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

Quick Board Summary

August 14, 2025

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

Board of Education

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Scott Snyder

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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, August 14, 2025. Scott Snyder, Dennis Anderson, Jake Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Dusty Kocher, Cindy Lockley, and Jeff Wilson were in attendance.

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

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The 2024-2025 RCHS Volleyball team was recognized for receiving the 2025 AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) Team Academic Award.
2. Athletic Director, Jessica VanDyke and Head Coaches, Luke Carmody, Ryan Denton, Ian Laughlin, and Matt Powell gave a presentation on the need for an athletic facilities upgrade.
3. Mackenzie Denton, Amy Julian, Casey Thomann, Gavyn Cothern and Matt Powell each spoke to the board in favor of the new Athletic Complex in all aspects from ADA compliance, replacing many items in disrepair, and keeping all sports at the RCHS complex.

Consent Agenda Items – The regular and closed minutes of the July 24, 2025 regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recording of January 4 & 18, 2024, building reports, fundraiser requests, and policies for first reading and consideration were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The July financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of $757,274.52 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. The first day of student attendance was August 13. The Districts total enrollment is 2,227.
2. Mrs. Rodgers presented the New Teacher and Experienced Teacher Mentoring Program.
3. Mr. Fox discussed adding a third School Resource Officer and their responsibilities to include truancy intervention.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved FY26 Tentative Budget.
2. Approved the Agreement with Olney Public Library for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Approved the five year copier lease with GFI Digital.
4. Approved to purchase replacement passenger vehicles for the fleet up to a total of $160,000.00.

Personnel Matters:

Resignation(s)/Retirement – The board approved the resignations of Brittany Balding as RCMS Paraprofessional effective August 10, 2025, Ashley Travous as RCES Paraprofessional effective August 12, 2025, Britny Kocher as RCHS Paraprofessional effective August 4, 2025, Kaylee Hemrich as RCES Supervision Aide effective August 5, 2025, Summer Williams as RCES Paraprofessional effective August 10, 2025, Lauren Eagleson as RCHS Assistant Girls Track Coach effective immediately, David Muprhy as RCHS Custodian effective August 22, 2025, Kyle Shipman as RCES Teacher effective August 11, 2025, and Courtney Bishop as RiseUp Alternative Education Teacher effective August 11, 2025, the retirement of Gary Cummins as Bus Driver effective September 8, 2025

Employment – The board approved the employment of Jessica Bailey as RCES Food Service Staff Member effective August 11, 2025, Jonah Scherer as RCES Teacher Assistant effective August 11, 2025, Vanessa Thomas, Whitney Fielden, Lora Burke, and Dawn Hemrich as RCES Paraprofessionals effective August 12, 2025, Mark Steber as part-time CTE Instructor for RiseUp Alternative School effective September 2, 2025, the approval of Lori Kocher as Reading Interventionist at St. Joe and Traci Gray as Fall Behind the Wheel Driving Instructor for Saturdays for the 2025-2026 school year.

The board approved the 2025-2026 the extra-duty assignments of Austin Bussard as RCMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach and Taylor Millburn as RCHS Assistant Girls Soccer Coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

The board approved the 2025-2026 volunteers of Collin Gilreath for RCHS Football, Taylor and Colby Garrard, Hunter Amaro, Jesse Baker, Tamara Ryden, Sherri Snider, Joyce Fritschle, Rylan Craig, Molly Vaughn and Nicole Coulter for RCMS/RCHS Musicals.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting(s)
Special Meeting – August 21 – 5pm (Athletic Complex)

Regular Meeting – September 18 – 6pm