

Open Session Minutes of the Richards R-V School District Board Meeting Held in Board Room on March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mike Newberry, at 7:00 p.m. All members of the Board were present except: Ray Murphy and Matt Barnes.

A motion was made by Mike Mayfield and seconded by Jacob Deckard to approve the consent agenda. Vote: 5-0

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Premer discussed progress on the athletic complex by Wickman Gardens. He said they are finishing up the grass seeding and sand work for the new athletic duplex. He also said that fencing and electricity are currently in the works. Mr. Premer thanked Mike Mayfield for serving on the Richards School Board since 2009 and helping our district to improve in many areas as well as helping to improve Richards School's facilities and enhancing technology among many other things. Mr. Premer and Dr. Bunn presented Mr. Mayfield with a plaque for his service.

Dr. Bunn discussed the food service review that took place March 16-17, 2017. She stated that the review happens every three years and is completed by DESE. She thanked Ann, Amy, Jennifer and Jordan for all their hard work to make the review a success. Dr. Bunn also discussed the need to readopt the Howell County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

A motion was made by Jacob Deckard and seconded by Brian Morrison to readopt the Howell County Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official plan. Vote 5-0.

Mr. Lansdown informed the board that spring break would be March 27-31, 2017 and that we only have 6 weeks of school after returning before summer is here. He also stated that the spring choir concert is Thursday, March 23, 2017 and invited everyone to attend.

A presentation was heard by Mark Collins on the proposed half cent sales tax that will be decided on April 4, 2017. Mr. Collins said the current road budget is 2.65 million dollars for Howell County and this increase would double that revenue. He said Howell County is the 5th largest 3rd class county in the state with 42,000 people. He wanted to make the board aware that by fixing the roads it would help to prevent the current wear and tear on the buses on the dirt roads. He also provided a ballot for the board and audience to look at.

A program evaluation by Zach Cox was heard by the board on Technology and Library. Mr. Cox highlighted the progression that has been made by Richards in the last three years with technology from 2014-2017. He said we now have WIFI, a STEAM Lab, a server closet, 77 Chromebooks, 3 carts, a large motorized drop down screen in the gymnasium, students now have an email account, all teachers have access to all students' usernames and passwords to help with monitoring.

Mr. Cox is currently working on the new website and gave board members a tour of the not yet completed website. He also said that all Chromebooks are being used 100% of the time. These

are in high demand therefore our teachers and students are all using these devices.
A motion was made by Ricky Vonallmen and seconded by Brian Morrison to approve the technology/library report for March. Vote: 5-0.

A presentation was heard from Amber Squires who was here to represent the Salary Committee for Richards School. She stated that the salary committee for Richards School did a survey and the certified requests in order of preference for the 2017-18 school year were as follows:

1. Continue to pay insurance at 100%.
2. Request to move down and across on the salary schedule for the 2017-18 year (not be frozen).
3. To move over on the pay scale equal to the number of college hours accumulated rather than one step at a time which would replace the policy from MSBA that currently says they can move horizontally one step per year.
4. Change the number of days to 10 personal instead of 7 sick and 3 personal.
5. Pay employees for unused sick days at a rate of \$50 per day.

A motion was made by Jacob Deckard and seconded by Brian Morrison to have the board reorganization meeting on April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with the regular monthly meeting following at 7:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Mike Mayfield and seconded by Brian Morrison to enter executive session. Roll call vote as follows:

Brian Morrison	yes
Mike Newberry	yes
Ray Murphy	absent
Ricky Vonallmen	yes
Matt Barnes	absent
Mike Mayfield	yes
Jacob Deckard	yes

A motion was made by Ricky Vonallmen and seconded by Mike Newberry to adjourn. (Ray Murphy Arrived at the meeting during closed session) Vote 6-0.

Time: 10:01

Attest:

President
Secretary