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

Quick Board Summary

February 19, 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. on Thursday, February 19, 2026. Scott Snyder, Dennis Anderson, Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Dusty Kocher, Cindy Lockley, and Jeff Wilson were in attendance.
Cindy Lockley exited the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

The meeting was viewable by the public via live stream at http://live.rccu1.net.

A Public Hearing was held to hear testimony on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed $9,000,000 for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving school sites.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public – The board recognized RCHS Band Students Lila Balding, Jereme Higginbotham, and Emma Gilreath for being selected for the All-State Orchestra and Joshua Ochs for All-State Band.

Consent Agenda Items – The regular and closed minutes of the January 15, 2026 regular board meeting, February 2, 2026 special board meeting, destruction of the audio recordings of July 3 and July 18, 2024, January FOIA requests, and building reports.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items
Financial Reports - The January financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of $2,258,157.79 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Fox discussed the date for RCHS Graduation to be May 17 at 3pm and RCMS Promotion to be May 19 at 6pm. The final school calendar will be approved in March.
2. RCHS and RCMS students will have an assembly with guest speaker Damon West on February 23.
3. IASB Wabash Valley Spring Division Meeting will be held on March 17th in Casey if any board member would like to attend.
4. The Athletic Building Pre-Bid will be February 26th at 10:00 a.m. in the RCPAC.
5. The 5Essentials Survey for parents, guardians, staff and students is going on through March 13th. Everyone's feedback is essential to the district.

Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Houston Meyer with GeoSurfaces gave an update on the Athletic Complex Construction.
2. Mr. Rusk wanted to commend and thank the Maintenance and Custodial Teams for a job well done during the recent snow storm in January.
3. Mrs. Rodgers discussed the High School Math Pathways.
4. Mrs. Rodgers thanked everyone involved for the successful Parent/Teacher Conferences that were held Feb 9 & 11 from 4 – 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved the amended 2025-2026 school calendar to reflect the four emergency days used in January 26 – 29, 2026.
2. Approved Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3pm as the RCHS Graduation date and time.
3. Approved the 2025-2026 Performance Rankings List as presented.
4. Approved the 2025-2026 Seniority List for Educational Support Staff as presented.
5. Approved the 2026-2027 RCHS Curriculum Guide as presented.
6. Approved the new job descriptions of Part-time Transportation Secretary and Noon Hour Supervision Aide.
7. Approved the revised job description of Supervision Aide.
8. Approved the purchase of the vacant lot located at 1126 E. Butler St., Olney, in the amount of $30,000.00 plus closing costs.
9. Approved with ENTEC the RCMS BAS Delta Control Upgrade Agreement and RCMS three-year TSP Agreement.
10. Approved Pepsi Mid America as the District Beverage Provider starting July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029.

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11. Approved the Athletic Complex Change Order for backstop extensions for Baseball and Softball in the amount of $34,800.00.
12. Approved District Administration to begin work on the FY27 Budget.

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Personnel Matters:

Resignation(s)/Retirement – The board approved the resignation of Grace Painter as RCES K/1 Special Education Teacher effective March 6, 2026.

Employment – The board approved the employment of Sierra Jade Heffron as RCES Paraprofessional, Kurtis Mehl as RCMS Head Custodian both effective upon the completion of new hire paperwork, Sierra Ellison as RCMS Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher effective the 2026-2027 school year and Breanne Clark as RCES Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2026. Approved the transfer of Darla Johnson from RCES Nurse to RCHS Nurse effective July 1, 2026.

The board approved the extra-duty assignment of Jacob Pampe as RCHS Head Boys Soccer Coach for the 2026-2027 school year and volunteers of Casey Fulk for RCHS Bass Fishing and August Michels for RCMS Volleyball for the 2025-2026 school year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting(s)

March 4, 2026 – Special Board Meeting
5:00 p.m.
March 19, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.