

# Quick Board Summary

November 14, 2023

The Board of Education met in regular session at  
6:00 pm at the  
Richland County High School

## Board of Education

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The regular meeting of the Richland County Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Snyder at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Scott Snyder, Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Norm Henderson, Marc Leist, Cindy Lockley, and Jeff Wilson were in attendance. The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at <http://live.rccu1.net>.

### Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The board recognized the JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction
2. The RCHS Girls Tennis Team was recognized for being State Qualifiers and being listed on the SICA All South Team.
3. The RCHS Trapshooting Club was recognized for their first year team accomplishments.
4. Olney FFA Chapter was recognized for the Agronomy Team winning the National Championship and many awards received at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis.
5. The board recognized Mrs. Paula West, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, for being honored as a 2023 Distinguished Educator of Personal Finance Award.

Consent Agenda Items – The regular and closed minutes of the October regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recordings of April 5 & 21, 2022, October FOIA requests, building reports, and fundraiser requests.

### Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The October financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$1,671,629.13 was approved.

### Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Fox presented information on the 2023 School Report Card.
2. American Education Week is November 13 – 17. All RCCU #1 employees will receive a gift to thank them for their service to the district.
3. In recognition of Illinois School Board Members Day, Mr. Fox thanked the RCCU # 1 Board of Education for their service.

### Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Kemper will present the FY23 Audit at the regular December board meeting.
2. Mr. LeCrone gave a summary of the RCMS Fitness Equipment On-Line Auction. The district made approximately \$4000.00 from the sales.

### Discussion/Action Items

1. The board heard a presentation from Jamie VanDyke about the Germany Exchange Program and approved to move forward with the program.
2. Approved a resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018 & Series 2019, of the District, for the purpose of improving school facilities of the District, providing for the pledge of certain revenues and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchase thereof.
3. Approved Proposed 2023 Tax Levy.

### Personnel Matters:

Reinstatement of Sick Days – The board approved the reinstatement of 12 sick days used from 8/15/23 – 9/19/23 to Teacher Assistant April Cline.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the amended resignation date for Eric Combs as RCMS Band Director effective November 4, 2023, the retirement of Tracy Mehl as Transportation Assistant effective November 1, 2023, and the resignation of Terry Puckett as RCMS Baseball Coach effective immediately.

Employment – The board approved the transfer of Heather Anderson from RCES Paraprofessional to RCES Secretary effective November 15, 2023, the employment of Zach Buchanan as Bus Driver effective November 15, 2023, and Caitlin Ochs as Interim RCMS Band Director effective January 2, 2024.

The board approved Courtney Roth as volunteer RCHS Girls Soccer Coach, Elizabeth Sparks as volunteer RCHS Swim Coach, and Alex Tungate as volunteer for FFA for the 2023-2024 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Monday, November 20, 2023**  
**Thursday, December 21, 2023**