

Approved: September 16, 2013

MINUTES OF THE
RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD IN THE
RILEY COUNT HIGH SCHOOL NORTH GYM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2010
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Riley County High School north gym following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

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

Others present:

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

See attached list for additional guests

A. Approval of agenda

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

B. Approval of minutes

Shane Allen motioned to approve the minutes of the special August 12, 2013, regular August 19, 2013, and special August 19, 2013, Board of Education meetings. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Jennifer Wilson moved to approve the financial reports, including August month end and Riley County Grade School building reports. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

II. Patron Communication

A. Hearing of students

Tony Volanti, Shay Lehman and Salome Benedick spoke in support of lifting the suspension of teacher Mark Laurie.

B. Hearing of visitors

1. Ralph Wahl voiced concerns regarding the district’s use of capital outlay authority.
2. David Guthals voiced concerns regarding the dress code.
3. Curt Porter voiced concerns regarding enforcing board policy.
4. Larry Tawney voiced concerns regarding facilities and maintenance.
5. Jared Larson, Donna Hanna, Kevin Kenney, Susan Wendland, Lacey Marden, and Grant Banister spoke in support of lifting the suspension of teacher Mark Laurie.
6. Chris Tawney spoke regarding Mark Laurie and board transparency.
7. Jeneen LeMay spoke on behalf of Riley County Educators in support of Mark Laurie and discussed teacher morale.
8. Mark Laurie spoke regarding his views of the last few weeks while he has been on suspension.

III. Old Business

A. Executive session

At 8:30 p.m., Dan Thompson moved the board go into executive session for 30 minutes with Superintendent Brad Starnes and Riley County High School Principal Antoinette Root and Riley County Grade School Principal Teresa Grant with consultation of Attorney Vic Jacobson regarding nonelected personnel. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 9:00 p.m. Thurlow said no action was taken.

B. Mark Laurie

Randy Glenn moved the board lift the suspension of teacher Mark Laurie. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Dan Thomson thanked Laurie for his character.

- C. At 9:05 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board go into executive session for 30 minutes with the Superintendent and Riley County High School and Riley County Grade School Principal with consultation of Attorney Vic Jacobson regarding attorney-client privilege. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 9:40 p.m. Kerry Thurlow said no action was taken.

Dan Thomson left the meeting.

D. Insurance

Randy Glenn moved the board accept the contract for all EMC insurance coverage with Copeland Insurance including workman’s compensation from Copeland Insurance contingent upon Berkley accepting the workman’s compensation history starting August 16th from KASB. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

Kerry Thurlow announced a five minute recess from 9:50 p.m. to 9:35 p.m.

E. Facilities update

Brad Starnes discussed facilities updates such as mudjacking, dirt work, gutters and other maintenance the district could afford. It was decided that the board committees would meet outside of board meetings and then make recommendations to the board on future decisions.

F. Assistant principals update

The start dates for assistant principals Jon Granberry and Bob Funk were discussed.

G. Riley County Childcare Center

Brad Starnes discussed the expenses stated in a financial report with the board.

H. Committees

Board members reported on or set dates for Board of Education committee meetings

I. Capital outlay

Brad Starnes further explained timelines of capital outlay and said Kansas Department of Education personnel approved the board’s published and approved budget.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Principal reports

Antoinette Root discussed Kansas teacher of the year award nomination-Jim Barnard, the number of students in dual enrollment, fall preview events, and school pictures.

Teresa Grant discussed substitutes and upcoming events.

B. Superintendent reports

1. Brad Starnes presented the board with a possible training and self-evaluation provided by the Kansas Association of School Boards. Board members discussed cost and interest.
2. Shane Allen moved the board set the date for Interested Based Bargaining for September 16, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the Riley County High School library. This is where negotiations with Riley County Educators take place.
3. Jennifer Wilson moved the board accept a gift from Sandy Glessner of a clarinet and music stand for the music department. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.
4. Shane Allen moved the board accept a Kansas Safe and Supportive Continuum and Kansas State Department of Education grant to improve school climate and academic achievement at Riley County High School.

V. PERSONNEL REPORT

All motions contingent on passing background checks.

A. Volleyball Assistant Coach

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the contract for Riley County High School Volleyball Assistant Coach, Dunia Harmison, per Harold Oliver’s recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

B. Maintenance

Shane Allen moved the board approve a contract for part time mower and outside maintenance person, Charlie Pfaff, per Brad Starnes recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

C. Riley County Childcare Center Aide

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve a contract for a Riley County Childcare Center Aide, Cathy Nonamaker, per Teresa Grant's recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

D. Riley County High School Assistant Football Coach

Randy Glenn moved the board approve a contract for a Riley County High School Assistant Football Coach, Jason Klein, per Harold Oliver's recommendation. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

E. RCGS cook

Shane Allen moved the board approve a contract for Riley County High School cook Edna Hammond per Grace Brown's recommendation. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with sex "yes" votes cast.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A. To the board

1. Gordon Hibbard thanked the board for a plaque he received for Board service.
2. Kim Knopp wrote a letter to the board in support of lifting Mark Laurie's suspension.
3. Sue Garver thanked the board for their district picnic.

B. From the board

1. Jennifer Wilson spoke regarding a recent Facebook situation and spoke about her plans to educate parents regarding social networking and communication that their students use
2. Ross Wahl said he wanted to ensure the board apply policies and rules as they move forward
3. Kerry Thurlow said the board should continue to move forward in a positive way.

VII. Future meeting

The next special Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2013, in the Riley County High School Library at 5:30 p.m.

The next regular Riley County Board of Education meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2013, in the Riley County High School Library at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment

At 10:50 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by David Higgins. Motion passed with six “yes” votes cast.

Kerry Thurlow, President

Jenae Suderman, Board Clerk

**Public attendees of the Sept. 3, 2013, Board of Education
meeting**

Carole Hay	Robert Boyd	Ben Sigle
Laura Meer	Marcy Uphoff	Tom Richard
Curt Porter	Susie Collins	Peggy Witcher
Jared Larson	Randy O'Boyle	Margaret Davies
Keira Nelson	Natalie Bell	Dean Davies
Debi Wahl	Vicky Bell	Todd Love
Jackson Wagner	Heather Wernholm	Olivia Love
Donnie Wilson	Donna Tittel	Kathy Love
Sandy Glessner	Claudette Laurie	Salome Benedick
Gary Hanna	Dave Laurie	Kris Burnett
Larry Glessner	Debbie Ruggels	Dana Hebert
Diane Richard	Shari Taylor	Elise Frey
Kayela Richard	Dena Waggoner	David Zerfas
Donna Bulk	Jennifer Meadows	Kevin Larson
Les Isom	Anthony Volanti	Mari Starnes
Brenda Isom	Brady Reed	Debbie Conrad
Lenice Frey	Jorge Strom	Janeil Sullivan
Derek Larson	Tina Mensch	Sue Hartenbower
Michelle Herron	Steph Greer	Megan Steiner
Tammy Pachta	Meri Miller-Kahle	Samantha Brown
Greg Bowen	DeNa Waggoner	Lori Mitchell
Justine Hoon	Curt Porter	Jenneen LeMay
Ian Eastes	VaLynda Porter	Darnell Vargo
Garry Sigle	Gavin Grater	Jacqueline Loewen
Jamie Reynard	David Guthals	Jodi Pearson
Shanna Laurie	Elaine Heller	Barbie Shoemaker
Mark Laurie	Landin Griffith	Darren Enns
Gordon Hibbard	Sue Garver	Jenna Grater
Brandon Loehr	Dave Garver	Erin Oliver
Abigail Wahl	Bobby Tindal	Kelsey Lawrenz
Michaela Wahl	Konnie Evans	Cara Rignell
Melissa Cook	Tim Sigle	Sarah Gill
Michelle Hunt	Lana Sigle	Bob Whearty
Matt Bruckerhoff	Hannah Thomas	Daniel Dickerson
Gibson Eyestone	Brett Reichert	Danny Grater
Gwen Eyestone	Marilyn Johnson	Katie Wendland
Jessica Eyestone	Valerie Hazlett	Steve Wagner
Jodi Buss	Curt Hazlett	Harold Oliver
Gary Buss	Cory LeMay	Jim Barnard
Jean Peterson	Betty Wohler	Anna Krone
Larry Satzler	Greg Wohler	Kelly Allen
Matt Renk	Jennifer Holle	Mark Fritzson
Candice Shoemaker	Lance Holle	Kale Katt
Kira Shoemaker	Larry Tawney	Megan Norman
Sharon Lindell	Chris Tawney	Nancy Withe Knorp

Donna MacDougall
Jane Cales
Jennifer VanSickle
Carey Zeak
Joyce Troyer
Dennis Tegtmeier
Andrew Bell
Andy Thurlow
Tammy Wainwright
Lloyd Thomas
Carmen Thurlow
Garrett Wilson
Tyler Jordan
Trace Nelson
Noah Rignell
Linda Sigle
Carol Wagner
Kim Zervas
Courtney Hall
Nic Porter
Sandy Haas
Jarod Wendland
Debra Kessler
Kyle Bohnenblust
Tabatha Holle
Norma Sharp
Cindy Johnson
Amy Havenstein
Travis Havenstein
Melissa Wahl
Tommy Volanti
Abbey Marcotte
Emma Glessner
Sheridan VanSickle
Shelby Muha
Dillon Reichert
Trisha Reichert
Charles Dugan
Amber Wilcoxson
Al Blubaugh
Tom Nichols
Sylva Nichols
Kelli Gresher
Wes March
Byron Alvarez

Royce Rothlisberger
Laura Rothlisberger
Cathy Steiner
David Russell
Tyler Steiner
Keith Wetzel
Dusty Smith
Donna Sullivan
Keith Wetzel
Karen Hibbard
Robert Echols
Abbi Collins
Hannah Thayer
Rod Cook
Jon Allen
Dezie Silvai
Rachel Simental
Beka Silvia
John Bruckerhoff
Elaine Bruckerhoff
Kaitlynn Simmons
Whitney Eyestone
Ariel Adolph
Samantha Lowe
Mark Shoemaker
Autumn Shoemaker
Danny Sharp
Gregg Eyestone
Monte Cales
Dan Winter
Vaughn Powell
Connie Satzler
Stacia Satzler
Doug Groninger
Olivia Groninger
Michele Chavis-Puett
Ralph Wahl
Kevin Kenney
Susan Wendland
Shay Lehmann
Laci Marden
Grant Bannister
Tom Henton

*Some names were
illegible or difficult to
read