

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT-BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AT COLFAX, ND-Wednesday December 16, 2015 at 7:00PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

Lisa Amundson Sarah Myers Melyssa Evanson
Dan Haverland Heidi Foley Eric Mickelson
John Flaa

Superintendent: Tim Godfrey Principals: Bruce Anderson
Business Manager: Kendra Dockter

President Amundson called the meeting to order. Motion by Evanson, seconded by Foley to approve the December consent agenda items (November board minutes, December Bills, November budget) Carried

Mike Herrick made a recommendation as AD to hire Jamie Nordick as C squad boys basketball coach for the 15-16 season. Motion by Myers, second by Foley to approve the recommendation. *Flaa Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Foley Y, Amundson Y, EvansonY.* Carried Herrick shared a recap of fall sports with a special thank you to the Coltbackers for all their help as well as Chad Lingen, Cody Reiland, and Paul Ihland for their help on upkeep of the football field. Congratulations to all the fall sports teams on their excellent seasons.

Old Business: Godfrey gave a brief explanation on how the teacher evaluation process works at Richland #44. Discussion was held on reserve fund balance.

New Business: Mr. Godfrey, along with the policy committee, presented a first reading of the entire Richland #44 School Board Policy book. Discussion held. Motion by Myers, second by Flaa to rescind the board policies of the Richland #44 Public School District. NDSBA has provided the Board with new policies, which will be adopted to replace former policies. Past practice will govern district operations covered by former policies until replaced by new policies adopted by the Richland #44 Public School District. This motion does not include policies ACBD, BCBA, BDBA, FCC, FFA, FGA, or FGDD which have recently been updated and approved by the Board. *Flaa Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Amundson Y, EvansonY.* Carried Discussion held. Motion by Evanson, second by Haverland to complete a first reading of the Board Policies as recommended by the Policy Committee and Superintendent. The policy committee, along with the superintendent, have reviewed each policy presented. Changes have been made to customize each policy to the Richland #44 Public School District. These board policies as presented will be attached to the minutes of this meeting. *Flaa Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Amundson Y, EvansonY.* Carried

Godfrey explained to the board the need for a reading intervention teacher to help students not meeting standards in English and his hope of hiring one for the 2016-2017 school year. He then presented an idea to possibly share this position with an in house Spanish language teacher. Discussion held. The board directed Godfrey to look into details of availability of this dual English/Spanish position and bring back recommendation on the idea in February.

Godfrey read a letter of resignation from Janelle Buskohl as technology coordinator effective two weeks after a replacement is found. Motion by Flaa, second by Mickelson to accept the resignation. Discussion held. Various options will be reviewed on how to handle the tech coordinator position until full time replacement is hired.

Principal Reports: **Elementary:** Technology has been working better at the elementary school with the replacement of a controller and switch and adding additional access points. Coffee w/ Kids, Reading Fair, and Christmas program events all went very well. Thank you to everyone for making these events such a success. Sixth grade will be working with Milan Drewlow on a robotics project and Erin Nyren will be offering a Lego Robotics course in February. A special thank you to Richland Lutheran Sunday School, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Galchutt Lutheran Church, and Zion Methodist church for their generous donations to the school to be used for families needing extra support this Christmas season. **Jr/Sr High:** A Financial Aid information meeting will be held January 7th at 6pm. Donkey Basketball, sponsored by Closeup, will be held January 14th at 4pm in Colfax. Congratulations to Courtney Haverland on being named December SOTM and to Caleb Boehm for receiving the December Award of Excellence from the SERCTC.

Superintendents Report was given by Mr. Godfrey with updates on the reauthorization of ESEA that was signed by President Obama, Preschool coalition meeting held, ETC Grant submittal, E-rate application, and the approval of the Title I reallocated funds. Godfrey briefly shared a proposal from Red River Communications to upgrade the wifi infrastructure at the elementary school and noted that due to size of the project we will be seeking bids as required. Godfrey shared with the board a bid from Sheyenne Transport on the possibility of outsourcing and taking over bus routes for the school. Total bid received was \$295,487.50 for the 2016-2017 school year. Recognizing that this bid is not affordable for our school district, Godfrey recommended re-opening discussion on adding a bus barn to help save on wear and tear of our bus fleet. Financial proposal was made by Dockter and Godfrey on possible solution for the bus barn. Motion by Flaa, second by Foley to allow Godfrey to solicit bids for the construction of a bus barn. *Flaa Y, Haverland Y, Mickelson Y, Myers Y, Amundson Y, EvansonY.* Carried

Board will look at available dates in January for a board retreat and discussion with Jon Martinson from the NDSBA.

Motion by Evanson, seconded by Foley to adjourn the December meeting. Carried

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00pm

Business Manager

Board President