

Approved: September 3, 2013

MINUTES OF THE
RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
SPECIAL BOARD RETREAT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013
5:30 P.M.
Starting at Riley County Grade School

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's Special Board Retreat Meeting to order on Monday, August 12, 2013, at 5:33 p.m. in the Riley County Grade School cafeteria.

The following members were present:

Ross Wahl
David Higgins
Kerry Thurlow
Jennifer Wilson

The following members were absent:

Dan Thomson
Shane Allen
Randy Glenn

Others present:

Brad Starnes, Superintendent
Debbie Kessler, Acting Clerk
Antoinette Root, RCHS Principal
Teresa Grant, RCGS Principal

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Ross Wahl moved the consent agenda be Accepted as presented Seconded by David Higgins. Motion carried with four "yes" votes cast.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Ross Wahl moved that the meeting recess for 30 minutes for an appreciation meal . Second by David Higgins. Motion carried with four "yes" votes cast.

President Kerry Thurlow called a recess at 5:45 p.m.

Randy Glenn arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Shane Allen arrived at 5:42 p.m

President Kerry Thurlow called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Visitors present were:

Ralph and Debbie Wahl, Manhattan
Melissa Wahl, Riley
Curtis and Valinda Porter, Clay Center
Charles and Beth Dugan, Leonardville
Charlette Doyle
Robert Boyd

B. Tour of RCGS

All those present at this time proceeded to tour the RCGS facilities lead by Principal, Teresa Grant, visiting the New Pre – RCCC classroom, the Computer Science class room and the Reading Recovery/ Title I classroom. Ending at the Speech/ Language housed in the District Office Classroom.

C. Tour of RCHS: All those present traveled to the High School reconveining in the High School library. Tours were conducted by Principal ‘Antoinette Root. Classrooms visited: Science/Chemistry classroom. Discussion on the purpose of the color chosen for painting the ceiling, and other item in the classroom were held. Dunia Harmison, facilitator was present to explain the function and use of the items discussed. Other classrooms visited were the Drafting classroom, Woods classroom , wrestling practice facilities and the Ag Shop.

D. Teamwork Building in RCHS Library: Teambuilding activities were conducted by member Kerry Thurlow to help the board members understand the need for working together. These activities also demonstrated the need for alignment, focus, Ethics, Trust, collaboration and Visual integrity

E. Board of Education Committees: Discussion was held regarding establishing a committee meeting calendar the designation of Committee chair personel. Chair person were: Facilities/Maintenance – Ross Wahl, Transportation – Superintendent Starnes, Calendar – Superintendent Starnes, Technology – David Higgins, Policy – Dan Thomson, Insurance – Jennifer Wilson, IBB – Randy Glenn, GRN – Dan Thomson. Chair persons are to establish meeting times and report to Board.

Dan Thomson arrived at 8:14 p.m.

F. Sharing of Goals/Vision:

1. Documents were presented to the board members by RCGS Principal Teresa Grant outlining her Vision for RCGS. Each item was read to the board and questions were answered.
2. Documents were presented to the board by RCHS Principal Antoinette Root outlining her vision of RCHS. Each item was read to the board and questions were answered.
3. Documents were presented to the board by Superintendent Stanes outlining his vision of USD 378. Each item was read to the board and questions were answered.
4. Board Members stated what their individual goals for the District are and what the priorities should be. Majority indicated that facilities maintenance is top priority with expanding of curriculum, support for Principals, Faculty and staff, communication and safety.

Other items discussed were: the establishment of Strategic Building Maintenance, Moving forward with the Bond Issue. Assessing the needs, planning and procedures.

At 9:45 p.m. President Thurlow moved for a ten minute recess. Seconded by Ross Wahl Motion carried six “yes” votes.

At this time Building Principals were dismissed.

Meeting was called to order at 9:57

G. Board of Education Meeting Format:

Discussion was held on the idea of changing the format for Regular Board meetings. This included the Set up of the meeting room and Patron involvement. It was established that future board packets will not be hand delivered to patrons of the community. Board members elected to have packets sent via email with the exception of Ross Wahl. Packets will be made available to the public at the District Office no later than Noon on Thursday before a regular meeting. The agenda for the next meeting will be made available no later than noon Wednesday before the next regular meeting.

IV. PERSONNEL REPORT:

- A. Dan Thomson suggest that due to the time and length of the meeting that there was not a need to go into executive session. Kerry Thurlow made a motion to Table this item until the next meeting. Seconded by Wahl. Motion carried Three "Yes", Two "No", one "obtained".

V. FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. The next regular meeting will be Monday, August 19, 2013, in the Riley County High School library at 7:00 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Randy Glenn motioned to adjourn. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

The time was 10:44 p.m.

President Kerry Thurlow

Debbie Kessler, Acting Clerk