

Approved: November 3, 2014

RILEY COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 378
REGULAR
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
HELD IN THE
RILEY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Kerry Thurlow called the USD 378 Board of Education's regular meeting to order on Monday, October 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Riley County High School library following the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present:

Kerry Thurlow
Ross Wahl
Jennifer Wilson
Randy Glenn
Tom Richard
Shane Allen
David Higgins, arrived at 7:10 pm

Others present:

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

See attached list for additional guests

A. Agenda

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

B. Approval of minutes

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve the regular minutes from the October 6, 2014 board meeting. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with six "yes" votes cast.

C. Approval of financial reports

Tom Richard moved the board accept the following reports: October bills, Visa bill, RCGS activity report, RCHS activity report. Second by Randy Glenn. Motion passed with five “yes” votes and one “no” vote (Ross Wahl) cast.

II. PATRON COMMUNICATION

A. Hearing of students

None.

B. Hearing of visitors

Samantha Brown spoke regarding board member duties and behavior.

C. Hearing of principals

1. Teresa Grant updated the board regarding: fall sports accomplishments, illnesses among students, PTO fall fundraiser, parent/teacher conferences.
2. Antoinette Root updated the board regarding: graduation report, PSAT, fall sports.

David Higgins entered at 7:10 p.m.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. District technology report

Dustin Webber reported to the board regarding: technology budget, number of student devices in district (about 500, including 170 iPads), staffing workload, number of Smart Boards (one in almost every classroom).

B. Policies

Randy Glenn moved the board approve the third and final readings of the following policies: CGI, EBB, EDAA, GACC, GACCA, GBQA, GCRI, ICA, IIBF, JCFGB-R-3, JR, KCA, KCB, KG, KGDA. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

C. Long range facilities planning

1. Survey, patron input
 - a) The board discussed what input they would want from a survey.

- b) The board also discussed when they would want to do a survey, and it was concluded to further develop their plan/ideas, then do a survey for patron input.

2. Grade school

- a) Teresa Grant stated what items faculty voiced as most important: (1) bathrooms (2) Get classrooms out of modular and into the building and (3) move the computer science classroom out of the basement.
- b) The board discussed other priorities such as: storm shelter, competition gymnasium (and parking), wrestling facility, controlled access, bathrooms, classroom size, library space, second-story classrooms above the cafeteria.
- c) Before soliciting requests for proposals from construction managers, the board concluded to first compile their needs.
- d) The board discussed the idea to move the middle school to the high school for the 2015-16 school year, using modulares. This would be a “trial” year and allow staff and administration time to evaluate the transition for both buildings, and allow the community time to observe operations, before any construction begins. The board:
 - i. Directed administration to discuss the logistics (scheduling, staffing, etc.) of this option (including any major concerns if applicable), and present it at the November 17 meeting. The board will then vote on it at that time.
 - ii. Directed Brad Starnes to look at the cost of modulares (including hookups).
 - iii. Discussed water pressure needs with locating the middle school at/near the high school.
 - iv. Discussed the timeline of a bond election. Concluded not to schedule any special meetings to discuss the bond at this time, but rather discuss it during regular meetings.

D. Board of Education goals and self-evaluation

Kerry Thurlow moved the board table discussion of board goals and self-evaluation until next meeting. Second by Tom Richard. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

E. Curriculum and Professional Development Council

The council provided a written report from their September meeting. Oral reports are scheduled for November, January, March and May.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Superintendent

- 1. Brad Starnes gave an update on the district including: Innovative Schools, Leonardville ball fields’ ownership, recent meeting reports (first right of refusal, pandemic plan).

2. The board concluded to have Innovative Schools on the agenda for the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board attorney evaluation

Brad Starnes provided members with the evaluation form for board attorney Vic Jacobson, and instructed members to complete and return to him. Mr. Starnes will then go over the results with Mr. Jacobson.

B. Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) delegate

Kerry Thurlow moved the board appoint Ross Wahl as the KASB voting delegate for USD 378. Second by Tom Richard. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

C. Third grade iPad proposal

Shane Allen moved the board approve the third grade iPad proposal (10 per classroom) as presented, per Dustin Webber’s recommendation. Second by Ross Wahl. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

D. Surplus library books

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve requests from RCGS and RCHS to declare the presented list of library books as surplus. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

E. Executive session

At 8:40 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board enter executive session with the Superintendent for preliminary discussion relation to the acquisition of real property for 10 minutes, preceded by a 5-minute recess. Second by Shane Allen. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 8:57 p.m. No action was taken.

VI. PERSONNEL

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

A. Executive session

1. At 8:57 p.m., Tom Richard moved the board (only) enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for 20 minutes. Second by Jennifer Wilson. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 9:23 p.m. No action was taken.
2. At 9:23 p.m., Jennifer Wilson moved the board enter executive session with the Superintendent to discuss non-elected personnel for 10 minutes. Second by Ross

Wahl. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast. Returned at 9:36 p.m. No action was taken.

B. Middle School assistant basketball coach

Jennifer Wilson moved the board approve Andrew Garver as the Riley County Middle School assistant basketball coach, per Erik Willimon’s recommendation. Second by Tom Richard. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

B. Childcare Center aide

Ross Wahl moved the board approve Sadie Wallace as a high school aide for the Riley County Childcare Center, per Teresa Grant’s recommendation. Second by Tom Richard. Motion passed with seven “yes” votes cast.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

The family of Evelyn Pfaff/Larson thanked the board for their sympathy surrounding her recent passing.

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Kerry Thurlow announced the next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2014, in the RCHS library. The next special meeting, for the purpose of Interest Based Bargaining, will be at 5:30 p.m., November 3, 2014 in the RCHS library.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:39 p.m., Randy Glenn moved the board adjourn the meeting. Second by Shane Allen . 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
October 20, 2014***

Mary Larson
Samantha Brown
Alan Brown
Dory Wendland
Janice Camerlinck
Carmen Thurlow
Sue Garver
Frank Clark
Donna Sullivan
Mark Laurie
DeNa Waggoner
Bonita Tegtmeier
Dustin Webber
Larry Tawney
Chris Tawney
Cara Rignell

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