

Approved, Dec. 2 , 2013

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD IN THE
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Kerry Thurlow
Jennifer Wilson
Randy Glenn
Shane Allen
Ross Wahl
David Higgins
Dan Thomson

Others present:

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

See attached list for additional guests

A. Approval of agenda

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

B. Approval of minutes

Dan Thomson moved the board approve the minutes for: the November 4, 2013 Kansas Association of School Boards Boardmanship and Continuous Improvement training; and the November 4, 2013 regular Board of Education meeting. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Ross Wahl moved the board approve the financial reports for: November bills, Visa bills, Riley County Grade School building report, and Riley County High School building report. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

A. Hearing of students

Student Council President Ian Eastes shared with the board the events they have organized at Riley County High School so far this school year.

B. Hearing of visitors

Jacqueline Loewen expressed her concerns regarding PCI janitorial services.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Board communication and self-evaluation

1. The board gave their consent on the draft of a “Welcome to a Board of Education meeting” pamphlet, which is intended to be available to the public for a better understanding of the board meeting process.
2. The board consented to look into doing a self-evaluation further on in the school year, rather than in the near future.
3. Dustin Webber presented the board with the research he had obtained regarding a live video of the board meetings. The board decided to table the discussion until a future meeting.

B. Policy

1. Ross Wahl moved the board approve the third and final readings of the following board policies: GAACA, GAAD, GAAE, GAAF, GACCA, GAOC, GAOE, GAOF, GAR, ING, JBE, JCDA, JCDBB, JDDC, JGEC, JGECA, JQ, JRB, KGD. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
2. David Higgins moved the board approve the first readings of the following revised board policies: BBC, IIBGA, IIBGC, JCAC, JDDB, JH, KGC, KN. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
3. The board consented to examine the revised policy JBC and have its first reading at a future meeting.

C. Bond issue

The board discussed the placement of an additional grade school building and considered discussing options with surrounding school districts. After looking over population and building reports, it was decided to begin discussing what all the

district problems are. A request was made for the board's Strategic Planning Committee's conclusions.

D. FACS surplus bids

Dan Thomson moved the board accept the bid of \$270 from Kansas State University Research and Extension for surplus FACS supplies from Riley County High School. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six "yes" votes and one "no" vote (Abstain: Jennifer Wilson based on conflict of interest).

E. Superintendent evaluation tool

Dan Thomson moved the board amend policy from the previously used KASB performance evaluation tool to the e4DL evaluation tool from Southwest Plains Regional Service Center. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

F. Bus bids

The board directed Brad Starnes to request bids for bus fleet diagnosis (which should include an hourly labor rate and a requirement for sufficient equipment) and a maintenance plan.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal reports

1. Teresa Grant shared about past and upcoming events.
2. Antoinette Root shared about past and upcoming events.

B. Executive session

At 9 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board go into executive session for matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student for a period of 10 minutes with Riley County High School Principal Antoinette Root and Superintendent Brad Starnes, with a five minute recess. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast. The board returned at 9:19 p.m. No action was taken.

C. Superintendent reports

1. Update on the district

Brad Starnes gave an update on district activities and maintenance.

2. Weight lifting equipment gift

Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept a weight equipment gift valued at \$10,500 from Jordy Nelson. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

3. Wrestling program gift

Dan Thomson moved the board accept a wrestling program gift of \$14,000 from Tom Richard. (This is year 3 of a 5-year agreement.) Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

4. Leonardville baseball field utilities

- a. Shane Allen moved the board begin paying the electrical bill for the Leonardville baseball field utilities. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
- b. Since the district owns the baseball fields, the board decided to discuss activities taking place there at a future meeting.

5. Executive session

- a. At 9:55 p.m., Dan Thomson moved the board go into executive session for personnel matters for non-elected personnel for a period of 25 minutes with Superintendent Brad Starnes. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. The board returned at 10:24 p.m. No action was taken.
- b. Dan Thomson moved the board return to executive session for 15 minutes. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. The board returned at 10:44 p.m. No action was taken.

V. PERSONNEL REPORT

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

A. Accept resignation

1. Dan Thomson moved the board accept the resignation of USD 378 special education driver Phil Parry. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
2. Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept the resignation of Riley County High School head cheer coach Angie Toews. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

B. Approve contract

1. Shane Allen moved the board approve the contract of USD 378 special education driver Duane Kelley. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
2. Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the contract for Riley County High School head cheer coach Jamie Abner per Antoinette Root’s recommendation. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.
3. Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the contract for Riley County Middle School boys basketball assistant coach Jeff Frey per Erik Willimon’s recommendation. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

None.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular board meeting will be Monday, December 2, 2013, in the Riley County High School library at 7 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 10: 47 p.m., Shane Allen moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

Kerry Thurlow, President

Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

Guests at the USD 378 Riley County regular Board of Education meeting Nov. 18, 2013*

Daniel Dickerson
Kelly Allen
Dustin Webber
Ralph Wahl
Debi Wahl
Rich Vargo
Melissa Wahl
Mark Laurie
Jacqueline Loewen
Donna MacDougall
Larry Tawney
Chris Tawney
Cindy Tawney
Cindy Thomson
Harold Oliver
Jon Granberry
Curt Porter
VaLynda Porter
Charles Ray Dugan

*Some names were illegible