

**Rawlins County Unified School District # 105**  
**Board of Education Meeting Minutes**  
**6:30 p.m., March 18th, 2024**  
**Rawlins County Elementary Library**

**Board Members Present:** Terry Ballard, Jordan Dunker, Tim McFee, Amber Timm, Matt Finley, David Horinek, Megan Rippe (7:30 p.m.)

**Others Present:** Eric Stoddard, Jeff Samson, Lacy Sramek, Emily Green, Chandler Pettibone, Emily McQuitty, Sara Schmidt, Cathy Horton, Mitch Beims, Kati Latulip, Leslie Smith, Heather Withington, SPT Team (Greg Tice, Kevin Winterscheidt, Gina Loomis) via zoom

**24-198 Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**24-199 Open Forum**

**24-200 Discussion/Action Consent Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes of the February 19th, 2024 Regular Meeting and March 4th, 2024 Special Meeting.**

**Payment of Claims**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Tim McFee to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024 regular meeting and March 4, 2024 special meeting as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Amber Timm to approve the payment of claims as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

**24-201 Old Business**

**a. Discussion/Action: Next Steps in Rebuilding Project**

Mr. Tice was in attendance to discuss the next steps in the USD 105 Rebuilding Process, including demolition of the Junior-Senior High School and renovation of the Gym/Commons.

**b. Discussion/Action: Approval of Contract with SPT Architecture**

No action taken.

**c. Discussion: Contract with McCown-Gordon Construction**

No action taken.

Megan Rippe entered the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Matt Finley second by Jordan Dunker to recess for 5 minutes and return to regular session at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

The board returned to regular session at 7:54 p.m.

**24-202 New Business**

**a. Discussion/Action: Calendar for the 2024-25 School Year**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to approve the 2024-2025 option B calendar. Motion carried 7-0.

**b. Discussion/Action: Approval of Accounting Software**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Matt Finley to contract with Skyward for our accounting software. Motion carried 7-0.

**c. Discussion/Action: 2024-25 KASB and LAF Membership**

Motion by Tim McFee second by Amber Timm to approve the KASB membership fees and the Legal Assistance Fund contracts. Motion carried 7-0.

**24-203 Discussion/Action Administrative Reports**

**Superintendent:**

- Legislative House Bill Updates

**High School Principal:**

- February 27th: all the junior students took the ACT tests
- Students went to McCook Community College for a college visit and Community Hospital for a career visit
- ELA State testing starts tomorrow
- NexTech will be here to do a social media safety presentation next week
- Nex-Gen presentation will be next week to encourage and share information to local businesses about the program
- Our girls golf team received a grant from Central Links
- Youth Entrepreneurship Fair was last week; shared awards
- The woods class built a storage shed to help with storage at the modular units
- Some Juniors and Seniors are doing OSHA certification through Flint Hills Technical College
- Shared upcoming dates for Art Shows

**Elementary Principal:**

- Kindergarten participated in a leap day presentation with the Phillipsburg 4th graders via zoom
- 3rd grade is preparing for the State Assessments (first year they do this)
- 5th grade is doing a March Madness theme for State Assessment preparations
- Spring pictures were February 27th
- RCES had about 90% participation for Parent Teacher Conferences; even though day two was cancelled
- State-Wide Fire Drill - shared the process and plan with elementary and high school students
- There are 8 teachers currently doing the LETRS Training
- NexTech will be presenting to the 5th and 6th graders about cyber safety

**24-204 Executive Session**

**a. Non-Elected Personnel: Hires, Resignations, Retirements, Transfers (If needed)**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Megan Rippe 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 8:58 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 7-0.

Tim McFee came out of executive session at 8:55 p.m.

The board returned to regular session at 8:58 p.m.

**b. Personnel**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to go into executive session for personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 20 minutes and return to regular session at 9:22 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:22 p.m.

**c. Negotiations**

Motion by Matt Finley second by Megan Rippe to go into executive session for negotiations to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 7 minutes and return to regular session at 9:31 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:31 p.m.

**d. Certified Staff**

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to go into executive session for certified staff to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to regular session at 9:44 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Motion by Jordan Dunker second by Amber Timm to go into executive session for certified staff to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 5 minutes and return to regular session at 9:50 p.m. Executive session shall include the board and administration. Motion carried 7-0.

The board returned to regular session at 9:50 p.m.

**24-205 Action on Executive Session**

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

Motion by Matt Finley second by Megan Rippe to hire Kortnie Grafel and Dalyn McFee as paras at the RCHS and RCES schools. Motion carried 7-0.

**b. Personnel**

No action taken.

**c. Negotiations (No action)**

No action taken.

**d. Possible Renewal of Certified Staff Contracts**

No action taken.

**24-206 Adjournment**

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Matt Finley to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Emily Green  
Board Clerk