

**Unified School District #404
Riverton School Board Regular Meeting
Riverton Board of Education Office
Thursday, February 8, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District #404, was held on February 8, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. in the Riverton Board of Education Office.

Judy Adams called the meeting to order. Members present: Judy Adams, Matt Darnaby, Kyle Anderson, Keeley Adams, Jennifer Edwards, Cyle Haywood and Gary Neal. A seven member board.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Kyle Anderson moved to approve the following consent agenda:

1. February 8, 2024 school board meeting agenda with the following addition: VI: A-Grounds upkeep and maintenance; B-new mower purchase; C-Executive Session-Student Discipline
2. Regular U.S.D. school board meeting minutes for January 11, 2024.
3. January expenses totaling: \$ 444,494.52

Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported on the challenges during the month of January with the buses and the extremely cold temperatures. Kevin Cooper and the board commended Jon for his hard work to ensure the buses were up and running when school resumed.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Chad Harper, High School Principal, reported on homecoming activities, All State Instrumental auditions, powerlifting events, Orchestra trip to the Tulsa symphony, Scholar's Bowl events, boys and girls basketball, FBLA regionals, Archery events, LCC site visit for their accreditation process, FFA Speech night, KSU Ag Ed speech contest, band fundraiser, math league, FFA SED job interviews/meats/ Ag communication CDE's and Ryder Phillips signing with Butler County Community College.

Chad Harper, High School Principal, provided the board a list of upcoming events in the High School

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported on the Middle School boys basketball program. The 7th grade boys finished as regular season league champs and won the post season league tournament.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported on the upcoming Parent Teacher conferences that will be student led.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported that it is National School Counseling week and commended Shannon Thomas for her work in the Middle School.

The board expressed their appreciation to the Middle School Student Council for the goodie bags they provided them this month.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported the last day for the Elementary after school program will be February 28th.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported that Marie Walker, curriculum coach, was in the District on February 6th to work with teachers on MTSS material at grades 3-5.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported that a few teachers went to Columbus on February 8th to observe their math curriculum.

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported that the Kindergarten round up is scheduled for Thursday, February 29th.

HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Delaina Brown, Sara Haskins, LaDonna Hughes, Becky McDonald and Deb Nichols gave the board a presentation on the MTSS program in the high school. The High School has had several schools visit to view how these teachers have implemented the MTSS program.

REQUEST TO APPEAR

The Ag Ed Advisory Committee had originally requested to appear before the board but withdrew that request prior to the meeting and instead presented the board with a letter expressing their concern for the issue of class sizes and opportunities available for students in the program. The letter expressed the committees' support of additional class offerings as well as the possible addition of another instructor to help with Ag Ed classes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, presented the board with the new MOU for the Greenbush Virtual Academy that is utilized by the District.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported the District is working on an application to apply for an EPA Clean School Bus rebate.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board information on the 2024-25 school calendar. The board will be presented a final 2024-25 calendar for approval at the March meeting.

The board will begin working on a Strategic plan for the District. Greenbush will be helping the District with this process.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board information on options available for upkeep and maintenance of the District's grounds. The board would like to solicit bids from additional local businesses for these services.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported the District will be posting the mowing job in the upcoming week or so.

MOWER PURCHASE

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported that Justin Wilson, Maintenance/Building and Grounds Director, would like to replace a couple of mowers.

Kyle Anderson moved to allow Justin Wilson to purchase one new mower not to exceed \$15,000 and to trade in one mower with this purchase. Matt Darnaby seconded; 6 yes, 1 abstain (Judy Adams); motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Keeley Adams moved that the board go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss a student discipline issue pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:17 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. Kyle Anderson and Cyle Haywood recused themselves from the executive session. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Adam Thomasson and Linda Wassom.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Keeley Adams moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss a student discipline issue pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:27 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. Kyle Anderson and Cyle Haywood recused themselves from the executive session. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Adam Thomasson and Linda Wassom.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Keeley Adams moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss a student discipline issue pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:37 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. Kyle Anderson and Cyle Haywood recused themselves from the executive session. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Adam Thomasson and Linda Wassom.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:55 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper and Shelly Livingston.

The board returned to the open meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 9:15 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper and Shelly Livingston.

The board returned to the open meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 9:35 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper, Shelly Livingston and Zach Martin.

The board returned to the open meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:00 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper, Shelly Livingston and Zach Martin.

The board returned to the open meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:25 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper, Shelly Livingston and Zach Martin.

The board returned to the open meeting at 10:25 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Kyle Anderson moved to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 school year:

Kellyn Lipasek – High School Head Volleyball Coach

Dylan Weaver – High School Athletic Director

Cyle Haywood seconded; carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED VACANCIES

Jennifer Edwards moved to approve filling the following certified vacancies for the 2024-25 school year:

High School Physical Education-Tyler Larison (certification must be completed by June 1st)

Industrial Arts/Technology-Danny Weaver

Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:50 p.m. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:57 p.m. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Education Office.

Judy Adams
Board President

Susie Nowlin
Board Clerk