

Quick Board Summary

March 21, 2024

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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 Thursday, March 21, 2024. 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. Mark Herman spoke to the board in regards to ADA Accessibility at the High School for all current and future students.
2. The board recognized Mark Steber, RCHS Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor, as the recipient of the Golden Owl Award for District 5

Consent Agenda Items – The regular and closed minutes of the February 15th regular board meeting and the February 22nd and March 14th special board meetings, destruction of the audio recording of August 18, 2022, February FOIA requests, building reports, fundraiser requests, and the IHSA Agreement were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports – The February financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$509,003.88 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Fox announced that high school graduation will be held on Sunday, May 19th at 3:00 p.m., the middle school promotion ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at 9:00 a.m., the last day of student attendance will be Tuesday, May 21st and Teacher Institute will be held on May 22nd.
2. Mr. Fox encourages all parents/guardians to take the 5Essentials Survey if they have not done so. Their input and feedback does make a difference.
https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/?target_name=parent

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved the amended school calendar to reflect the day off on Monday, April 8, 2024.
2. Approved the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Teacher Institute Days will be August 12th and 13th and the first day of student attendance will be Wednesday, August 14th.

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

3. Approved the purchase of Social Studies, Math and ELA Curriculum for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Approved an agreement between Richland County and RCCU #1 for a 2nd School Resource Officer.

Personnel Matters:

Reinstatement of Sick Days – The board approved the reinstatement of 45 sick days to RCES Teacher Emily Rusk.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the retirement of Jimetta McDonald as Bus Driver effective March 5, 2024, Mickey Haynes as JROTC Instructor effective May 31, 2024 and Sherye Brown as RCES Custodian effective August 9, 2024 and the resignations of Jason Givens as RCHS Guidance Counselor effective April 1, 2024, Kearsten Givens as RCES Teacher, Grace Walker as RCES Art Teacher, and Taylor Borah as RCHS Teacher effective the end of the 2023-2024 school year and Amy Stevens as RCMS Assistant Volleyball Coach effective immediately.

Employment – The board approved the employment of Jeff Enlow and Chuck Snyder as Bus Drivers effective March 22, 2024 and Lori Kocher as Reading Interventionist at St. Joe effective March 22, 2024 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. The board approved the employment of Weston Peno as RCES Assistant Principal, Taryn Johnson, Emili VanGundy, and Rachel Wilson as RCES Classroom Teachers, Carter Williams as RCMS Social Studies Teacher, and Haley Hundley as Special Education Teacher all effective for the 2024-2025 school year. The board approved the extracurricular assignment of Charlie Butler as RCMS Assistant Track Coach and Lauren Boley as RCHS Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting
April 18, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Richland County Elementary School