

**Unified School District #404
Riverton School Board Regular Meeting
Riverton Board of Education Office
Thursday, December 14, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District #404, was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the Riverton Board of Education Office.

Judy Adams called the meeting to order. Members present: Judy Adams, Kyle Anderson, Kristin Greer, Jennifer Edwards and Gary Neal. Members absent: Matt Darnaby. A six member board.

Kyle Anderson led the board and guests in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Gary Neal moved to approve the following consent agenda:

1. December 14, 2023 school board meeting agenda with the following additions:
IV-A: Motion to approve increase in Substitute pay.
2. Regular U.S.D. school board meeting minutes for November 9, 2023.
3. November expenses totaling: \$ 285,236.00

Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER RECONGNITION

The board presented Tim Wilson and Kristin Greer with plaques for their years of service to the District by serving as board members over the years. The board thanked them for their service and wished them well.

WILLIAMSBURG STUDENT REPORT

Danny Weaver and the students who went on the recent Williamsburg trip gave the board an overview of their trip. A brief slideshow documenting some of their stops was shown and students told the board what their favorite part of the trip was. Students present were: Joseigh Forgey, KJ Kinsley, Ariel Truster, Rachel Kufahl, Becca Webb, Josiah Palmer, Konner Kell and Grady Gorman. A few of the students that went on the trip were unable to attend due to Middle School Girls Basketball games and other prior commitments.

REPORTS

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported the bus routes that were affected by the road construction have transitioned well and has gone better than anticipated.

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported that 2 employees have received their driver certification and bus routes are back to running at normal capacity. The District is still in need of additional drivers.

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported that the new gate has been installed at the bus barn and is working well.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent reported that there is a water leak in the Middle School and maintenance is working on obtaining bids to fix the issue.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported that Bill's Electric is scheduled to begin working on the electrical portion of the HVAC replacement over Christmas break.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported on: 2nd grade choir performance at the Veteran's Day program, Family Night, MTSS curriculum work for grades 3-5, Christmas concert and the recent visit by Santa for students in grade Prek-2nd. As part of the Santa visit students in those grades were able to select a gift and have their picture taken with Santa. The Santa visit and gifts were provided by an anonymous donor and coordinated by the Galena Sentinel.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported on: upcoming finals and the recent Christmas program. Zach commended Randy Beyer, Lindsey Chambers and Amelia Markley for their work with the students on the Christmas program.

Chad Harper, High School Principal, reported on various activities in the High School including, FBLA, FCCLA, FEA FFA, music department performances, Spanish Club, STUCO, etc. Mr. Harper also reported on the new graduation requirements by KSDE.

Chad Harper, High School Principal, provided the board a list of upcoming events involving finals, basketball games and FFA competitions.

Shelly Livingston, High Assistant Principal, reported that close to 100 families were served through the Christmas Angel program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reviewed policy JBCC-Enrollment of Nonresident students.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported the District will begin utilizing the E3 Emergency Awareness program for building wide notifications in the event of an emergency situation.

NONRESIDENT STUDENT ENROLLMENT POLICY

Kyle Anderson moved to approve Resolution 12142023 adopting policy JBCC regarding enrollment of nonresident students. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

SUBSTITUTE PAY

Kristin Greer moved to approve increasing substitute pay from \$105/full day to \$115/full day effective January 1, 2024. Kyle Anderson seconded; carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jennifer Edwards moved to go into executive session to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board

room in ten (10) minutes at 7:20 p.m. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Jon Bruce, Adam Thomasson, Chad Harper and Kevin Cooper.

Jon Bruce, Adam Thomasson and Chad Harper left the executive at 7:15 p.m.

The board returned to the open meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Jennifer Edwards moved to go into executive session to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA, and the open meeting will resume in the board room in two (2) minutes at 7:22 p.m. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

The board returned to the open meeting at 7:22 p.m.

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL HIRE

Kyle Anderson moved to hire Averi Wilson as Kindergarten teacher beginning January 2, 2024. Kristin Greer seconded; carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED STAFF & SUPPLEMENTAL VACANCIES

Jennifer Edwards moved to hire the following personnel to fill the classified staff and supplemental vacancies:

- Hank Owens - bus driver (am/pm routes and activity trips)
- Stephanie Owens – bus driver (am/pm routes and activity trips)
- Isaac Groves – High School assistant track coach
- Candace Owens – substitute custodian (no benefits)

Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

DONATION

Jennifer Edwards moved to accept the donation from Always Buying Books for food service accounts. Kyle Anderson seconded; carried unanimously.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, commended the music teachers for their hard work on the recent parades and Christmas performance as well as all faculty for their hard work this semester.

ADJOURNMENT

Gary Neal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office.

Judy Adams
Board President

Susie Nowlin
Board Clerk