

Approved: June 16, 2014

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD IN THE
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER – PART 1

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, June 2, 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, arrived at 8:04 p.m.
David Higgins
Jennifer Wilson
Shane Allen
Randy Glenn
Dan Thomson, left at 7:13 p.m.

Others present:

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

See attached list for additional guests

A. Agenda

1. Shane Allen moved the board move Personnel item "S" (Contract for RCHS Science Teacher Cindy Thomson) to the top of the agenda. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.
2. Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the agenda as amended. Second by Kerry Thurlow. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

Dan Thomson temporarily left the meeting at 7:07 p.m., due to conflict of interest.

II. PERSONNEL – PART 1

A. Contract of RCHS Science Teacher Cindy Thomson

1. Brad Starnes explained the board's nepotism policy.

2. Shane Allen moved the board approve the contract for RCHS Science Teacher Cindy Thomson per Antoinette Root's recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

Dan Thomson returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m. He thanked the board and superintendent for their work, and shook hands with the other board members. Dan Thomson left the meeting permanently at 7:13 p.m.

III. CALL TO ORDER – PART 2

B. Approval of minutes

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the Board of Education minutes for the May 19, 2014, regular meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Shane Allen moved the board accept the following financial reports: May month end report; food service report. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

IV. PATRON COMMUNICATION

A. Hearing of students

None.

B. Hearing of visitors

Beth Dugan thanked all those who helped organize and volunteer for the state golf tournament. She also thanked those in charge of Key Club at RCHS, as her daughter recently enjoyed a Key leadership training camp.

C. Principal's reports

1. Antoinette Root discussed past events and meetings.
2. Teresa Grant, although absent, had provided a previously-written report about past and upcoming events.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Long range facility planning

1. The board discussed what structure they desired and what questions might be asked of patrons during community input meetings.

2. Jennifer Wilson volunteered to look into options for a meeting facilitator.
3. Jennifer Wilson also volunteered to develop a basic presentation of the district's needs (possible solutions might be included). Once approved by the board, it will be used on the district website and at community meetings to inform the public and obtain their input.
4. Brad Starnes was asked to look for resources from the Kansas Association of School Boards on community input meetings.

Ross Wahl arrived at the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

B. Capital Outlay resolution

David Higgins moved the board accept the Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund, to be printed in the Riley Countian June 11. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

C. Financial budget year

Brad Starnes discussed where the district stands regarding purchases, transfers and close out money. This includes custodial supplies and equipment, transportation, facilities and maintenance, and technology rotations.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Brad Starnes gave an update on the district, which included the following: insurance committee meetings, summer maintenance plans, roofing, radon mitigation, RCGS gym floor, RCGS modular, innovative schools task force update, transportation, helical anchors.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Work compensation insurance

Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept a \$36,937 work compensation insurance quote from the Kansas Association of School Boards. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast and one "no" vote (Ross Wahl, abstained) cast.

B. Computer/technology rotational purchases

Shane Allen moved the board accept the presented computer/technology rotational purchases, including: High School math iPads, High School science iPads, Middle School math and science iPads, and High School journalism iMacs. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

C. Kansas Association of School Board summer meetings

Brad Starnes announced the upcoming KASB Summer School Law and Advocacy Meetings, which will be June 27 in Manhattan. Board members are to contact the district office to register.

D. Vacant board position

1. Jennifer Wilson moved the board amend the agenda to discuss the upcoming vacant board position, made by Dan Thomson. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.
2. Brad Starnes discussed the procedures, according to KASB.

Ross Wahl temporarily left the meeting at 8:34 p.m. and returned at 8:40 p.m.

At 8:35 p.m. Jennifer Wilson requested a five-minute break.

3. Brad Starnes called Vic Jacobson, district attorney, for consultation of nepotism procedures. Mr. Jacobson explained that once Cindy Thomson signs a letter of intent as a teacher, she is considered an employee of the district. After this, Dan Thomson should submit a resignation letter, and the board should accept this letter in a special meeting. Finally, this vacancy should be printed in the Riley Countian.
4. Jennifer Wilson moved the board schedule a special meeting at 7 p.m. June 9, 2014, at the RCHS library regarding the vacant board position. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with five “yes” votes and one “no” vote (Ross Wahl, abstained) cast.

VIII. PERSONNEL – PART 2

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

B. Executive session

1. At 8:46 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board go into executive session for 20 minutes with the Superintendent for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast. The board returned at 9:07 p.m. No action was taken.
2. At 9:07 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board and Superintendent re-enter executive session for another 30 minutes for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast. The board returned at 9:43 p.m. No action was taken.

C. Amend agenda and lump-personnel vote

Randy Glenn moved to lump personnel items B through G and accept/approve them. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with five “yes” votes and one “no” vote (Ross Wahl, abstained) cast. Included in this motion were the following items:

1. Accept resignation of RCHS Head Softball Coach Al Blubaugh
2. Accept resignation of Riley County Transportation Aide Debbie Kessler
3. Approve contract for RCGS Counselor Kristin Blecha per Teresa Grant’s recommendation
4. Approve contract for RCMS Head Football Coach Dustin Webber per Erik Willimon’s recommendation
5. Accept resignation of RCMS Head Boys Basketball Coach Dustin Webber
6. Approve contract for RCHS Counselor/School Services Coordinator Samantha Kriley per Antoinette Root’s recommendation

D. Rehire lists

Brad Starnes discussed rehire lists that will be an action item at the next board meeting. They included:

1. District staff per Brad Starnes’ recommendation
2. RCHS coaching staff per Harold Oliver’s recommendation
3. RCHS classified staff per Antoinette Root’s recommendation
4. RCHS supplemental staff per Antoinette Root’s recommendation
5. RCGS supplemental staff per Antoinette Root’s recommendation
6. RCGS classified staff per Antoinette Root’s recommendation
7. RCGS coaching staff per Erik Willimon’s recommendation

E. Riley County Childcare Center summer aides

1. Ross Wahl moved the board approve the contract for Riley County Childcare Center summer aide Hailey Havenstein per Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.
2. Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the contract for Riley County Childcare Center summer aide Sadie Wallace per Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

F. RCMS Head Boys Basketball Coach

Shane Allen moved the board approve the transfer contract for Riley County Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach Jeff Frey per Erik Willimon’s recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

G. RCHS Vocal Music Teacher

Randy Glenn moved the board approve the contract for Riley County High School Vocal Music Teacher Jennifer Johnston per Antoinette Root’s recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Randy Glenn stated he would like to discuss correspondence with Brenda Wood from PCI Building Services at the next board meeting.

X. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next meetings will be:

1. A special meeting at 7 p.m. June 9, 2014 at the Riley County High School library to discuss the procedure to fill the board vacancy.
2. An interest-based bargaining meeting at 5:30 p.m. June 16 at the Riley County High School library
3. A regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., June 16, 2014, in the Riley County High School library.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:51 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

Kerry Thurlow, President

Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

**Guests at the USD 378 Riley County regular Board of Education meeting
June 2, 2014***

Larry Tawney
Janice Camerlinck
Andy Thurlow
Charles Dugan
Beth Dugan
Carmen Thurlow
Sylda Nichols
Tom Nichols
Norma Sharp
Donna Bulk
Robert Echols
Bonita Tegtmeier
Michelle Ashburn
Darnell Vargo
Chris Tawney
Marilyn Johnson
Robert Boyd
Melissa Wahl

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