

**Unified School District #404
Riverton School Board Regular Meeting
Riverton Board of Education Office
Thursday, March 21, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District #404, was held on March 21, 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.

Cyle Haywood led the board and guests in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Matt Darnaby moved to approve the following consent agenda:

1. March 21, 2024 school board meeting agenda with the addition of: VII-A: Brett Warstler water update; VII-B: motion to fill certified vacancies; VII-C: motion to fill supplemental vacancies
2. Special U.S.D. school board meeting minutes for February 8, 2024
3. Regular U.S.D. school board meeting minutes for February 8, 2024
4. February expenses totaling \$ 256,759.13

Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

USD 404 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Krystle Alford with the USD 404 Education Foundation gave the board an update on the Foundation and presented the board with the current members for their approval.

Kyle Anderson moved to approve the following USD 404 Education Foundation members: Danny Anderson, Pam Lloyd, Krystle Alford, Linda Wassom, Will Mallatt, Taylor Hight and the High School Counselor. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM RECOGNITION

The board recognized the 2023-24 Boys' Basketball Team for their recent accomplishments. Coach Tucker Thompson and the Senior members of the team were in attendance. Dr. Cooper and the board commended the team and coaches for their hard work and accomplishments.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Becky McDonald, Echo Chastain and Natalie Porter gave the board a brief presentation on the Rams Writing League.

WATER CHANGES

Brett Warstler addressed the board about water changes and stressed again the need for another USD 404 employee to complete the water certification training.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gary Neal moved that the board go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss an individual employee pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:21 p.m. Cyle Haywood seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper and Brett Warstler.

Gary Neal moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss an individual employee pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:32 p.m. Cyle Haywood seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper and Brett Warstler.

Gary Neal moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss an individual employee pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:38 p.m. Cyle Haywood seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper and Brett Warstler.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, reported on the recent KDHE Underground Storage Tank Inspection.

Justin Wilson, Maintenance Director, reported on the recent State Fire Marshal Inspection.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Chad Harper, High School Principal, reported on events that have taken place in February and March as well as upcoming events in the High School. The list of events will be attached to the board notes.

Linda Wassom, Assistant Elementary Principal, reported on Family Night, State Assessments, Kindergarten Roundup and 4th grade orchestra field trip.

MOWING BIDS

The board reviewed the following mowing bids that were submitted:

Mowed Over:	\$ 64,000.00
The Lawn Provider:	\$217,000.00
Quality Lawn & Landscape:	\$ 71,580.28
TC Lawn & Landscaping:	bid amount per occurrence
Matt King:	proposed hourly rate for self and 2 additional people

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jennifer Edwards moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss an employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return

to the open meeting at 8:26 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Jennifer Edwards moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss an employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:32 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Jennifer Edwards moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss an employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 8:38 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

MOWING BIDS

Matt Darnaby moved to table the mowing contract bids. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported on the Second Chance Breakfast Program that began after Christmas Break. The student response to this offering has been great.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board a legislative update.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board information on days missed in January due to inclement weather.

Cyle Haywood moved to forgive the 3 days missed in January due to inclement weather. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

Kyle Anderson moved to pay classified staff (secretaries, aides, food service clerk and bus drivers) for the 3 days missed in January due to inclement weather. In the future if days are missed due to inclement weather classified staff (secretaries, aides, food service clerk and bus drivers) will be compensated. In the event days are deemed to be made up, staff will not receive pay on the make up days. Keeley Adams seconded; carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 9:20 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper and Shelly Livingston.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 9:31 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper and Shelly Livingston.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss employment recommendations pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 9:38 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper and Shelly Livingston.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for five (05) minutes to discuss employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 9:43 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss employee matters 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.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:10 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session for ten (10) minutes to discuss employee matters pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:20 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

Judy Adams moved that the board go into executive session to discuss teacher contract negotiations pursuant to the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA for five (05) minutes and the board will return to the open meeting at 10:25 p.m. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper.

2024-25 CALENDAR

Matt Darnaby moved to adopt the 2024-25 calendar as presented. Kyle Anderson seconded; carried unanimously.

MUSIC ACCOMPANIST

Keeley Adams moved to approve Brenda Locke as musical accompanist for the 2023-24 school year. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED VACANCY

Jennifer Edwards moved to hire John Christie to fill the Middle School Social Studies vacancy. Cyle Haywood seconded; carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTAL HIRING

Gary Neal moved to hire Dalton Weaver as Assistant Softball coach for the 2023-24 school year. Kyle Anderson seconded; carried unanimously.

RESIGNATIONS

Jennifer Edwards moved to approve the following resignations:

Randy Beyer – Secondary Choral Instructor

Dylan Weaver – Middle School Football

Blake Arehart – Assistant High School Football

The board expressed their appreciation to each of these employees for their service and dedication to the District. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

CLASSIFIED TRANSFER

Jennifer Edwards moved to approve the transfer of Chade Parker from full-time maintenance to part-time bus driver (route and activity trip driver) only. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S CONTRACT EXTENSION

Judy Adams moved to table the approval of the Principal's contract extension. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

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

Judy Adams
Board President

Susie Nowlin
Board Clerk