

Approved: April 21, 2014

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378  
REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, April 7, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Dan Thomson  
Shane Allen  
Randy Glenn  
Kerry Thurlow  
Ross Wahl (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)  
David Higgins (arrived at 7:11 p.m.)

The following member(s) were absent:

Jennifer Wilson

Others present:

Brad Starnes, Superintendent  
Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk  
Sandy Glessner, Board Treasurer  
Teresa Grant, RCGS Principal  
Antoinette Root, RCHS Principal

See attached list for additional guests

A. Approval of agenda

Shane Allen moved the board approve the agenda as presented. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

B. Approval of minutes

Randy Glenn moved the board approve the Board of Education minutes for the March 17, 2014, regular meeting. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the following financial reports: March month end, March food service, RCGS activity and petty cash. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast.

## II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

### A. Hearing of student(s)

None.

### B. Hearing of visitor(s)

1. Charles Dugan discussed Special Education and the past bond issue.
2. Shari Taylor discussed long-term and short-term facilities planning.

### C. Principal’s written reports

Principals Antoinette Root and Teresa Grant report to the board regarding past and upcoming events.

## III. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Budget workshop

1. Brad Starnes guided the board through a district budget overview, which included how the budget is compiled and how the money can be spent.
2. Eric Kientz from Varney and Associates spoke as a follow-up to changes his firm suggested in their audit.

### B. Long range facilities planning

1. Darren Enns, choir teacher at RCHS, discussed with the board a need for an auditorium.
2. The board discussed how to move forward with the district’s needs that were identified on the white board March 17, 2014. It was decided that:
  - a. The board will identify approximately 3 solutions at the next board meeting and discuss the pros and cons of those options.
  - b. A board newspaper sub-committee will begin conversations with the Riley Countian newspaper to get word out about district needs.
  - c. A board sub-committee will investigate options for personal and virtual tours of district buildings.
  - d. The board will collect information about what options could come from being an “innovative school” as identified by the state.

At 9:31 p.m., Kerry Thurlow moved the board take a five-minute recess. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast. Resumed meeting at 9:39 p.m.

#### C. Immediate facility needs

1. Brad Starnes presented the board with three options to solve the need for classrooms at RCGS: adding a two-classroom modular, building classrooms above the gym in the 1929 addition, or adding onto the building.
2. As part of patron communication, Carmen Thurlow gave her input regarding overcrowding at RCGS.
3. Ross Wahl moved the board construct classrooms above the gym in the 1929 addition. Motion received no second. Additional options were discussed.
4. Shane Allen moved the board add a new, two-classroom modular near RCGS. Second by Kerry Thurlow. Motion passed with four “yes” votes and two “no” votes cast (Ross Wahl, no; Dan Thomson, abstained).

#### D. Helical-foundation bids

Ross Wahl moved the board accept the low bid of \$18,850 from Piermasters for helical-foundation. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### E. iPad carts

Dan Thomson moved the board accept a bid of \$15,439.95 from Apple for an iPad cart for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

### IV. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Brad Starnes gave an update on the district, which included the following: Active shooter in-service, RCHS scoreboards, custodial work, Pednet grant, and Radon testing.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Football donation

Dan Thomson moved the board accept a \$3,500 donation to Riley County Junior Falcon Football (\$2,000 for RCMS and \$1,500 for RCHS). Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### B. Memorial donation

Dan Thomson moved the board accept a \$2,560 donation from the Virginia Knopp Memorial Fund for the RCGS playground. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### IV. PERSONNEL

\*All these positions/contracts offered are contingent upon the person recommended to be hired passing the BOE directed background check.

##### A. Resignation

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the resignation of RCHS Counselor Lori Mitchell. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

##### B. Approve contracts

Shane Allen moved the board approve the contract for RCCC Preschool Teacher Michelle Richling per Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

##### C. Transfer

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the transfer of Dana Hebert from RCGS 9-month secretary to RCGS 12-month secretary, per Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

None.

#### VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 21, 2014, in the Riley County High School library.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:51 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

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Kerry Thurlow, President

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Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

**Guests at the USD 378 Riley County regular Board of Education meeting  
April 7, 2014\***

Marilyn Johnson  
Janice Camerlinck  
Kelly Allen  
Sue Garver  
Bonita Tegtmeier  
Corina Enns  
Darren Enns  
Charlotte Doyle  
Danny Grater  
Erik Willimon  
Ken Hanson  
Erin Oliver  
Larry Tawney  
Chris Tawney  
Andy Thurlow  
Carmen Thurlow  
Sharon Greene  
Katy Hanson  
Eddie Allen  
Wanda Allen  
Charles Dugan  
Beth Dugan  
Ciena Dugan  
Shari Taylor  
DeNa Waggoner  
Melissa Granberry  
Charles Peterson  
Donna MacDougall  
Gwen Eyestone  
Michelle Ashburn  
Melissa Wahl  
Larry Schroeder  
Larry Glessner  
Donna Bulk  
Harold Oliver  
Curt Porter  
Ralph Wahl  
Debbie Wahl  
Nathan Shoemaker

\* Some names were illegible and/or  
some individuals did not sign in