

Quick Board Summary

June 25, 2026

Board of Education

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A Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. to review the FY26 Amended Budget.

The Regular Meeting of the Richland County Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Jeff Wilson at 6:05 p.m., Jake Anderson, Dennis Anderson, Cindy Bailey, Dusty Kocher, Cindy Lockley were in attendance. Scott Snyder arrived at 6:15 p.m.

The meeting was viewable via live stream at <http://live.rccul.net>.

Recognition and Comments from Employees & Public

1. The board recognized the RCHS Baseball Team as LIC Champions, RCHS Boys Track Team as LIC Champions and State Qualifiers, RCHS Girls Track Team as State Qualifiers, RCHS Boys Tennis Team as Sectional Champions and State Qualifiers. Nolen Seals was recognized by letter from an official for his outstanding sportsmanship and leadership.

Consent Agenda Items – The regular and closed minutes of the May 21, 2026 regular board meeting, destruction of the audio recordings of November 19 & 26, 2024, perusal of closed session minutes, May FOIA requests, monthly building reports, fundraiser requests, second reading and adoption of policies and first reading and consideration of policies (omitted Item No.V.I.2 Policy 5:185) were approved as presented.

Reports, Updates, & Informational Items

Financial Reports - The May financial report was included in the board packet. The monthly bill listing in the amount of \$4,265,718.45 was approved.

Superintendent's Report

1. The 2026-2027 online registration will be July 13th – 20th with walk-in registration on July 16th from 10am – 6pm. First day of Student Attendance is Wednesday, August 12th.
2. Board Member Training will be held on Wednesday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m.
3. Mr. Fox followed up on the discussion of "Olney Tigers". It was noted that in March 2013 Mrs. Holt had a meeting with the West Richland Superintendent and two board members from each district, and all were in favor of changing the district name to "Richland County" but leaving sports teams' names as "Olney Tigers".

The Board of Education met in regular session at

6:00 pm at the

Richland County High School

Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. Mr. Rusk and Drew Mueller with StraightUp Solar gave an update on the solar project.
2. Mr. Rusk gave a financial update on the current projects.
3. Seth Meyer with GeoSurfaces gave an update on the Athletic Complex Construction.
4. Ryan Fuhler and Courtney Huels with Poettker Construction gave an update on the Athletic Building Construction.

Discussion/Action Items

1. Approved the FY26 Amended Budget as presented.
2. Approved the 2026-2027 Head Start Agreement as presented.
3. Approved the South Building Bid to Grunloh Construction for the amount of \$1,349,000.00.
4. Approved the Maintenance Building Bids to Bergstrom Concrete for Concrete, HMC for Plumbing, and Gallagher Construction for Electrical and General Construction for a total project price of \$190,268.44.
5. Approved the 2026-2027 Student Fees. There were no Fee Changes, and the District will continue to provide Free Meals to all students.
6. Approved the 2026-2027 RCCU1 Athletic Handbook.
7. Approved the 2026-2027 Food Service Bid to Prairie Farms for Dairy Products and Kohl Wholesale for Food & Kitchen Supplies.
8. Approved the renewal of Property/Casualty/Liability Insurance with Blank's Insurance and Jim Lyons Insurance Agency with a premium increase in the amount of \$2,581.00.
9. Approved the RCHS Ag Hallway Rooftop Bid to Probst Refrigeration & Heating in the amount of \$141,400.00

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Discussion/Action Items – Cont'd

10. Approved the RCMS FCS Curriculum with G-W Publisher for \$5,098.40.
11. Approved the RCMS EdGems Math Curriculum renewal for two years for \$16,620.80.
12. Approved the FY27 Title I Plan as presented.
13. Approved the FY27 Consolidated District Plan as presented.
14. Approved the expenditure of funds prior to the adoption of the FY27 Budget.
15. Approved the change order with GeoSurfaces for electrical service (PALS Electric) in the amount of \$80,587.50.
16. Tabled the service agreement with TimeClock Plus in the amount of \$34,259.11 until the July 16th regular meeting.
17. Approved the 2026-2027 Substitute Pay Rates.

The board approved to Expel Student A for the 2026-2027 school year. Student A will be referred to an alternative school. Student A may return on Principals' Probation the second semester of the 2026-2027 school year if Student A completes 20 hours of approved counseling, passes the hair follicle drug test and follows all rules while attending an alternative school.

Personnel Matters:

Reinstatement of Sick Days – The board approved the reinstatement of 33 sick days to Taylor Henry and 45 sick days to Jennifer Weidner.

Resignation(s) – The board approved the resignations of Jaden Merritt as RCHS PE Teacher and RCMS Assistant Track Coach effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, Michelle Bridges as RCMS 7th Grade Math Teacher effective June 30, 2026, and Megan Bell as RCES Paraprofessional effective August 7, 2026.

Employment - The board approved the transfer of Amber Wibbenmeyer from Fifth Grade Teacher to Fourth Grade Teacher effective the 2026-2027 school year. The board approved the employment of Ally Bishop as RCES Teacher, Rhett Hancock as RCMS Agriculture/CTE Teacher, Heather Wilkins as RCES Teacher Assistant, Malory Urfer, Cierra Foerster, Nicolette Sanchez, Kaitlynn Burton, and Raven Watkins as Paraprofessionals all effective the 2026-2027 school year.

The 2026-2027 extra-duty assignments of Jamie VanDyke as RCHS Bass Fishing Coach and Candice Henton as Assistant to the Band Director.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting

**July 16, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
6:00 PM – Richland County High School**