

Approved, March 17, 2014

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD IN THE
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present

David Higgins
Dan Thomson
Jennifer Wilson
Kerry Thurlow
Ross Wahl

The following members were absent:

Shane Allen
Randy Glenn

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

Dan Thomson moved the board approve the agenda as presented. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

B. Executive session

1. At 7:03 p.m., Dan Thomson moved the board go into executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel without the Superintendent. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast. Returned at 7:26 p.m. No action was taken.

2. At 7:26 p.m., Dan Thomson moved the board return to executive session for 15 minutes. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast. Returned at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken.

C. Approval of minutes

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the Board of Education minutes for the February 17, 2014, regular meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast.

D. Approval of financial reports

Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept the following financial reports: February month end, Food Service, and Visa bill. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast.

II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

A. Hearing of students

None.

B. Hearing of visitors

1. Doyle Jones spoke on behalf of several other bus drivers, discussing bus repair and maintenance.
2. Cheryl VanBebber asked questions about the Transportation Director and Assistant Transportation Director position.
3. Andrew Tripp, of One Tripp Service in Leonardville, spoke about his business in regard to repair/maintenance with USD 378.

III. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

RCGS Principal Teresa Grant and RCHS Principal Antoinette Root informed the board of past and upcoming events.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board policy

Dan Thomson moved the board approve the third and final readings of policies: AFC, BCBI, FRC, KB, KBA, KN and LRC. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast.

B. Advertising policy

The board discussed the use of advertising within the district to help pay for capital projects. The topic was sent to the policy board committee for further discussion. The board also requested specifications from Athletic Director Harold Oliver on scoreboards.

C. Technology

The board discussed the need to look further into technology policies and what would be useful/permitted within the district. The board requested information on Wichita and Emporia schools, which have or are in the process of accepting new technology policies; this information will be discussed further within the technology committee.

D. Long range facility planning

The board received information from two individuals regarding their desires within a long range facility plan: Darren Enns regarding an RCHS auditorium, and Samantha Brown regarding RCHS Special Education. The board also discussed the agenda for the next board meeting (March 17, 2014), which will focus on long range facility planning.

V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Brad Starnes gave an update on the district, which included: Fire Marshall, Radon, baseball irrigation, PCI, RCGS roofs, restroom partitions, studies, landscaping, volleyball standards, vehicle tracking, curriculum, education legislation, USDA funding, board policies, district website, iPads, and area transportation issues.

VI. New business

A. Football uniforms

Ross Wahl moved the board accept the bid of \$23,324.60 from Lou's Sporting Goods in Salina for RCHS football uniforms. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with four "yes" votes and one "no" vote (Kerry Thurlow) cast.

B. Grounds maintenance specifications

Dan Thomson moved the board approve the presented grounds maintenance specifications and send them out for bid, with the stipulation that the district be allowed to remove items from the list as needed. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

C. Board committee meetings

Brad Starnes reminded the board to contact him regarding board committee schedule availability.

VII. PERSONNEL

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

A. Contract extension

1. David Higgins moved the board extend the contract for RCGS Principal Teresa Grant through June 2016, per Superintendent Brad Starnes' recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.
2. Dan Thomson moved the board extend the contract for RCHS Principal Antoinette Root through June 2016, per Superintendent Brad Starnes' recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion took no action with three "yes" votes and two "no" votes (David Higgins, Ross Wahl) cast.

B. Resignation

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the resignation of RCGS Counselor Anna Krone, per Principal Teresa Grant's recommendation. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast.

C. Executive session: Employer-employee negotiations

At 9:30 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board go into executive session for 20 minutes (preceded by a 5 minutes recess) with the Superintendent for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast. Returned at 9:56 p.m. No action was taken.

D. Executive session: non-elected personnel

1. At 9:56 p.m., David Higgins moved the board go into executive session for 15 minutes without the Superintendent to discuss non-elected personnel. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with five "yes" votes cast. Returned at 10:12 p.m. No action was taken.
2. At 10:12 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board re-enter executive session, now with the Superintendent, for 15 minutes. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with four "yes" votes (Dan Thomson absent) cast. Returned at 10:33 p.m. No action was taken.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Kerry Thurlow commended the work of RCGS librarian Dawn Messerla for her work at the building; especially on March 3, when she coordinated an all-day read-aloud event for Dr. Seuss' birthday.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2014, in the Riley County High School library.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 p.m., Ross Wahl moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with five “yes” votes cast.

Kerry Thurlow, President

Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

**Guests at the USD 378 Riley County regular Board of Education meeting
March 3, 2014***

Garry Goff
Charlie Peterson
Doyle Jones
Dory Wendland
Shirley Rood
Carol Williams
Marilyn Johnson
Cheryl VanBebber
Frank VanBebber
Susan Wendland
Charlotte Doyle
Ed Doyle
Shari Taylor
DeNa Waggoner
Jon Granberry
Corina Enns
Charles Dugan
Lane Howe
Andrew Tripp
Melissa Wahl
Anna Krone
Weston Steiner
Larry Tawney
Alan Brown
Samantha Brown
Ralph Wahl
Debbie Wahl
Curt Porter
VaLynda Porter
Carmen Thurlow
Andy Thurlow
Robert Echols

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