

**Rawlins County Unified School District # 105**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 p.m., February 19th, 2024**  
**Rawlins County Elementary Library**

**Board Members Present:** Matt Finley, Tim McFee, Terry Ballard, Megan Rippe, Jordan Dunker, Amber Timm (7:27pm)

**Others Present:** Eric Stoddard, Jeff Samson, Lacy Sramek, Emily Green, Chandler Pettibone, Cathay Horton, Lisa Woody, Jen Melia, Heather Withington, Rhonda Higley, Sara Schmidt, Mary Rachel Horton, Audrey Vap, Kati Latulip, Leslie Smith

**24-186 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Tim McFee to amend the agenda as discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

**24-187 Open Forum**

Sara Schmidt

**24-188 Discussion/Action Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of the January 15th, 2024 Regular Meeting, January 24th, 2024 Special Meeting, February 15th, 2024 Special Meeting, and February 17th, 2024 Special Meeting.**

**Payment of Claims**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Megan Rippe to approve the minutes of the January 15th, 2024 Regular Meeting, January 24th, 2024 Special Meeting, February 15th, 2024 Special Meeting, and February 17th, 2024 Special Meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Tim McFee second Megan Rippe to approve the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**24-189 Discussion Request for Agenda Item**

Cathy and Mary Rachel Horton were present to address the School Board about bullying.

**24-190 Discussion/Action Request for Agenda Item**

Rhonda Higley and Heather Withington were in attendance to request approval for a show choir fundraiser.

Motion by Megan Rippe second by Matt Finley to support the RCHS show choir to use the facilities for their fundraising event. Motion carried 5-0.

**24-191 Discussion/Action to Move Forward with Demolition of RCHS Building and Renovations of RCHS Gymnasium**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Tim McFee to move forward with tearing down the old building and renovating the gym and continue to move forward with this process. Motion carried 5-0.

**24-191A Discussion/Action Approval of Erate Purchases**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Matt Finley to approve the E-Rate cycle plan to upgrade the firewall network security appliance with Two-Tree LLC as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

## **24-192 Discussion/Action Administrative Reports**

### **- Superintendent:**

- Discussed issues with the track and shared pictures of cracking
- Shared more details on the architect contract and CMAR contract

Amber Timm arrived at the meeting at 7:27pm

- Shared a possible timeline for the rebuilding project: SPT start construction document May 1st; County Sales tax election August 9th; Bond vote August 27th; Building Demo/Gym renovation late Spring/Summer; New building construction (insurance funds allow this to happen) in September
- Legislative Update: Budget decisions will occur later in the session; shared house bill updates

### **- High School Principal**

- Started the move to the modular units; big thanks to RCES for sharing space and the UMC for the use of their facilities over the past months
- CAC valentine-o-gram fundraiser was a hit on Valentines Day
- Junior High Wrestling wrapped up last week; close to 30 kids went out (League Placings - Boys: 1st place; Girls: 2nd place)
- High school state wrestling will begin Thursday in Salina
- State Music also begins this week
- Admin went to Fort Hays State University for a career fair to recruit teachers last week
- Junior High Scholars got 1st place and 2nd place today!

### **- Elementary Principal**

- Spelling Bee Winners were Hunter Horinek (1st place) and Ellie Hadley (2nd place)
- Rolling Hills Zoo was here this month and shared many exhibits with the students
- Celebrated Kansas Day on January 29th and brought in different speakers
- Behavior Committee met this month and added bullying/inappropriate technology use/inappropriate cell phone or watch device to the behavior rubric
- Celebrated 100th day of school and donuts with grownups on February 12th/13th
- Valentines Day - enjoyed CAC fundraiser and sent valentines to the Good Sam/Wheat Haven/PDC
- Deb Minkler did a recycling activity with the 2nd grade
- 4th grade went on a field trip to the circus in Salina last week; big thanks to the local Masons for supporting this event
- Karen Jones with K-State Research and Extension came in and did a healthy food activity with the elementary students
- Discussed the continued plumbing issues in the lower elementary grades

Motion by Tim McFee second by Megan Rippe to take a 5-minute recess and return to regular session at 8:32pm. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 8:32pm.

## **24-193 Executive Session**

### **a. Non-Elected Personnel: Hires, Resignations, Retirements, Transfers**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Terry Ballard to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 5 minutes and return to regular session at 8:42 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 8:42 p.m.

### **b. Student Issues**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for student issues to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 20 minutes and return to regular session at 9:05 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion by Tim McFee second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for student issues to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 20 minutes and return to regular session at 9:26 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:26 p.m.

### **c. Principal Evaluation**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for principal evaluations to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to regular session at 9:44 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and Mr. Stoddard. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:44 p.m.

### **d. Superintendent Evaluation**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Megan Rippe to go into executive session for superintendent evaluation to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to regular session at 10:03 p.m. Executive session shall include the board with the option to bring in Mr. Stoddard if necessary. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 10:03 p.m.

## **24-194 Action on Executive Session**

### **a. Approval of any Hires, Resignations, Retirements, Transfers**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Terry Ballard to hire Madi Niblock as RCHS assistant track coach and allow Jason Dalton to be a volunteer for RCJH track and accept the resignation of Kathy Green as cook. Motion carried 6-0.

### **b. Student Issues**

No action taken.

**c. Approval of Principal Contract Extension through the 2025-26 School Year**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Tim McFee to extend Jeff Samson and Lacy Sramek's principal contracts through the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

**d. Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension through the 2025-26 School Year**

Motion by Matt Finley second Tim McFee to extend the superintendent contract through the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

**24-195 Adjournment**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Matt Finley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Emily Green  
Board Clerk