

**Unified School District #404
Riverton School Board Regular Meeting
Riverton Board of Education Office
Thursday, October 12, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

The regular school board meeting of the Board of Education, Unified School District #404, was held on Thursday, October 12, 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, Jennifer Edwards, Matt Darnaby, Kristin Greer and Gary Neal. 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. October 12, 2023 school board meeting agenda with additions of:
V: A-Motion to approve MOU with Pittsburg State University and V: B-Motion to hire a substitute custodian for 2023-24 school year
2. Regular U.S.D. school board meeting minutes for September 14, 2023.
3. Special U.S.D. school board meeting minutes for September 27, 2023.
4. September expenses totaling: \$ 296,776.61

Kristin Greer seconded; carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Jon Bruce, Transportation Director, gave the board an update on the road closures.

Justin Wilson, Maintenance Director, gave the board an update on HVAC units that have been replaced recently.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Adam Thomasson, Elementary Principal, reported on the 5th grade leadership team, Grandparent's Day, Capturing Kids Hearts workshop, moving the playground equipment from the Head Start and Fire Prevention Week.

Zach Martin, Middle School Principal, reported on the Williamsburg student selection, upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences and the upcoming combined Middle School/High School choir concert.

Chad Harper, High School Principal, reported on numerous activities in the High School.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board an introduction to the new policy required by the Kansas Legislature regarding open enrollment for student that live outside the school district. The administration team will be working on this policy and will present the information to the board at the November board meeting. The policy must be approved by the Board of Education by January 1, 2024.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board an update on the District enrollment numbers.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, reported on work that is being done on the evaluation system used to evaluate non-certified personnel, teachers and administrators. More information on this project will be discussed at future board meetings.

Kevin Cooper, Superintendent, gave the board an update on the HVAC bid proposals.

SITE COUNCILS

Gary Neal moved to approve the following 2023-24 site council members:

High School: Kara North, Terri Warstler, Jessika Busby, Cyle Haywood, Delaina Brown, Gage Hudson, Brad Hunt, Shelly Livingston, Chad Harper, James Hutto, Julie Vogel and Gary Neal

Middle School: Taylor Compton, Kristin Greer, Lacey Hight, Holly Palmer, Taunie Shaffer, Chelsea Pillar, Mandy Kinsley, Jared Webb, Ryan Adler, Cassandra Watkins and Matt King

Elementary: Adam Thomasson, Linda Wassom, Kyle Anderson, Lacey Boyes, Ethan Boyes, Emily Beets, John Mallatt, Jeremy Beck, Keeley Adams, Teresa Greninger, Keith Wilson and Justin Wilson

Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

DONATION

Kyle Anderson moved to accept the donation from the Riverton Booster Club to help cover the cost of the bonfire and community event. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously.

MOU-PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Kyle Anderson moved to approve the Educational Practice Field Experience MOU with Pittsburg State University. Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session to discuss student matters pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for fifteen (15) minutes and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:35 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper, Shelly Livingston, Zach Martin, Will Mallatt, Adam Thomasson and Linda Wassom.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session to discuss student matters pursuant to the exception relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a student under KOMA for ten (10) minutes and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:45 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried

unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Chad Harper, Shelly Livingston, Zach Martin, Will Mallatt, Adam Thomasson and Linda Wassom.

The board returned to the open meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Matt Darnaby moved that the board go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA for five (05) minutes and the board will return to the open meeting at 7:52 p.m. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously. The board retained Kevin Cooper, Adam Thomasson and Linda Wassom. Justin Wilson will be called in later.

The board returned to the open meeting at 7:52 p.m.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Jennifer Edwards moved to hire Jenny Hagan as a substitute custodian for the 2023-24 school year. Kristin Greer seconded; carried unanimously.

Jennifer Edwards moved to approve filling the following supplemental vacancies:

District Communications/PR: Becky McDonald
NCA(KESA) member: Becky McDonald

Matt Darnaby seconded; carried unanimously.

FMLA REQUEST

Gary Neal moved to approve the FMLA request as presented. Jennifer Edwards seconded; carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Kyle Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Gary Neal seconded; carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office.

Judy Adams
Board President

Susie Nowlin
Board Clerk