

**MINUTES OF THE  
RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378  
REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
HELD IN THE  
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2012  
7: 00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice President Steve Reed called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Riley County High School Library, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Jennifer Wilson, President	Steve Reed, Vice President
Randy Glenn	Mike Pachta
Shane Allen	Dan Thomson
Dan Strom	

Others present:

Brad Starnes, Superintendent  
Norma Sharp, Clerk  
Teresa Grant, RCGS/RCMS Principal  
Eric Swanson, RCHS Principal

**CONSENT AGENDA** \*Asterisk marked items.

- A. \***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a) Minutes for the regular USD 378 meeting for Monday, April 9, 2012 were approved as presented.
  - b) Minutes for the Special April 9, 2012, negotiations meeting were approved as presented.
  
- B. \***APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
  - 1. April Expenditures were approved as presented.
  - 2. April Visa Credit Card Bill
  - 3. Building Reports
  
- C. \***APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved as presented.
  
- D. \*The Board approved a contract for RCHS/RCMS Summer School Teacher-Sue Hartenbower per Eric Swanson's recommendation.
  
- E. \*The Board accepted the donation of \$200 from Konza Volleyball Club – Steve Martini for RCHS volleyball.

**F. \*APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Dan Strom moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.  
Seconded by Shane Allen. Motion carried with six "yes" votes.

**PATRON  
COMMUNICATION**

**A. HEARING OF STUDENTS:**

The following students presented a selection from their "Tribute to the 80's" upcoming program and invitation to come attend the "80" Jazz Concert-Band and Vocal Music program on April 25<sup>th</sup> :

Anthony Volanti	Stacy Pachta
Emily Collins	Jordan Swanson
Noah Schnee	Rebekah Roberts
Lexy Witcher	Abby Collins
Lindsey Cook	Laurel Burton

**B. HEARING OF VISITORS:**

The following visitor was present:  
Janie Brokenicky, RCHS Music Teacher

The Board thanked Mrs. Brokenicky and students for coming to the meeting and presenting their performance.

**C HEARING OF PRINCIPALS:** Principal Grant's report included a preliminary kindergarten enrollment of 47 students, hopefully in three sections. Currently we have 53 students in kindergarten.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion is May 21<sup>st</sup> and Mrs. Grant requested the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students be released from attending school on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Grant asked for volunteers Board members to present certificates.

Recognition was given to the middle school for hosting the MEL Scholar's Bowl on April 11th. Seventh grade students from RCMS earned first place. Many visitors claimed this was the best ran scholar's bowl. All teachers in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades assisted as did the high school scholar's bowl team and several middle school students that came in on their non-school day.

Spring Parent Teacher Conference's were held on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Attendance rate for parents was 91%. Calendar updates were provided.

Principal Swanson reported Graduation will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. and reminded Board members to let him know if they plan to attend and present diplomas.

Awards Night is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 6:15 p.m. Preceding Awards night there will be a fine arts night. Band, vocal and art will be on display.

Upcoming dates to the end of the school year were reviewed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE  
REPORTS**

**A. SCHOOLS FOR FAIR FUNDING MEMBERSHIP AND LEGAL SUPPORT:** Superintendent Starnes will send Board members information regarding this item.

**B. PRIORITIES ADDED BACK TO THE DISTRICT:**

Superintendent Starnes discussed his spread sheet of items cut during the 2011-2012 school years, the savings and the priorities to be added back. Teachers in the district have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to communicate their intent to leave.

President Wilson arrived at 8:15 p.m. and assumed the chair.

Dan Strom moved to authorize the Superintendent to hire 3 new K-8 teachers and 1 new High School English/Spanish teacher, to be hired as enrollment dictates. Second by Mike Pachta. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.

The Superintendent will start advertising for a middle school math teacher, and 2 new elementary teachers and high school English/Spanish teacher.

**C. Bond "UPDATED MEETING":**

The Superintendent anticipates our survey to be completed around June 25th. There are two statutes that address bond elections. They are 10-120 General Bond Law, and 25-2019 Bond elections; frequency limitation. Kansas law calls for special bond elections to be held 45 days after the resolution is passed or 90 days within a general election (KSA 10-120).

Springsted, Inc, provided a Riley County Master Plan 2012 Facility Referendum plan for information.

**D. KASB MEMBER AND LEGAL DUES:**

Dan Strom moved to approve continuing membership in KASB @\$7,502.00 and retaining their legal service for \$1,400. Second by Dan Thomson. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.

**E. ALUMNI WALL-HALL OF FAME:**

The Board asked the Administration to develop criteria for nominations /selections for the memorial project.

**F. AUDIT RESULTS/REPUBLISH BUDGET:**

Mr. Starnes reported the Kansas Department of Education has finished the audit. The results show we gained 14.6 full time enrollment numbers for a total of \$55,188. To gain authority to spend that money the district needs to republish our budget. This additional money would come from

state aid. Varney and Associates will present the district's audit at the May 7<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

**G. EVALUATION TASK FORCE:**

The Board discussed the April 17<sup>th</sup> Evaluation Task Force meeting. Both principals were to be commended for their help and input. It was suggested to have the task force meet again and work with lead teachers Harold Oliver and Janeil Sullivan and Principal Grant and Principal Swanson to help bring recommendations to the June 4<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

**PERSONNEL  
REPORT:**

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Randy Glenn moved the Board go into executive session for a period of 30 minutes with Superintendent Starnes and RCGS Principal Grant and RCHS Principal Swanson for the purpose of non-elected personnel matters. The executive session is required to protect the individuals to be discussed. The Board shall return to the open session at 10:30 p.m. Second by Dan Strom. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.

The Board returned at the appointed time and President Wilson opened the meeting stating nothing was discussed but the above motion and no action was taken in the session.

**B. ACCEPT RETIREMENT OF RCGS TEACHER:**

Mike Pacht moved to accept the retirement of RCGS Kindergarten Teacher Beth Speltz at the end of the school year per Teresa Grant's recommendation. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.

The Board asked Principal Grant to pass on appreciation to Mrs. Speltz for her professionalism and 6 years of service to the district.

**C. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR RCCC SUMMER SCHOOL  
TEACHER:**

Shane Allen moved to approve a contract for RCCC summer school teacher Michelle Wellman per Teresa Grant's recommendation. Second by Dan Strom. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence items were presented.


**FUTURE MEETINGS** The Board of Education and USD 378 will host a reception honoring Kevin Larson, Mike Dillon, Beth Speltz, Linda Webber, and Vicki Pfaff for their years of service and support in our district on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Riley County High School Library.


The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 2012, in the RCHS Library at 7:00.

The next Special IBB/Negotiation meeting will be held Monday, May 7, 2012, prior to the regular BOE meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After the transaction of all official business, Dan Strom moved and Randy Glenn seconded the meeting adjourn. Motion carried with seven "yes" votes cast. The time was 10:35 p.m.

  
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Jennifer Wilson, President

  
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Norma Sharp, Clerk