

**Richland County School District
Board of Education Meeting**

January 17, 2019

The Richland County School Board met on Thursday, January 17, 2019 in the Richland County Elementary School Library. The following is an overview of the business conducted.

The board held their January meeting at the Richland County Elementary School Library. During the board meeting, the RCES administration highlighted some of the school's specific programs. This included the following:

- Performance by the Opera for the Young Participants
- PASS students presented on their progress in the program
- Presentation by the RCES Student Lighthouse Team
- Announcement of upcoming RCES Science Day to be held on January 31st

In regular business conducted, the following items were approved as part of a consent agenda.

- Approval of minutes of the previous month's meeting and the destruction of closed session audio recordings of the meeting held on July 20, 2017, which were opened to the public on December 21, 2017
- First readings for district policy 5.30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- Second readings and adoption of district policies 2.80 Board Member Oath and Conduct; 2.120 Board Member Development; 4.45 Insufficient Fund Checks & Debt Recovery; 4.170 Safety; 5.60 Expenses; 5.220 Substitute Teachers; 6.60 Curriculum Content; 6.310 Credit for Alternative Courses; 7.70 Attendance and Truancy; 7.100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; 7.190 Student Discipline; 7.250 Student Support Services; 7.260 Exemption from Physical Education; 7.270 Administering Medicines to Students; 7.290 Suicide and Depression Awareness; and 7.305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
- Approval of building and student discipline reports
- Approval of financial reports with a total bill list of \$415,619.51

The board heard the annual State of the District Report, presented by Larry Bussard and the district's administrative staff. A strategic dashboard was developed by the administrative team utilizing an app through ECRA Group and is available on the district website at www.rccu1.net. A strategic dashboard is a tool used to communicate a school district's story and track strategic indicators.

During his report, Superintendent Larry Bussard reviewed several items.

- David Pistorius gave a presentation on the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) and suggestion for future plans for restructuring of existing bonds
- An update on the RCHS renovation plan
- A financial review and update shows that the state of Illinois has issued vouchers to the school district of just over \$1 million

In new business, the following items were approved.

- A resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019, of the District, for the purpose of financing school facility improvements,

providing for the pledge of certain revenues and the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof

- Approval of bus bids for four buses to be traded in and three buses to be purchased from Central Bus Sales, Inc., for a total cost of \$251,251
- Approval of substitute teacher handbook and training program
- Approval of updated non-certified employee handbook to include change of name of handbook to educational support employee handbook

Following an 24 minute executive session, the board took action on the following items.

- The board approved the resignation of Kara Russo as high school nurse
- The board approved the hiring of Shirley Piton as Bus Driver
- The board approved the appointment of Kristin Flanagan as high school volunteer cheer coach and Tyra Cycholl as middle school volunteer track coach

(Note: Board members present included President Jeff Wilson, Alex Cine, Steve Kinkade, Cindy Lockley, Steve Marris and Leon Redman.)