

Approved: June 10, 2024

**RILEY COUNTY USD 378 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2024**

Call to Order:

At 7:00pm President Samantha Brown called the meeting to order in the RCHS Library with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance: Board Members – Sara Wahlmeier-Cox, Stephanie Swiercinsky, Jarred Anderes, Kevin Kenney, and Shane Eslit; Dr. Erin Flair, Superintendent; Karissa Rengstorf, Board Clerk; Jared Larson, Grade School Principal; and Charles Kipp, High School Principal.

Board member James Greer was absent from the meeting.

Visitors: Valynda Porter, Debi Wahl, Pamella Laird, Conrad Seyfried, Kathy Seyfried, Deb Huyett, Annelisa Yoder, Nita Yoder, Alexzandra Anderson, Deandra Anderson, Chris Anderson, Marianne Williams, Collin Leikam-Tilton, Claire Anderson, Jason Anderson, Amber Anderson, Drew Shirley, Stephanie Shirley, and Mike Swiercinsky.

Student Recognition:

Vocal Music Sponsor Deb Huyett introduced RCHS students Annelise Yoder, Claire Anderson, Collin Leikam-Tilton, and Alexzandra Anderson to the Board. These students (as well as Jack Kelly, Makayla Machin, and Shalee Isom) attended the State Music Festival and performed solos. The Board presented the students with a Certificate of Achievement for their success in music.

Drew Shirley was introduced to the Board and recognized for being named a Kansas Governor's Scholar. This program recognizes the top academic 1% of HS seniors.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda:

Samantha Brown moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda as presented.

Seconded by: Shane Eslit

Passed: 6 – 0

The following items were approved as part of the consent agenda:

- Approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 8, 2024; minutes of the special meeting April 4, 2024; minutes of the special meeting April 16, 2024; April checks; and the May bills and transfers
- Accept the propane bid of \$1.035/gal from Sapp Bros for the 2024-25 school year
- Accept the diesel fuel bid of \$2.97/gal from Central Valley Ag for the 2024-25 school year
- Accept the unleaded gasoline bid of \$3.07/gal from Ventral Valley Ag for the 2024-25 school year
- Accept the Twin Valley phone services quote at \$1,667.40/month with a 5-year contract
- Purchase 140 Chromebooks/cases for \$51,800 from CDW-G
- Purchase the PowerSchool software renewal package for \$13,059.95
- Transfer Mike Waggoner from 7-12 Head Girls Wrestling Coach to 7-12 Head Boys Wrestling Coach for the 2024-25 school year
- Accept the resignation of Melissa Anderson as 7th Grade Math Teacher at the end of the 2023-24 school year
- Transfer Conner Maynard from 7-12 Assistant Wrestling Coach to 7-12 Head Girls Wrestling Coach for the 2024-25 school year
- Accept the resignation of Maggie Henton as 7-12 Head Cross Country Coach effective immediately
- Hire Jacob Claycomb as RCHS Social Studies/PE Teacher for the 2024-25 school year
- Hire Jacob Claycomb as RCHS Head Boys Basketball Coach for the 2024-25 school year
- Transfer Zac Rieck from 7-12 Assistant Cross Country Coach to 7-12 Head Cross Country Coach for the 2024-25 school year
- Transfer Dunia Harmison from RCHS Assistant Cheer Coach to RCHS Head Cheer Coach for the 2024-25 school year
- Hire Brian Schuh as 7-12 Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2024-25 school year
- Hire Kelsey Nelson as 0.5fte RCHS Weight Room Sponsor for services rendered to begin May 28, 2024
- Hire Doug Thompson as 0.5fte RCHS Weight Room Sponsor for services rendered to begin May 28, 2024

- Hire Curtis Gutsch as RCGS Weight Room Sponsor for services rendered to begin May 28, 2024
- Hire Samantha Netterman as 7-12 Summer School Teacher for services rendered to begin June 3, 2024
- Renew the RCGS certified staff, sponsors, and fall/winter coaches for the 2024-25 school year as presented
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Administrative Report:

Jared Larson, Grade School Principal; Dr. Charles Kipp, High School Principal; and Dr. Erin Flair, Superintendent; gave monthly reports.

Board Member Items:

Shane Eslit asked about the live streaming of meetings. Dr. Flair provided an update and notated we would research the topic more.

Dr. Flair mentioned that Mr. Schardein would like to meet with the Facilities Committee once school is out to update them on a few items.

Business Items:

Samantha Brown moved to recess into executive session for 15 minutes with the Superintendent and High School Principal to discuss a student issue pursuant to the exception relating to actions affecting a student under KOMA and will reconvene open session in the library at 7:46pm.

Seconded by: Sara Wahlmeier-Cox

Passed: 6 – 0

No action was taken.

Samantha Brown moved to recess into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will reconvene open session in the library at 8:08pm.

Seconded by: Jarred Anderes

Samantha Brown amended the motion to recess into executive session for 20 minutes with the Superintendent to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will reconvene open session in the library at 8:08pm.

Seconded by: Jarred Anderes

Passed: 6 – 0

No action was taken.

Kevin Kenney exited the room at 8:08pm

Samantha Brown moved to accept the resignation of Paul Benton as part-time bus driver effective at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

Seconded by: Shane Eslit

Kevin Kenney reentered the room at 8:09pm.

Shane expressed that his children loved Paul as their driver.

Passed: 6 – 0

Shane Eslit moved to accept the resignation of Jesse Woodard as RCHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately.

Seconded by: Sara Wahlmeier-Cox

The board expressed their gratitude to Jesse for his years of service coaching 3 sports year round and the sacrifices that were made.

Passed: 6 – 0

Jarred Anderes moved to terminate Ignacio Castillo's at-will contract as custodian effective May 13, 2024.

Seconded by: Stephanie Swiercinsky

Passed: 5 – 1 (Shane Eslit)

Samantha Brown moved to pay Sandy Glessner \$2000 premium pay for additional work completed from January 8 – June 30, 2024.

Seconded by: Kevin Kenney

The board expressed their gratitude for everything Sandy has done.

Passed: 6 – 0

Samantha Brown moved to pay Karissa Rengstorf \$2000 premium pay for additional work completed from January 8 – June 30, 2024.

Seconded by: Sara Wahlmeier-Cox

The board expressed their gratitude to Karissa for everything she's done.

Passed: 6 – 0

Samantha Brown moved to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the Superintendent to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will reconvene open session in the library at 8:24pm.

Seconded by: Stephanie Swiercinsky

Passed: 6 – 0

No action was taken.

Samantha Brown moved to recess into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and will reconvene open session in the library at 8:37pm.

Seconded by: Shane Eslit

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Seconded by: Stephanie Swiercinsky

Passed: 6 – 0

No action was taken.

Samantha Brown moved to approve Dr. Erin Flair's contract with USD 378 as Superintendent of Schools for the 2024-25 school year for the amount of \$127,000.

Seconded by: Sara Wahlmeier-Cox

Passed: 6 – 0

Samantha Brown gave the board an update from the IBB Committee.

Debriefing: The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7pm in the RCHS Library. The Facilities Committee members discussed days/times to set a meeting once school is out.

Adjournment:

Samantha Brown moved for the meeting to adjourn.

Seconded by: Shane Eslit

Passed: 6 – 0

Time: 8:43pm



President of the Board, Samantha Brown



Clerk of the Board, Karissa Rengstorf