

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

**December 20, 2018**

The Richland County School Board met on Thursday, December 20, 2018 in district office board room. The following is an overview of the business conducted.

The board approved the 2018 Tax Levy. This tax levy shows a 4.99% increase from the 2017 levy. The total amount levied, which includes bonds, is \$10,553,476.

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 June 15, 2017, which were opened to the public on December 21, 2017
- Approval of perusal of closed session minutes of meetings held on January 18, 2018; February 15, 2018; March 15, 2018; April 19, 2018; May 17, 2018; and June 21, 2018
- Review of November FOIA log
- First readings for 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 athletic reports
- Approval of financial reports with a total bill list of \$606,517.54

During his report, Superintendent Larry Bussard reviewed several items.

- 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.

During his report, Assistant Superintendent Chris Simpson gave an update on a few items.

- The school resource officer for the district will begin duties on January 7, 2019.
- The district's school safety team and school resource officer will be attending two days of training in February to become certified as ALICE instructors. ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuation) is the number one response protocol endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Illinois State Board of Education. As part of the district-wide ALICE certification, every employee in the school district will participate in an E-learning module, beginning in February.
- The district's social worker that was hired in August 2018 has been working in each of the district's buildings and doing very well. She will be giving a report to the board at the February meeting.

In new business, the following items were approved.

- Approval of 2018 Tax Levy

- Approval of 2019-2020 Risk Management Plan
- Approval of fuel bid awarded to Wabash Valley Service Company for gas and diesel fuel
- Approval of bus specifications for purchase of new buses in 2019
- Approval of Poettker Construction as Construction Management Firm for the high school addition and renovation project

Following an 11 minute executive session, the board took action on the following items.

- The board approved the resignations of Mitchel Burgener as Assistant Soccer Coach at RCHS and Breann Milam as Head Cheer & Dance Coach at RCHS
- The board approved the transfer of Cheryl Ginder from bus driver to food service staff member at RCES
- The board approved the hiring of Brooke Armstrong and Amanda Brinkley as Paraprofessionals and Allison Rhoden as Teacher Assistant at RCES
- The board hired the following individuals as coaches at RCHS for the Winter 2018 and 2019 Spring seasons: Rachel Snyder (Head Cheer Coach); Hailey Flanagan (Assistant Cheer Coach); Tasha Thuftedal (Dance Coach); Julia Thrasher (Head Softball Coach); Jessica VanDyke (Assistant Soccer Coach); Matt McLaren (Head Baseball Coach); Tony Duenas and Patrick Mehaffey (Fresh/Soph Baseball Coaches); Ryan Denton (Head Boys' Track Coach); Amy Julian (Head Girls' Track Coach); Chuck Snyder and Matt Music (Assistant Track Coaches); Drew Muston (Head Boys' Tennis Coach); Amy Stallard (Head Girls' Soccer Coach); and Eduardo Mayorga (Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach)
- The board appointed Andy Thomann as RCHS Principal effective July 1, 2019
- The board approved the reinstatement of 43.5 sick days for June Doss and 38.5 sick days for Chris Borah

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