

Approved: May 19, 2014

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378  
REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, May 5, 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, entered at 7:02 p.m.  
David Higgins  
Jennifer Wilson  
Randy Glenn  
Dan Thomson, left at 9:55 p.m.  
Shane Allen

Others present:

Brad Starnes, Superintendent  
Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk  
Sandy Glessner, Board Treasurer  
Teresa Grant, Riley County Grade School Principal  
Antoinette Root, Riley County High School Principal

See attached list for additional guests

A. Approval of agenda

Shane Allen moved the board approve the agenda as presented. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

B. Approval of minutes

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the Board of Education minutes for the April 21, 2014, regular meeting. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the following financial reports: April month end, April food service. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

## II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

### A. Hearing of students

Kristy Nixon, senior class president, spoke to the board about accepting the donation of a bench from their graduating class.

### B. Hearing of visitors

Charlotte Doyle stressed the support of teachers in honor of National Teaching Day, and encouraged community meetings.

### C. Principal’s reports

Principals Teresa Grant and Antoinette Root gave reports on past and upcoming events at their buildings.

## III. OLD BUSINESS—PART ONE

### A. Math textbooks

1. Brad Starnes gave information regarding common core, state assessments and accreditation. He noted USD 378 has never formally adopted common core, although the state did in 2010.
2. As part of patron communication:
  - a. Jared Larson spoke in favor of common core and the teachers’ textbook recommendation.
  - b. Chris Tawney voiced concerns regarding common core and the price of the recommended textbooks.
  - c. Larry Tawney asked questions regarding common core.
  - d. Robert Echols voiced concerns regarding common core.
  - e. Carmen Thurlow gave suggestions to the board regarding common core.
  - f. Alicia Spitler said she has spoke with many teachers in surrounding communities that support common core.
  - g. Shari Taylor, Curriculum and Data Analysis Instructor, along with four other district teachers (Sue Garver, Kelly Allen, Donna MacDougall and Erin Oliver), explained why the textbooks were recommended. They said the textbooks currently in use are about 10 years old. They also said the textbooks would be used as one of several references when teaching math.
3. Randy Glenn moved the board amend the agenda, and switch it from an information item on math textbooks to an action item. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes and one “no” vote (abstain: Ross Wahl) cast.

4. Shane Allen moved the board adopt the math textbooks as presented by the staff. (This motion does not mean the district is adopting common core, but the math textbooks are aligned to the common core.) Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

#### IV. PERSONNEL

##### A. Executive session

1. At 8:38 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board enter executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected personnel with the Superintendent and RCHS and RCGS Principals. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 9:01 p.m. No action was taken.
2. At 9:01 p.m., Dan Thomson moved the board re-enter executive session for 15 minutes with the Superintendent. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 9:15 p.m. No action was taken.

##### B. Teacher rehire list

Jennifer Wilson moved the board remove from the table and approve the contracts for the RCGS and RCGS teacher rehire lists, per the building principals’ recommendations. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

##### C. RCGS teacher rehire list

Shane Allen moved the board approve the contracts for the RCGS teacher rehire list, per Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

##### D. RCHS teacher rehire list

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the contracts for the RCHS teacher rehire list, per Antoinette Root’s recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with five “yes” votes and two “no” votes (no, Dan Thomson; abstain, Ross Wahl) cast.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS—CONTINUED

##### B. Innovative school districts

Ross Wahl moved the board direct Brad Starnes to bring them a proposal on how to move forward with becoming an Innovative School District, and compile a list of possible people to serve as a task force. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

### C. Long range facilities planning

1. Brad Starnes presented architectural drawings the board could use to discuss facility options to-scale.
2. Kerry Thurlow reported that she had spoken with the board president at USD 384 Blue Valley – Randolph. Their president said they are not interested in discussing long range facilities planning with USD 378 at this time, but he would pass the inquiry to his Board of Education.
3. Randy Glenn reported that the number of classrooms needed at the grade school is about 10.
4. Ross Wahl presented a proposal for adding facilities onto RCGS.
5. The board concluded they want to hear input from other schools, specifically regarding curricular opportunities for middle school and high school students. This will help the board determine where the middle school classrooms should be placed.

Dan Thomson left at 9:55 p.m.

### D. Radon bids

Shane Allen moved the board accept the radon mitigation bid from Building Performance Company for a base price of \$7,700, plus additional suction points if needed (not to exceed \$1,200). Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

### E. Fire extinguisher/suppression system bids

Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept a bid of \$2,299.25 from 451 Protection for fire extinguishers and fire suppression systems. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

### F. Policy IIBGB: Second reading

Ross Wahl moved the board approve the second reading of IIBGB: Online learning Opportunities. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

## VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Brad Starnes gave an update on the district, which included the following: technology committee, bathroom partitions, insurance committee, Pednet grant, transportation director interviews.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Senior class gift

Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept a bench as a gift from the 2014 senior class. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

B. Riley County Childcare Center plan

Randy Glenn moved the board approve the Riley County Childcare Center 2014-15 plan, effective August 1, 2014. This includes a change in tuition, meal separation, and late payment policy. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

C. Capital Outlay resolution

Brad Starnes explained to the board a tax levy resolution that would allow more budget flexibility within the Capital Outlay fund. This could include the purchase of computer software, performance uniforms, and asbestos control, to name a few. The resolution was made possible through a recently signed bill.

D. Declare surplus bus

Ross Wahl moved the board declare a small Ford diesel bus (#18) as surplus, per the recommendation from PowerCat Diesel and Larry Wendland. This is to be sold via the Kansas State Department of Education state agreement. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

E. Modular bid

1. Kerry Thurlow opened the modular bids.
2. The board discussed a large discrepancy between the prices of a new modular compared to a used modular.
3. Shane Allen moved the board table the modular bids. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.
4. Randy Glenn moved the board direct Brad Starnes to look into the availability and prices of used modulares, and purchase one if the amount does not exceed \$19,999.99. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with five “yes” votes and one “no” vote (Ross Wahl) cast.

F. Investment

David Higgins moved the board leave the district’s money in the money market account at Riley State Bank. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

G. Jordy Nelson donation

Shane Allen moved the board accept a \$5,000 donation from Jordy Nelson, plus a matching National Football League donation of \$5,000 to be used for athletics. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### H. RCHS surplus library items

Jennifer Wilson moved the board declare as surplus RCHS library books and videos as listed. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### VIII. PERSONNEL

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

##### A. Accept resignations

1. Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept the resignation of RCHS Vocal Music Teacher Darren Enns. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.
2. Randy Glenn moved the board accept the resignation of RCHS Biology Teacher Corina Enns. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

##### B. Approve contract

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the contract for RCHS Assistant Cheerleading Coach Kara Teele, per Antoinette Root’s recommendation. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

#### IX. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

Kerry Thurlow asked for direction from the board regarding Nathan Shoemaker’s presentation last meeting. He proposed the board allow students to take a more formal role in board meetings. The board declined this proposal, in light of a current place already available for students to speak during Patron Communication.

#### X. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014, in the Riley County High School library.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:06 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “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  
May 5, 2014\***

Jared Larson  
Donna MacDougall  
Kelly Allen  
Sue Garver  
Donna Bulk  
Janice Camerlinck  
Carmen Thurlow  
Andy Thurlow  
Robert Echols  
Melissa Wahl  
Bonita Tegtmeier  
Charles Dugan  
Charlotte Doyle  
Cory LeMay  
Tom Nichols  
Sylda Nichols  
Shari Tylor  
Erin Oliver  
Robert Boyd  
Dory Wendland  
Larry Tawney  
Chris Tawney

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