An overview of the school board meetings for Richland County CUSD #1

Quick Board Summary

October 16, 2025

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

Board of Education

President
Scott Snyder

Vice-President
Jeff Wilson

Secretary
Cindy Lockley

Member
Dennis Anderson

Member
Jake Anderson

Member
Cindy Bailey

Member
Dusty Kocher

Superintendent of Schools
Jason Fox

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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, October 16, 2025. Scott Snyder, Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Dusty Kocher, Cindy Lockley, and Jeff Wilson were in attendance. Absent: Dennis Anderson.
The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at http://live.rccu1.net.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public
None

Consent Agenda Items –The regular and closed minutes of the September 18, 2025 regular board meeting and the October 1, 2025 special board meeting, destruction of the audio recordings of March 14 & 21, 2024, September FOIA requests, building reports, fundraiser requests, and Policy 5.30 for first reading and consideration were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items
Financial Reports - The September financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of $2,190,171.56 was approved.

Superintendent's Report
1. National School Bus Safety Week - October 20-24.
2. RiseUp Open House – October 21 – 4pm – 7pm.
3. Illinois Principal Appreciation Day - October 24.
4. Veterans Day November 11- No school.
5. School Board Members Day - November 15.
6. American Education Week - November 17-21.
7. SRO Coat and Toy Drive – Nov. 3 – Dec. 12.
8. The board nominated Cindy Lockley and Jeff Wilson to serve on the Superintendents Athletic Committee.
9. RCMS Teachers presented on the Advanced Courses being taught at the Middle School.

Discussion/Action Items
1. Approved the IECC Dual Credit Model Partnership Agreement for 2025-2027.
2. Approved the Tentative 2025 Tax Levy.
3. Approved FGMA to proceed with the Athletic Building process.
4. Approved the 2026-2027 Bus Specifications with possible vape detectors.
5. Approved the purchase of RCHS Social Sciences Curriculum in the amount of $32,139.20 for a four year contract.
6. Approved the RCMS Playground bid to Effingham Asphalt Company in the amount of $271,235.00.
7. Approved new job descriptions of Mental Health Counselor and School Psychologist.
8. Approved resolution for an agreement to secure Purchasing Cards.
9. The board appointed Jake Anderson to represent the board at the Delegate Assembly on November 22nd.
10. Board Member Jeff Wilson shared his concerns on the Athletic Complex and the board had discussion.

Personnel Matters:
Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignations of Delaney Steber as RCES Teacher effective October 3, 2025, Lindsay Hancock as RCMS Paraprofessional effective October 6, 2025, Marcella Coats as Bus Driver and part-time Transportation Secretary effective May 24, 2026.
Employment – The board approved the transfers of Vanessa Pfoff as RCES Secretary to RCES Teacher Assistant, Natalie Shryock as RCELC Paraprofessional to RCES Secretary and Amber Berkshire as RCMS Food Service Staff Member to RCMS Paraprofessional all effective October 17, 2025, the employment of Bailey Buerster as RCELC Paraprofessional effective October 27, 2025.
The board approved the volunteers of RCHS Band Trailer Drivers; Colin O'Neal, Zach Buchanan, and Jonathan Hannel, and the volunteers of RCMS and RCHS Athletics; Ellie Burris - RCHS Scholar Bowl Team, Troy Nosek, Tara Feddes, Erica Stout, David Stout, Angel Padilla, Allyson Padilla, Jason Snider, Tracy Snider - RCHS Swim Team, Colby Redman - RCMS Boys Basketball, Scott Klinlger and Maddy Rusk - RCMS Volleyball.
The board approved the 2025-2026 RCHS Extra-Duty Spring Coaches of Chad Koester - Bass Fishing, Matt Powell - Head Softball, Jessica VanDyke - Assistant Softball, Kady Stallard - Head Girls Soccer, Drew Muston - Boys Tennis, Ryan Denton - Head Boys Track, Klay Wheeler - Assistant Boys Track, and Amy Julian - Head Girls Track.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2025