

MINUTES OF THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT-BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING AT COLFAX, ND-MONDAY, July 15, 2013 at 8:00PM

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Jeff Bolme

Lisa Amundson Mike Freeberg
Ken Knudsen Kurt Anderson

ABSENT

John Flaa

Superintendent: Les Dale

Principals: Cindy Erbes, Bruce Anderson

Business Manager: Kendra Dockter

Also Present: Doug Margerum, Monica & Harry Clark

The June meeting was reconvened.

Motion by Freeberg, seconded by Knudsen to approve the June Minutes as presented. Carried. Motion by Freeberg, seconded by Myhre to approve the final June bills. Carried. Motion by Freeberg, second by Myhre to approve the final 2012-2013 year end budget. Carried

Update on land purchase.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Knudsen to adjourn the June meeting.

The 2013-14 school year meeting was called to order by Kendra Dockter, who then asked for nominations for board chairman. Motion by Knudsen to nominate Jeff Bolme for chairman and Mike Freeberg as vice chairman, seconded by Anderson. Carried unanimously.

Thank you to Earl Myhre for his three year term on the Richland #44 School Board. We welcome Lisa Amundson as our new board member.

Discussion on changing board meetings to Wednesday nights. Starting September 2013, board meetings will tentatively be set for the second Wednesday of each month.

Motion by Knudsen, seconded by Anderson to accept agenda items #11-#17 as follows: to designate Bremer Bank as the official depository for Richland #44, to Authorize the signing of General Funds and activity warrants by Business Manager and Board Chair; to Authorize signing of Hot lunch by Bs. Mgr. and Superintendent; authorizing Mr. Dale as Administrative representative of REA & South Valley, Title I, Title IIA, ADA, DOT, Drug and Alcohol Safety, Homeless Liaison, section 504, and Title IX; Dan Haverland as Votech representative; to approve the special reserve, and share of special assessment levy; to designate the Daily News as the official newspaper for the 2013-14 school year. Carried.

2013-2014 Committees were set.

Discussion on Hot Lunch and Activity Fees for the 2013-2014 school year. State requires a certain increase in hot lunch fees over a number of years. Due to this requirement, Richland #44 will be increasing lunch prices by ten cents per meal (\$2.25/student & \$2.75/adult). Season ticket prices will also be increased to \$25/student and \$75/adult. There has been no increase to these prices in many years. Wording on travel rates will also be changed to "state rate". Motion by Knudsen, second by Anderson to approve the recommended fee changes. Carried. Discussion on charging a gate fee for junior high games. Other schools in the area are charging for this. Concern on finding people to work at these games. More information will be gathered before a decision is made.

Motion by Knudsen, second by Freeberg to accept the resolution providing for public sale of \$730,000 general obligation school building refunding bonds, series 2013B. Carried unanimously. This is a refinance of bonds originally taken out in 2000. Bonds will be sold August 12, 2013.

Motion to accept the resolution providing for public sale of \$1,610,000 general obligation school building bonds, series 2013A was made by Knudsen, seconded by Haverland. Carried unanimously. This portion is for the remaining funds not covered by ND construction loan. Bonds will be sold August 12, 2013.

Motion by Knudsen, second by Freeberg to authorize and establish the terms of \$4,292,470 general obligation state school construction fund bonds, series 2013C, creating a sinking fund therefor, and levying taxes for their payment. Carried unanimously. This portion of funding was received through the state at a 1% interest rate.

Construction update: Property has been surveyed. Water, sewer, and electrical (line, generator, and transformer) will be rerouted óworking with city of Colfax in regards to sidewalk project through Safe Routes to School grant. Bid Group 1 (Earthwork and Concrete) will be opened on Thursday, August 1 at 2pm. Bid Group 2 (remainder of project) is scheduled to be opened on August 20. Ground water levels are being monitored and some alterations to original plans may need to be made depending on outcome of tests. Note to patrons: parking will be a concern during the construction process. Please be patient as the process progresses and plans are made.

Dale read a resignation from Sandy Finseth as bus route driver and votech driver. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Freeberg to accept the resignation. Carried

Athletic Director: A recommendation was made to hire AnnDee Erickson as C squad volleyball coach for the 2013 season. Motion by Freeberg, seconded by Amundson to approve the recommendation. Carried. Goal posts will need to be raised. Earl Myhre and Paul Ihland will work on this project.

Principal's Report: **Elementary:** Erbes reported an estimated enrollment of PK-6 at 151 students. Due to increase in preschool students, the class will be split alternating days, with no daycare provided as originally planned. Preschool tuition will stay the same as last year at a rate of \$20/day. **Jr/Sr High:** Anderson reported 8 of the 18 seniors receiving ND State Scholarship this year. Recommendation to hire Cathy Duhigg as a para professional at the high school. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Haverland to approve the recommendation. Carried. Anderson noted that estimated enrollment for grades 7-12 is at 132.

Business Manager's report: 2012-2013 school year audit will be Tuesday, July 23 by Nadine Julson, LLC.

Superintendent's Report: Currently have two bus driver position openings. Update on summer projects. The 14 passenger bus was purchased thru Harlow's Bus Sales for \$48,427.00. Estimated delivery of September 2013. Discussion on open enrollments for neighboring states.

Committee Reports: Motion by Anderson, second by Amundson, to sell (by bid) the storage shed located just north of the gym. This will need to be moved before construction starts. Shed is 24' x 30' with one 9' x 7' overhead door and one entrance door. Building must be moved by August 15, 2013. Bids can be submitted to Les Dale at Richland #44 high school.

July Bills: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Haverland to approve the July bills. Carried

Motion by Freeberg, seconded by Knudsen to go into executive session under NDCC 44.04.19.1 section 7 for the express purpose of negotiations. 9:08pm. Reconvened at 9:47pm

Motion by Knudsen, seconded by Anderson to adjourn the July meeting. Carried
Next meeting will be Monday, August 12 at 8pm

Business Manager

Board President