

# THE APRIL 12, 2021 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #114, DONIPHAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

A regular meeting of the Riverside USD 114 Board of Education was held Monday, April 12, 2021, in the District Office Conference Room, 1409 Vermont, Elwood, KS 66024.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM by the president, Jennifer Davis. Members present were vice-president Barb Derrick, Sue Bartley, Jeff Hartman, Erin Shackelford, Chris Hewins and Jessica Herbster. Also present were Travis Githens, Superintendent, Vicki Wyatt, Clerk, Joel Euler, Attorney, Leslie Rullman, Technology Director, Khris Headt, Primary Principal, David Keller, Kristin Franken, and Elizabeth Robinson.

Chris Hewins offered a prayer.

Barb Derrick moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

Barb Derrick moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board of Education congratulated the Cyclone Pride Award winners who were not able to attend the meeting:

Taylor Weishaar- Big 7 All League Girls Basketball Team-Honorable Mention

All-State Girls Basketball Team-Honorable Mention

Nehemiah Byrd- Big 7 All League Boys Basketball Team-1<sup>st</sup> Team

All-State Boys Basketball Team-Honorable Mention

Bray Davies-Big 7 All League Boys Basketball Team-1<sup>st</sup> Team Unanimous Decision

All-State Boys Basketball Team-Honorable Mention

Jessica Herbster will deliver the awards to them at the High School tomorrow.

No Public Comments.

The DCEC Reading Specialists, Kristin Franken and Elizabeth Robinson, gave a presentation to the Board of Education on their purpose and role within the district. They also discussed the DCEC Dyslexia Plan. Discussion followed. Ms. Franken and Ms. Robinson then left the meeting.

Jennifer Davis asked the board if they had looked at and had any questions about the Building/Principal Reports.

Mr. Githens presented the Financial & Legislative Reports and discussed the following topics: the budget summary of funds show that financials are in good shape with a slight increase in revenues and expenditures due to the SPARKS funding. Mr. Githens discussed House Bill 2119 and stated that Senate Bill 175 was gutted by conference committee to create a shell into which they worked the K-12 school finance plan based upon what the House had just passed in House Bill 2119. This bill was defeated. He also discussed House Bill 2039, the required passage of a civics test to graduate; House Bill 2058 a conceal and carry; and House Bill 2089 requires the state board to establish curriculum guidelines for a standardized firearm safety education program. A short discussion followed.

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Githens shared and discussed the following topics: positive COVID cases in the district; Building & Facility Pur-O-Zone surveys will be sent out and will be followed with a meeting of staff; and he shared information on the ESSER Funds; State Auditor Jim Fritton shared with the district that CTE funding is up 10% over last year and transportation funding is down due to COVID closure; Fire Marshall visit led to minor corrective

actions and compliance report has been resubmitted; discussed the KJUMP natural gas update: and KESA accreditation. Discussion followed.

Leslie Rullman, IT Director, shared with the Board information on the bids for the phone system and her recommendation. After discussion, Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the phone system upgrade bid with the 5-year service plan as recommended from BHS of Leawood, KS. The motion was unanimously approved.

After a short discussion, Erin Shackelford moved and Barb Derrick seconded the motion to approve the sound system upgrade project for the football field and East Campus Gym. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens presented a proposal for carpet projects on the East and West Campus. After a discussion, Jessica Herbster moved and Barb Derrick seconded motion to approve pursuing with carpet projects for the spaces discussed for the East and West Campus. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Githens discussed the possibility of adjusting the masking policy. After a short discussion, Chris Hewins moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion for the district to suspend temperature checks and revise the masking policy to reflect masking in common spaces where social distancing of six feet or greater is not possible. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Chris Hewins seconded the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 6:38 PM, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 6:53 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes at 6:53 PM, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:08 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Jeff Hartman seconded the motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes at 7:09 PM, to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room at 7:19 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.

The above executive sessions were needed to protect the privacy rights of identifiable individuals. Present were Travis Githens and Joel Euler, unless otherwise noted.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Holly Posegate as 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 contract year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Charlee Bowers, Olivia Cortez, and Tyler Herbster for Middle School Volleyball Coaches. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Charlee Bowers as Middle School Basketball Coach. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Tim Resler and Scott Resler as High School Wrestling Coaches with regret. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to approve the resignation of Kimber Wedel as Middle School Math teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 contract year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to hire Cindy Gove, , Melody Ritzer, Janie Newton and Sandra Litton for teaching positions during the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion to pursue the hire of an additional 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Erin Shackelford seconded the motion that we move forward in adding two full-time equivalent Reading Paras for the 2021-22 school term. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jessica Herbster moved and Sue Bartley seconded the motion to pursue the hiring of a 4-person summer maintenance crew. The motion was unanimously approved.

The clerk shared the Board of Education KASB training opportunities. The clerk concluded by sharing that District 2 Board of Education member need to register for re-election by June 1, 2021

Jeff Hartman moved and Jessica Herbster seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Jennifer Davis, President  
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