

**Rawlins County Unified School District # 105**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 p.m., May 15th, 2023**  
**Rawlins County Elementary Board Room**

**Board Members Present:** Jordan Dunker, Terry Ballard, David Horinek, Matt Finley

**Others Present:** Eric Stoddard, Jeff Samson, Lacy Sramek, Chandler Pettibone, Emily Green, Darrel Kohlman, Cedric Green, Trent McCain, Justin Burrus, Jen Melia, Sara Schmidt, Dale Luedke, Rob Beckman, Kati Latulip

**23-154 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 23-156a Acceptance of Donation. Motion carried 4-0.

**23-155 Open Forum**

**23-156 Discussion/Action Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of the April 17th, 2023 Regular Meeting and May 2nd, 2023 Special Meeting  
Payment of Claims**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Jordan Dunker to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2023 regular meeting and minutes of the May 2, 2023 special meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to approve the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**23-156a Acceptance of Donation**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Matt Finley to accept the \$1,000 donation from SurePoint Ag to use towards field trips. Motion carried 4-0.

**23-157 Discussion/Action Shriners Circus Trip**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to approve the Shriners Circus trip for Friday, February 16, 2024 and provide transportation and fuel expenses for the trip. Motion carried 4-0.

**23-158 Discussion/Action Facilities Committee Report**

The Facilities Committee was in attendance to present to the school board their work.

**23-159 Discussion/Action Next Steps in Facilities**

DCS Services was in attendance to discuss with the Board possible next steps in regards to our facilities.

**23-160 Discussion/Action Chromebook Order**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the chromebook quote and chromebook case quote from CDW. Motion carried 4-0.

**23-161 Discussion/Action Smartboard Order**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the KCAV quote for \$58,601.76 for 14 smartboards. Motion carried 4-0.

### **23-162 Discussion/Action 2023-2024 Insurance**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the BCBS Health insurance rate and increase the life insurance to the \$25,000 life insurance policy. Motion failed 2-2 (D. Horinek, J.Dunker).

Motion by Matt Finley second by Terry Ballard to approve the BCBS Health insurance rate and increase the life insurance to the \$25,000 life insurance policy. Motion failed 3-1 (J. Dunker).

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to approve the BCBS Health insurance policy and increase the life insurance to the \$50,000 life insurance policy. Motion passed 4-0.

### **23-163 Administrator Reports**

#### **Superintendent:**

- Provided an update on the mini-split project
- Legislative Update
- Reminder of the filing deadline of June 1st

#### **High School Principal:**

- Mrs. Schmidt provided an update on the successful band trip to Kansas City and elementary music program
- High School music/band program was a success
- Art Show/Wood Show update and awards from recent art shows
- Regional Golf update - Jeb Kastens will represent Rawlins County at State Golf
- Junior High wrapped up their track season with their league meet; High School league meet went well
- Graduation was a success; Jeff Horinek, MD., was the speaker
- Sincere appreciation to the community/county for scholarship opportunities for our Seniors
- The Buffalo statue is in place outside the High School - thank you to the Ginther family for the donation, Finley Construction for the donation of the concrete and Vap Construction for labor
- Junior High Science Fair was tonight; lots of participation
- Big thanks to staff and students that helped clean up the track from the recent rains
- Drivers Ed will begin next Monday, May 22nd

#### **Elementary Principal:**

- Erin Ginther has been helping landscape the front of the elementary school
- Update on 6th grade shadow day at the high school
- Field Trip Updates: 1st grade went to Hawkins Pond; 3rd grade went to the OWLS trail/ball diamond for activities; Kindergarten went to Oberlin for bowling/pizza/music
- Seniors did the elementary school walk through
- 6th grade vs staff dodgeball game was last week - always a year end favorite
- 6th grade Science Fair/RCES Art Show/Elementary Music Program was a great success
- Elementary School took their library classes to the public library for activities and introduce them to the summer reading program
- 6th grade promotion/awards day was last week, followed by RCES Field Day at the elementary school (changed from high school due to weather)
- 2nd grade went to the park for a picnic and 4th grade had a Tea Come and Go activity
- Discussed the new location for the RCES kiln
- Big thank you to the district for the year end staff meals
- Summer school will be kicking off in a few weeks

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Jordan Dunker to take a 5 minute recess and resume to regular session at 9:37pm. Motion carried 4-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:37pm.

### **23-164 Executive Session**

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

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 15 minutes and return to open session at 9:54 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 4-0.

The board returned to open session at 9:54 p.m.

#### **b. Non-Elected Personnel: Classified Staff**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Matt Finley 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 10:07 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 4-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:07 p.m.

#### **c. Non-Elected Personnel: Summer Staff**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker 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 10:16 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 4-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:16 p.m.

Motion by Matt Finley 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 open session at 10:22 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 4-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:22 p.m.

#### **d. Negotiations**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to go into executive session for negotiations to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to open session at 10:34 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 4-0.

The board returned to open session at 10:34 p.m.

### **23-165 Action on Executive Session**

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

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to approve the hire of Tyler Lare as elementary teacher and RCHS Boys head basketball coach, January Lare as RCES Special Education Teacher, Jen Melia as RCHS Assistant Volleyball Coach, Alyssa Gaede as Jr-Sr High School ELA Teacher and accept the resignation of Erika Diederich as RCES Student Advocate. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. Renewal of Classified Staff Contracts**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Terry Ballard to approve the classified staff for Elementary, High School and District staff as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Susie McCain-admin assistant	Farrah Trail-SPED para
Rebecca Vyzourek-office assistant/para	Erin Shively-SPED para
Sherry Skolout-para/library aide	Pat Ballard-food service
Cynthia Rodriguez-at risk para/translator	Roger Prideaux-food service
Kelsey Cahoj-general/title para	Manuela Herrera-custodian
Mandi Jones-general para	Ken Stelloh-custodian
Leslie Bailey-SPED para	Karla Crespo-custodian
Tasha Cavenee-SPED para	Emily Green-clerk
Crystal Wahrman-SPED para	Chandler Pettibone-Technology Director
Jan Klein-SPED para	Mark Mosley-Transportation Director
Whitney Ashford-SPED para	Rob Beckman-Maintenance Director
Lyn Reeves-food service	Vanessa Merz-Food Service Director
Kathy Green-food service	Lori Moore-bus driver/office assistant
Katie Martinez-food service	Lisa Woody-bus driver
Nancy Delgado-custodian	Kay Rummel-bus driver
Marci Hrnchir-custodian	Greg Marintzer-bus driver
Marcy Beckman-admin assistant	Kenny Micek-activity bus driver
Melissa Micek-office assistant	Dave Brown-activity bus driver
Brenda Henry-para/library aide	Steve Brown-activity bus driver
Jessica Horinek-SPED para	Emily Wahrman-athletic trainer
Jill Niermeier-SPED para	

**c. Approval of Summer Staff**

Motion by Matt Finley second Terry Ballard to approve the hiring of Kathy Green as summer food service, Cynthia Rodriguez as summer custodial, Jhonari Salas Solano as summer custodial and Grady Lohofener as summer IT, transportation, custodial. Motion carried 4-0.

**d. Negotiations: None**

No action taken.

**23-166 Adjournment**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Matt Finley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Emily Green  
District Clerk