

Approved, September 3, 2013

MINUTES OF THE
RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD IN THE
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2013
7:15 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, August 19, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School Library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following were present:

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

Others present:

Brad Starnes, Superintendent
Sandy Glessner, Board Treasurer
Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk
Antoinette Root, RCHS principal
Teresa Grant, RCGS principal
Margaret Davies, Riley
Daniel Davis, Riley
Lisa Tindal, Riley
Kelsey Lawrenz, Leonardville
Kim Nelson, Leonardville
Donna Bulk, Leonardville
Debi Wahl, Manhattan
Ralph Wahl, Manhattan
Jacqueline Loewen, Manhatttan
Valerie Hazlett, Manhattan
Daniel Clawson, Manhattan
Beth Dugan, Leonardville
Art Vaughan, Keats
Gloria Freeland, Keats
Charlotte Doyle, Manhattan
Larry Tawney, Manhattan

Christine Tawney, Manhattan
Scott Howe, Riley
Curt Porter, Riley,
Melissa Cook, Manhattan
Trisha Reichert, Riley
Dennis Tegtmeier, Riley
Bonita Tegtmeier, Riley
Laura Rochlisberger, Leonardville
Michaela Wahl, Riley
Melissa Wahl, Riley
Royce Rothlisberger, Leonardville
Art Porter, Leonardville/Clay Center
Valynda Porter, Leonardville/Clay Center
Sylva Nichols, Leonardville
Cory LeMay, Riley
Todd Laggerman, Riley
Curtis Hazlett, Manhattan
Robert Echols, Riley
Garry Sigle, Manhattan

A. Approval of agenda

Shane Allen moved the board approve the minutes of the agenda for the August 19, 2013 meeting as amended. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

B. Approval of minutes

Dan Thomson moved the board approve the special budget July 30, 2013, minutes and the regular August 5, 2013, minutes. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Board Treasurer Sandy Glessner explained what transactions are used in the district’s miscellaneous and technology accounts. Details of the August Expenses were discussed. Dan Thomson moved the board approve the July Month End, August Expenses, RCHS Activity Fund, and VISA bill. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

D. Declare surplus

Dan Thompson moved to declare bus number 9 as surplus per Larry Wendland’s recommendation due to age and wear. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast, and 2 “no” votes (David

Higgins, no; Ross Wahl, abstained).

II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

A. Hearing of students

No students spoke.

B. Hearing of visitors

Dennis Tegtmeier addressed the board regarding bullying, sexual events, YouTube videos, facilities maintenance.

Shawna Oliver discussed where the responsibility of children comes from. She also spoke on behalf of other teachers regarding the feel of the district at this time.

Daniel Clawson asked a question about the district's long term employees' medical coverage.

Sylda Nichols spoke regarding respect of district employees and staff.

Donna Bulk discussed further her correspondence with the district regarding eligibility of information.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Executive session

At 7:45 p.m., Dan Thomson moved the board, Superintendent Brad Starnes, and RCHS Principal Antoinette Root, go into executive session for 30 minutes for the purpose of consulting with attorney Vic Jacobson. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast. Returned at 8:15 p.m. Dan Thomson moved the board return to executive session for 20 minutes. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast. Returned at 8:38 p.m. Jennifer Wilson moved the board return to executive session for 10 minutes. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast (Shane Allen absent). Returned at 8:58 p.m.

B. Executive session

At 9:00 p.m., David Higgins moved the board to into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 30 minutes. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast. Returned at 9:30 p.m. Jennifer Wilson moved the board return to executive session for 15 minutes.

Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
Returned at 9:44 p.m.

C. Election of vice president

David Higgins nominated Ross Wahl as vice president. Dan Thomson moved nominations cease. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

D. Holiday pay

Jennifer Wilson moved full time hourly employees receive federal holiday pay, which will be three days during the 2013-2014 school year. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

E. Drug dog update

Superintendent Brad Starnes reported that drug dogs went through RCGS and RCHS before the school year. There were no hits. This establishes a baseline in case of future hits.

F. BOE agenda

Shane Allen moved in favor of a schedule proposed by Board President Kerry Thurlow would get the Board of Education to patrons earlier. The agenda packet with background information will be available at the district office & on the website the Thursday prior to the meeting.. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

G. Kiwanis Builders Club

Jennifer Wilson moved to approve the Kiwanis Builders Club at RCMS, per Principal Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by David Higgins. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

H. Facilities update

Superintendent Brad Starnes discussed facilities update within the district, including drain spouts, gutters, chlorination and water pressure.

I. YouTube update

Superintendent Brad Starnes said the computers where the YouTube videos were produced have been confiscated and copies of the videos were found. RCHS Principal Antoinette Root and Superintendent Starnes have

reviewed the videos and met with attorney Vic Jacobson.

J. Twin Lakes Educational Cooperative update

Superintendent Brad Starnes relayed correspondence with TLEC Director Steve Joonas and discussed options for employee hires with the board.

K. Assistant principal(s) update

Superintendent Brad Starnes said interviews with assistant principals are complete and said the board has several hiring options.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Principal reports

RCGS Principal discussed enrollment numbers, open positions, and thanked St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Manhattan for donating school supplies

RCHS Principal Antoinette Root discussed enrollment numbers, thanked the cooks for inservice days, first day events and schedule changes.

B. Superintendent reports

1. Insurance

Superintendent Brad Starnes discussed the district's insurance with Copeland Insurance and the Kansas Association of School Board. This item will be referred to the insurance committee for their review.

2. Riley County Childcare Center

Superintendent Brad Starnes discussed enrollment numbers for the Riley County Childcare Center for the 2013-2014 school year.

3. Health insurance provider

Dan Thomson moved to approve Blue Cross/ Blue Shield as the district's health insurance provider for the 2013-2014 school year. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

C. Board of Education committee reports

President Kerry Thurlow discussed upcoming committee meetings that have been scheduled.

V. PERSONNEL REPORT

A. Cheer coach

Shane Allen moved to approve Gabrielle Still as the RCHS Cheer Coach per Antoinette Root's recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

B. Grade School Assistant Principal

Ross Wahl moved to approve Jon Granberry as the RCGS Assistant Principal per Teresa Grant's recommendation. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

C. High School Assistant Principal

Randy Glenn moved to approve Bob Funk as RCHS Assistant Principal per Antoinette Root's recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes and one "no" (Ross Wahl) vote cast.

D. Middle School Volleyball Assistant Coach

Randy Glenn moved to approve Jenneen LeMay as the RCMS Volleyball Assistant Coach per Erik Willimon's recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Brad Starnes relayed a thank you from former employee Vicki Pfaff and a thank you from first grade teachers for pay increases.

Dan Thompson expressed his pride for the school and wished the district a successful year. He also thanked coaches for volunteering their time with athletes this summer.

Shane Allen said his thoughts and prayers are with the Lesperance family.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, in the RCHS library at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

President Kerry Thurlow

Jenae Suderman, Clerk