

Rawlins County Unified School District # 105
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m., September 20th, 2021
Rawlins County Elementary Board Room

Board Members Present: Megan Rippe, Dianna Kastens, Terry Ballard, Bill Finley, Matt Finley

Others Present: Eric Stoddard, Lacy Sramek, Matt Smith, Chandler Pettibone, Emily Green, Karla Heble, Mary Clark, Brenda Schilde, Kati Latulip, Cassie Brown (via zoom), Sarah Allin (via zoom), Kayla Wombacher (via phone), Erica Smith

22-045 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Matt Finley second by Dianna Kastens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

22-046 Approval of Minutes of the August 16th, 2021 Regular Meeting, September 14th, 2021 Neutral Rate Hearing, and September 14th, 2021 Budget Hearing

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Terry Ballard to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021 regular meeting, September 14, 2021 Neutral Rate Hearing and September 14, 2021 Budget Hearing as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

22-047 Discussion/Action COVID Testing Options

Cassie Brown and Sarah Allin from the KDHE were present via zoom to share COVID testing options that are available to school districts regarding modified quarantine for students who have been identified as a close contact of an active COVID case. No action taken.

22-048 Discussion/Action Consort Branson Trip and National Anthem Project

Kayla Wombacher was present via phone to speak to the board about the Consort Trip and National Anthem Project.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the Consort Branson trip for April 2022, with the same funding provided to them as last year for transportation, fuel, bus driver, and meals. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Terry Ballard to approve USD 105 covering the costs of the National Anthem Project. Motion carried 5-0.

22-049 Discussion/Action Declaration of Surplus Item

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to declare a stand/easel previously used by Headstart as surplus property. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to donate the stand/easel to the Rawlins County Core Community group. Motion carried 5-0.

22-050 Discussion/Action Federal Bus Mask Mandate

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the written letter regarding the federal order of masks on buses. Motion carried 5-0.

22-051 Discussion/Action Accept Gift

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to accept the \$250 donation from the Kastens Family. Motion carried 5-0.

22-052 Discussion/Action Purchase of Transportation GPS System and Radio System

Motion by Matt Finley second by Dianna Kastens to accept the proposal from Verizon Connect for \$574.80 for the GPS Systems and Cameras for the buses. Motion carried 5-0.

22-053 Discussion/Action Purchase of Ford Transit Van

Motion by Matt Finley second by Bill Finley to accept the Tubbs and Sons bid for a new Transit Van contingent on deeming one of the older vehicles as surplus. Motion carried 4-1 (D. Kastens cast a no vote).

22-054 Discussion/Action Use of Contingency Funds

Matt Finley stepped out of the meeting.

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Terry Ballard to approve the settlement agreement with Symmetry Energy and use the Contingency Funds to pay the final settlement agreement of \$5,333.82. Motion carried 4-0.

Matt Finley stepped back into the meeting.

22-055 Administrator Reports**Superintendent:**

- Reviewed ESSER funding and capital projects
- Shared Atwood Summer Rec board change: Jody Carlson is going off the board and Chase Juenemann is the new member to the Summer Rec board

High School Principal:

- Reviewed district attendance numbers for the September 20th count day
- Back to school FFA BBQ; shared FFA numbers (largest school organization) and recent FFA events
- Special thanks to those who donated items to the concession stand (Mason's Organization, Mike Chvatal, Chad Fields, JD Skiles)
- Mardi Lohofener is organizing a financial night with families/students
- KSHSAA update/NWKL updates

Elementary School Principal:

- Students have been doing MAPS testing/fluency testing/AR testing for placements
- Attended Principal meeting virtually

- Fort Wallace field trip update
- First Ag in the Classroom was this past Friday
- Second grade took a field trip to the recycling center
- LCP and building report completed
- Attended the Principals council meeting online
- Lifetouch rescheduled pictures to October 4th
- Elementary staff – in the process of developing a behavior committee

22-056 Discussion/Action-Payment of Claims

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Terry Ballard to approve the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

22-057 Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Dianna Kastens to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 5 minutes and return to open session at 8:41pm. Executive session shall include the board, administration and Emily Green. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:41pm.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Dianna Kastens to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to open session at 8:52pm. Executive session shall include the board, administration and Emily Green. Motion carried 8:52pm.

The Board returned to open session at 8:52pm.

22-058 Action on Executive Session

No action taken.

22-059 Executive Session for Student Issues

Motion by Matt Finley second by Dianna Kastens to go into executive session for student matters to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 9:09pm. Executive session shall include the board, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:09pm.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Dianna Kastens to go into executive session for student matters to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to open session at 9:21pm. Executive session shall include the board, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:21pm.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to go into executive session for student matters to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 3 minutes and return to open session at 9:25pm. Executive session shall include the board, Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:25pm.

22-060 Adjournment

Motion by Bill Finley second by Matt Finley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Emily Green
Clerk of the Board