Not present was Shane Allen. Also in attendance were Superintendent Cliff Williams and Clerk of the Board Nicole Fajen. Others present were Larry and Chris Tawney, Frank Clark, Melissa Wahl and Keith Westervelt.

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. President Bohnenblust called the board meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Corrections to the agenda

Randy O'Boyle would like to add the progress of the foundation under Board Member Items.

President Bohnenblust would like to switch The Riley County Childcare Center from Board of Ed Issues to Contracts/Approvals/Appointments.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda (items suggested for the consent agenda are shaded) was presented as follows:

1. Call to order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Student/Staff recognition. *Seven students from Mr. Whearty's class and their parents have been invited to attend the meeting in recognition of their placement in a welding competition.*
4. Additions to the agenda.
5. Approval of the agenda.
6. Approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2016 regular meeting.
7. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
8. Concerns of Riley County U.S.D. No. 378 patrons.
9. Communications.
10. Administrative Reports.
 - A. Principal Reports. Any building principal present may wish to report.
 - B. Director Reports. Program Directors may wish to report.
 - C. Superintendent Report. The superintendent may provide a report.
11. Board Member Items.

12. Business Items and Reports:

- A. Contracts/Approvals/Appointment.
- B. Board of Education Topics. Progress on mission/vision from retreat.
- C. Personnel Items.

13. Adjournment

Motion to approve those items listed on the consent agenda as proposed:

- minutes of the January 9, 2016 regular meeting, the February bills and transfers.
 - agenda (as presented or as amended at the meeting)
 - **contracts/approvals/appointments as follows:**
 - ✓ approve the donation of \$100.00 from a private patron to assist with the Grade School lunchroom project.
 - ✓ approve the donation of \$200.00 from a private patron to assist families in need during the holidays.
 - ✓ approve the donation of \$132.35 for Cara Rignell as part of DonorsChoose fund project for Prize-Wining TOON books for K-3.
 - ✓ approve the Library weeding logs from the Grade School and High School.
 - ✓ Approve a total donation of \$302 from the Harold Ray memorial for the purchase of technology and reading supplies.
 - **personnel items as follows:**
 - ✓ approve the resignation of Cheryl VanBebber, as Bus Driver, effective January 20, 2017.
 - ✓ approve the new hire of Shane Eslit, as Bus Driver, effective February 14, 2017.
 - ✓ approve the resignation of Jennifer Johnston, as RCHS Vocal teacher, effective May 24, 2017.
 - ✓ approve the new hire of Amanda Kreie, as part-time pre-school aide, effective February 14, 2017.
- ✓ *Any personnel items which occur after publication of the agenda may be added by letter to the board on February 10, 2016 and included here*

President Bohnenblust recognized Riley County High School students for their welding achievements by giving them a certificate from the Board of Education!

Orscheln Farm and Home Supply Store in Manhattan hosted a welding competition that was open to all area high schools to enter their welding skills for a given weld criteria in Arc (SMAC) and Gas (GMAW). The students listed below are from Mr. Whearty's Agricultural Mechanic class entered welding skills that were delivered to compete for awards. All participants were awarded a medal and the top 3 places earned an auto darkening welding helmet and a plaque. Magnet parts and tool trays were awarded to the 4th, 5th, and 6th place individuals. All judging and awards were sponsored by Caterpillar. Congratulations to each of these individuals that earned awards and recognition for competing with their welding skills.

Mac Rogers 1st, Tate Wickstrum 2nd, Brett Halstead 3rd, Tyler Lindell 4th, Luke Richard 5th, Tyler Beckman 6th, Collin Prockish-participant.

Ross Wahl stated that there was a mistake in the minutes. The meeting reminder about the boardmanship training with Donna Whiteman was listed before the adjournment and it should have been listed after the adjournment.

Jared Larson moved the board approve the January 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes as corrected, the agenda as amended and the consent agenda as presented. Second by Randy O'Boyle and motion carried, 5-1 with Ross Wahl voting no.

Concerns of the Riley County U.S.D. No. 378 patrons

None

Communications

None

Administrative Reports

1. Hearing of principals

a. Teresa Grant reported:

- The Middle School 7th and 8th grade boys are both playing in the championship basketball game at the HS tonight.

b. Harold Oliver reported:

- Riley County hosted the MEL wrestling tournament on Friday, February 10th as well as the Middle School Boys basketball tournament on Saturday February 11th and 13th.
- Sunny O'Leary is the first female ever from Riley County to receive a 3rd place finish at the state wrestling tournament.
- Spring sports will begin next month; golf, track, baseball and softball.
- Lexi Wilson and Zoey Abner placed at the District FCCLA competition and qualified for the State FCCLA competition.
- Mr. Oliver gave a quick update on the foundation committee. He is hopeful that Mr. Collagen will be able to give a full report at the March regular board meeting.

2. Hearing of Directors

Mr. Clark reported:

- Bus repairs on #11, #15 and #6.
- Mr. Clark has received three inquiries about the bus driver position in the last 30 days.
- He stated that the Middle School girls basketball team went 32-0.

Board Member Items

Mr. Williams reported on the financial position of the Riley County Childcare Center program per board request. Mrs. Richling, RCCC Teacher, Mrs. Grant and Mr. Williams answered questions from the board. After discussion the board came to a consensus to

keep RCCC. Overall, the board was appreciative that the staff and admin was trying to make it more cost effective. They shared preschool programs across the state struggle to break even with costs. They elaborated on how the program is more academic based than a true daycare. The board also discussed changing the name because it can be misleading.

Ben Burton, Switchgrass Development, had requested to address the board about the progress of the developments within the Colbert Hills addition and the potential to change the school district boundary lines. Using three different maps Mr. Burton showed the board the areas that the City of Manhattan granted developers permission to build infrastructure for future homes in the Heartland section. He opened the dialogue with the board about using streets as boundary lines instead of legislative boundary lines to assist in the selling of properties within neighboring school districts. Currently, the boundary lines run through the middle of some properties with the potential of future developments with a similar concern where one portion of the property is in USD 378 and the other portion is in USD 383. Mr. Burton shared that this division can make it difficult to sell homes. The board of education took no action on the request.

3. Superintendent report

a. Cliff Williams reported:

- Food Service Audit went really good this year; a big thank you to the Food Service team!
- Cliff gave an update on the HVAC rooftop system that needs to be replaced at the Grade School. He stated the team is working hard to make progress and will hopefully be ready to go out to bid in about four weeks.

Business Items and Reports

1. Contracts/Approvals/Appointments

Mr. Williams discussed the Leonardville baseball park lease will be up at the end of February 2017. Randy O'Boyle moved the board approve the lease for the usage of the Leonardville baseball park with the city of Leonardville for the price of \$1.00 for 10 years. Second by Kerry Thurlow and motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Williams thanked the policy committee meeting for meeting on January 25th for two hours and their efforts that goes into those meetings. The board held discussion. Randy O'Boyle moved the board approve the policies with the discussed additions as presented and referenced in the official minutes. Second by Nathan Mead and motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Williams discussed that due to legislative action in the 2015 session (HB 2104), three of our board positions need to have their terms extended until the second Monday in January 2018. All districts have been advised by KASB to pass a resolution notifying our patrons that this act will take place. Kyle Bohnenblust stated, "Be it resolved that, the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 378, Riley County, Kansas hereby extends the term of the office for any elected board member whose term would expire at any time in 2017 until the second Monday in January of 2018, when newly elected members of the governing body

and other newly elected officials shall take office pursuant to K.S.A. 2015 Supp. 25-21a01.” Second by Randy O’Boyle and the motion carried, 5-1 with Ross Wahl voting no.

Mr. Williams stated the board needs to advise the board clerk as to when she can begin advertising the three board positions. He recommended Tuesday, February 14, 2017. Kerry Thurlow moved the board advise the board clerk per Cliff’s recommendation to begin advertising the three board positions on February 14, 2017. Second by Jared Larson and the motion carried, 6-0.

Mr. Williams presented the 2017-18 school year calendar that the calendar committee put together. Kerry Thurlow moved the board adopt the 2017-18 school year calendar as presented. Second by Ross Wahl and the motion carried, 6-0.

2. Board of Education Topics

Mr. Williams gave the board an update on the budget preparations for the 2017-18 school year. The state funding formula is scheduled to be discussed in the 2017 legislative session. Currently, we are in the year two of a two year temporary plan called the Block Grant.

Mr. Williams gave the board a report on the public relations committee that met on January 25th. The board came to a consensus to appoint Nathan Mead as chairman of this committee. The PR committee put together a perception survey on the mission statement to go out to patrons, parents and seniors of USD 378.

The next policy committee meeting will be held at the District Office on Wednesday, February 22nd 4:30pm- 6:30pm.

The Technology committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd 9:00am-10:30am in the RCHS Conference Room.

The next IBB committee meeting will be held on Monday, March 13th from 5:45pm-6:45pm in the RCHS Library.

3. Personnel

The board gave the approval to start advertising Mrs. Johnston’s position.

4. Executive Session

At 8:54pm Kyle Bohnenblust moved to recess into closed session for 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to employer-employee personnel with the Superintendent with a 5 minute break starting before. Second by Jared Larson and motion carried, 6-0.

Returned at 9:14pm with no action taken.

At 9:16pm Kyle Bohnenblust moved to recess into closed session for 15 minutes to discuss matters relating to employer-employee personnel with the Superintendent. Second by Nathan Mead and motion carried, 6-0.

Returned at 9:31pm with no action taken.

Kyle Bohnenblust stated the next board meeting will be held on March 13, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Riley County High School Library.

Kyle Bohnenblust stated the next IBB meeting will be held on March 13, 2017 at 5:45pm at the Riley County High School Library.

Adjournment

At 9:35 pm, President Bohnenblust moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Kerry Thurlow and motion carried, 6-0.



Kyle Bohnenblust, President



Nicole Fajen, Board Clerk