

**Approved, March 3, 2014**

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378  
REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, February 17, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Dan Thomson  
Randy Glenn  
Kerry Thurlow  
David Higgins  
Ross Wahl  
Shane Allen  
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 amended, with the addition of an executive session. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

B. Approval of minutes

Ross Wahl moved the board approve the Board of Education minutes for the February 3, 2014, regular meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the following financial reports: February bills, RCGS building report, RCHS building report. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

**II. PATRON COMMUNICATION**

**A. Hearing of students**

None.

**B. Hearing of visitors**

Curt Porter discussed bus snow routes.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Policy**

Ross Wahl moved the board approve the second readings of policies: AFC, BCBI, FRC, KB, KBA, KN and LRC. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast and one “no” vote cast (Jennifer Wilson).

**B. Bond issue**

1. Mari Starnes asked the board about the N.O.W. Committee’s bond plan.
2. Meri Miller-Kahle spoke on behalf of the interdisciplinary team at RCGS, and discussed needs for special education students that could be solved with a bond issue.
3. The board defined four problems (and sub-points within those problems) that could become a part of a future bond issue. See below:

<b>Safety and security</b>	<b>Technology</b>	<b>Overcrowding</b>	<b>Curriculum</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Storm shelter</li> <li>- Entrances</li> <li>- Building connectedness</li> <li>- Removing modulars</li> <li>- SRO presence</li> <li>- GS bus loop</li> <li>- Weight room</li> <li>- Middle School physical education</li> <li>- Cameras</li> <li>- Electronic monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lab space</li> <li>- Energy efficiency</li> </ul>	<p>Grade school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kindergarten</li> <li>- Library Space</li> <li>- Bathrooms</li> <li>- Gym</li> <li>- Cafeteria</li> <li>- GS/MS mix</li> <li>- Storage</li> <li>- SPED</li> </ul> <p>High School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SPED</li> <li>- Math</li> <li>- Wrestling</li> <li>- Storage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Teacher numbers</li> <li>- Online classes</li> <li>- Class options for MS/HS</li> <li>- Career exploration</li> <li>- Auditorium</li> </ul>

4. The board concluded to focus on bond issue discussion at the March 17, 2014, meeting, where the board will further discuss the problems identified at the Feb. 17, 2014, meeting.

Dan Thomson left the room at 8:45 p.m., and returned at 8:58 p.m.

#### 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 the contract of Riley County High School head golf coach Shari Taylor per Harold Oliver's recommendation. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

##### B. Executive session

1. At 8:57 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel without the Superintendent. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast. The board returned at 9:21 p.m. No action was taken.
2. At 9:21p.m., David Higgins moved the board re-enter executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the Superintendent. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast. Returned at 9:27 p.m. No action was taken.

#### V. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Kerry Thurlow expressed her thoughts and prayers for Virginia Knopp's family.

#### VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2014, in the Riley County High School library.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven "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  
February 17, 2014\***

Mari Starnes  
Carey Zeak  
Meri Miller-Kahle  
Donna MacDougall  
Jared Larson  
Janet Goodenow  
Katy Hanson  
Sue Garver  
Carol Williams  
Marilyn Johnson  
Charlotte Doyle  
Harold Oliver  
Megan Keller  
Donna Bulk  
Weston Steiner  
Tom Nichols  
Sylda Nichols  
Melissa Wahl  
Larry Tawney  
Chris Tawney  
Darnell Vargo  
Jeni VanSickle  
Barbie Shoemaker  
Jane Cales  
Whitney Easterberg  
Erin Oliver  
Danny Grater  
Pam Fajen  
Jeff Bromley  
Cory LeMay  
Jenneen LeMay  
Jada Sharp  
David Taphorn  
Daniel Dickerson  
Janeil Sullivan  
Darren Enns  
Steve Wagner  
Beth Dugan  
Kelly Allen  
Melissa Cook  
Jon Granberry  
Mark Laurie

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