

Approved: May 5, 2014

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378  
REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, April 21, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Kerry Thurlow  
Ross Wahl  
David Higgins  
Jennifer Wilson  
Randy Glenn  
Dan Thomson

The following member was absent:

Shane Allen

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

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the agenda as presented. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

B. Approval of minutes

Dan Thomson moved the board approve the Board of Education minutes for the April 7, 2014, regular meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the following financial reports: April bills, Visa bill, RCHS building report. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

## II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

### A. Hearing of students

1. Erin Oliver’s students presented a website called “Math in a Flash,” which they created to help district students with math homework.
2. Nathan Shoemaker presented to the board a bill proposal related to his senior project.
3. Allie Martin presented a schedule of responsibilities related to prom preparation.

### B. Hearing of visitors

1. Samantha Brown gave a report on prom preparation
2. Lori Martin spoke about prom preparation.

### C. Principal’s written reports

Principals Teresa Grant and Antoinette Root gave reports on past and upcoming events at their buildings.

## III. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Innovative schools

1. Beverly Mortimer, Superintendent at USD 333 Concordia, gave a report on their district being an “innovative school” as defined by the state.
2. The board decided to begin discussions on what options would be available to USD 378 to potentially become an “innovative school.”

At 8:41 p.m., Ross Wahl moved the board recess for 5 minutes. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast. Meeting resumed at 8:46 p.m.

### B. Long range facilities planning

1. The board identified five potential solutions to the problems identified in red at the March 17, 2014, meeting. Those solutions were:
  - a. Add onto the grade school
  - b. Add onto the high school
  - c. Build a new middle school
  - d. Build a new grade school
  - e. Discuss options with USD 384 Blue Valley-Randolph

2. As a first step, Kerry Thurlow agreed to contact the board of USD 384 to see if they are interested in beginning dialogue.
3. Randy Glenn agreed to gather information regarding the number of classrooms needed, and present this at a future meeting.
4. Architect drawings from previous bonds will be used at a future meeting to determine cost estimates and facilitate discussion about solutions.

#### C. Roof bids

1. RCGS and RCHS roof improvement bids were opened and read as follows:
  - a. Meridian Roofing Solutions: \$295,045
  - b. Diamond Roofing: \$225,700
  - c. JB Turner and Sons: \$247,000
2. Ross Wahl moved the board accept the bid of \$225,700 from Diamond Roofing. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### D. Grounds and Maintenance contract

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the \$9,711.04 bid from Blueville Nursery for Grounds and Maintenance work. 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: Custodial work, Pednet grant, modular bid update, technology committee report, transportation.

### V. NEW BUSINESS

#### A. District math textbook adoption

1. Math curriculums, textbooks and instructional materials for all grade levels were presented to the board. These have been approved by CPDC.
2. The board asked why the books were recommended; whether they’re being recommended because they’re best for students, or because of state testing standards.
3. The board will look over the materials, gather input from teachers and parents, and discuss this topic further at a future meeting.

#### B. RCGS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) donation

Ross Wahl moved the board accept a donation of \$157.99 from the RCGS PTO for the RCGS music program and field trips. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

C. RCHS Alumni Association donation

Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept a donation of \$1,512 from the RCHS Alumni Association for RCHS biology microscopes and math calculators. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

D. RCHS softball donation

Dan Thomson moved the board accept a \$40 anonymous donation for RCHS softball. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

E. Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) membership

Dan Thomson moved the board approve \$8,208 in membership dues to KASB for the 2014-15 school year. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with four “yes” votes and two “no” votes (Ross Wahl, no; David Higgins, abstained) cast.

F. KASB legal service

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve \$1,650 for a KASB legal consultant service contract for the 2014-15 school year, by resolution 4/17/14. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with five “yes” votes and one “no” vote (Ross Wahl) cast.

Ross Wahl left at 10:34 p.m. and returned at 10:37 p.m.

G. Policy

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the first reading of policy IIBGB, regarding online learning opportunities. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

H. Baseball ads

Dan Thomson moved the board accept \$1,400 in sign ads to be used for RCHS baseball. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

I. RCHS vocal music donation

Dan Thomson moved the board accept a \$1,000 donation for RCHS vocal music. Second by Ross Wahl. 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. Approve contract

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve an independent contractor contract of \$1 for RCMS Assistant Track Coach Travis Havenstein per Erik Willimon's recommendation. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

B. Executive session

1. At 10:43 p.m., Dan Thomson moved the board go into executive session for 15 minutes with the Superintendent to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast. The board returned at 11:01 p.m. No action was taken.

C. Contracts

Ross Wahl moved the board table the discussion of RCGS and RCHS teacher rehire lists. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

D. Resignations

1. Ross Wahl moved the board accept the resignation of Riley County Childcare Center Aide Emma Glessner. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.
  2. Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept the resignation of RCGS Title I Aide Janie Buseman. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.
- E. Dan Thomson moved the board accept the resignation of RCMS Head Football Coach and RCHS Assistant Track Coach David Taphorn. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

V. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Randy Glenn thanked David Taphorn for his years of service in USD 378 athletics.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2014, in the Riley County High School library.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:04 p.m., Randy Glenn moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

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Kerry Thurlow, President

Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

**Guests at the USD 378 Riley County regular Board of Education meeting  
April 21, 2014\***

Larry Tawney  
Chris Tawney  
Marilyn Johnson  
Janice Camerlinck  
Paulette Kulp  
Samantha Brown  
Allie Martin  
Erin Oliver  
Addy Oliver  
Tory Thomson  
Rachel Allen  
Dani Wagner  
Keaton Koenig  
Lori Martin  
Harold Oliver  
Melissa Cooper  
Andy Thurlow  
Melissa Wahl  
Shari Taylor  
DeNa Waggoner  
Miah Howe  
Becki Bohnenblust  
Jay D. Peterson  
Luke Riefel  
Beverly Mortimer  
Susan Wendland  
Dory Wendland  
Robert Boyd  
Cindy Thomson

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