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

Quick Board Summary

May 21, 2026

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

The Regular Meeting of the Richland County Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Snyder at 6:00 p.m. Scott Snyder, Dennis Anderson, Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Dusty Kocher (arrived at 6:36 p.m.), and Cindy Lockley were in attendance.
Absent: Jeff Wilson
The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at http://live.rccu1.net.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The RCHS Girls Basketball Team was recognized as Class 2A Regional Champions.
2. The board recognized the 2026 RCMS Track Members that participated at the State Level
3. Mr. Kirby, Spanish Teacher, presented to the board one Senior that earned the State Seal of Biliteracy and seven Seniors that earned the State Commendation toward Biliteracy in Spanish.
4. The board recognized the participants of the FBLA State Leadership Conference and National Conference.
5. FFA presented the State Champion teams of Poultry Judging, Horticulture, Envirothon, Parliamentary Procedure, Conduct of Chapter Meetings, and Agri-Science Fair.
6. Hayden Kinkade and Jamie VanDyke, Ag Teachers and FFA Sponsors, presented the Agriculture Department Annual Report.
7. Julie Fleming, RCHS Teacher, addressed the board regarding teacher well-being and teacher job satisfaction.

Consent Agenda Items – The regular and closed minutes of the April 16, 2026 regular board meeting and regular minutes of the April 30, 2026 and May 7, 2026 special board meetings, destruction of the audio recordings of October 2, 9, 17, and 30, 2024, April FOIA requests, monthly building reports, fundraiser requests, and first reading and consideration of policies (omitted Item No. IV.G.2 Policy 2:220) were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The April financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of $3,076,190.77 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. The 2026-2027 online registration will be July 13 – July 20 with walk in registration on July 16 from 10am – 6pm.
2. The Joint Annual Conference for board members will be held November 19-22, 2026.
3. Mr. Fox updated the board on the IRS penalties from 2019, 2021 and 2022.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Rusk and Houston Meyer with GEO gave an update on the Athletic Complex Construction.
2. Mrs. Rodgers gave an update of the 2026 Assessment Data.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved the FY26 Tentative Amended Budget as presented.
2. Approved the 2026-2027 Renaissance Learning Renewal for RCES & RCMS.
3. Approved the 2026-2027 SchooLinks 3 Year Contract for RCMS & RCHS.
4. Approved the 2026-2027 Amplify Skills Renewal for Grades 3-5.
5. Approved the 2026-2027 mCLASS Math for Grades K-5.
6. Approved the 2026-2027 Stile Science Renewal 4 Year Contract for Grades 6-8 and RiseUp.
7. Approved the Trash Services Bid to Republic for district wide trash service at the annual cost of $46,960.00
8. Motion failed for the Maintenance Building Bids.

Personnel Matters:

Reinstatement of Sick Days – The board approved the reinstatement of 45 sick days Gina Lynn and Kacie Rodgers and 35 sick days to Aimee Volk.

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Notification(s) of Intent to Retire – The board approved the notifications of intent to retire from RCMS Math Teacher Julie Clodfelter, RCHS Science Teacher Curt Nealis, Speech-Language Pathologist Lori Rubenacker, and RCES Physical Education Teacher Lori Westall all effective the end of the 2029-2030 school year.

Resignation(s)/Retirements – The board approved the retirement of Brenda Dunahee as Bus Aide effective May 29, 2026, the resignations of Ben Inskeep as RCMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Lauren Eagleson as RCHS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Dakotah Brown as RCHS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Charlie McDowell as RCHS Boys Freshman/Assistant Basketball Coach, Chad Koester as RCHS Bass Fishing Coach all effective immediately, Ronda Hance as part-time St. Joe Paraprofessional effective April 15, 2026, Kaitlynn Burton as RCMS Paraprofessional effective May 1, 2026, Jessica Bailey as RCES Food Service Staff Member effective May 7, 2026, Virginia Hicks as RCMS Food Service Staff Member effective May 8, 2026, Emily Wells as RCES Kindergarten Teacher effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Chelsea Puckett as RCHS Chemistry Teacher effective August 7, 2026, Amber Berkshire as RCMS Paraprofessional effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Betty Meers as RCHS Food Service Staff Member effective August 7, 2026 and Mark Steber as part-time CTE Teacher effective May 21, 2026

Employment - The board approved the employment of Charles Coil as RCHS Custodian and Nicole Shidler as RCMS Custodian effective May 22, 2026, Payton Howard as RCES Teacher and Mallory Wagner as RCES Teacher effective August 10, 2026,
The board approved Rachel Kinkade as RCLEC Director effective July 1, 2026.
Approved the 2026-2027 Coach Assignments of Gavin Lathrop as RCHS Asst. Boys Soccer Coach, Haley Hundley as RCMS Interim Asst. Softball Coach, Adam Stoneberger as RCMS 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Brock Holloway as RCHS Asst. Boys Basketball Coach, Alisha Duenas as RCMS 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Madison Young as RCHS Scholastic Bowl Head Coach and Jamie Tyler as Scholastic Bowl Asst. Coach.
Volunteers of Madelyn Rusk - RCHS Volleyball and Charlie McDowell - RCMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball.

Employment cont.

The board approved 2026-2027 RCES Team Leaders of Tiffany Grove - Kindergarten, Aimee Volk - 1st Grade, Alexis Shawver - 2nd Grade, Madison Eagleson - 3rd Grade, Michelle Burgener - 4th Grade, Brittany Leaf - 5th Grade
Approved Kaci Wells as Speech Language Pathologist Team Leader.
The board approved the 2026 RCMS Summer Tutors of Carly Page and Lori Allen.
Approved 2026-2027 RCMS Extracurricular Assignments of Jody Hout – Rotations Team Leader, Warren Weitkamp - Talent Show, Jamie Tyler - Yearbook, Gwyne Doll and Erin Franklin - Co-Sponsors Student Leadership Council, Caitlin Ochs - Band Director, Julie Clodfelter - 8th Grade Team Leader, Kristie Shoemaker - 7th Grade Team Leader, Jamie Tyler - 6th Grade Team Leader and Christy Berger - Nurse Team Leader.

The board approved 2026-2027 RCHS Extracurricular Assignments of Band Director - Christopher Jones
Junior Class Sponsor - Amy Rusk, Jeffrey Ryden, Sheri Gray
Student Council - Amy Rusk & Sheri Gray
Musical Sponsors - Mandy Ginder (Director), Warren Weitkamp (Music Director), Jeffrey Ryden (Set Design), Joyce Fritschle (Pianist), and Sue Pixley (Construction Assistant)
Olnean Yearbook - Amy Rusk
JROTC Rifle Team & Color Guard - Major Roy Waldhoff
FBLA - Brenda Stallard
Pep Club - Paula West
Department Heads - Julie Fleming (Math), Jessica Hinckley (ELA), Curt Nealis (Science), Klay Wheeler (Social Science), Chris Jones (Fine Arts), Melinda King (Special Education), Brenda Stallard (Career Tech Ed), Jessica VanDyke/Sarah Stevens (PE/JROTC/Health), and Sherry Slankard (Counselor Team Leader).

The board approved 2026 Summer Help of Carsyn Ameter, Spencer Fox, Shamus Shick, Jereme Higginbotham, Shaun Hopkins, Coyt Baize, Ed Fitzgerald, Candace Bricker, Misty Hicks, Andrea Thomas, Kimberly Hostettler, Christy Travis, Anna Blank, Vanessa Thomas, Christy Cantrell, Hunter Robinson, Natalie Shryock, and Bailey Buerster.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting

June 25, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM – Richland County High School