

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

RHS Krivokapich Media Center

1535 Tiger Circle – Raton, NM

6:00 p.m. Monday, November 18, 2024

MINUTES

I. Call to order/roll call

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call was answered as follows: Mr. Boone – present
Mr. Phillips – present
Mr. Walton – present
Ms. Ferri – present
Mr. Kamp – present

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by President Phillips.

Board Members

Jason Phillips – President
Ryan Boone – Vice President
Brenda Ferri – Secretary
Ted Kamp, Member
Dustin Walton, Member

Staff

Kristie Medina, Superintendent
Justin Mattorano, Joleene Starr,
Deia Craig, Beverly Vukonich

III. Recognition of Students, Staff and Visitors

a. Student Representative Report

Addison Medina was present to give the student senate report. She reported on Tiger Fest which will be held the week of January 20, 2025. The theme will be Alice in Wonderland and they will focus on blue and silver colors. Dress up days will be as follows: Monday Disney Day; Tuesday dress alike day; Wednesday pajama day; Thursday white lies tshirt day and Friday black and gold day. Wednesday will be movie day in the gym showing Alice in Wonderland. Thursday afternoon will be the Rowdeo. Friday assembly will honor royalty; girls and boys basketball; wrestling and powerlifting. Saturday will be games and mum presentation. Saturday night will be the dance. Study hall Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be provided for students who do not want to participate and would like quiet study time instead.

President Phillips thanked Addison for her report and congratulated her for her 1000 two season career assists and for the team making it to state and finishing in the top six.

b. Requests to be recognized – (5 minute limit)

Deb Sullivan presented to the board a community outreach proposal to utilize students

in a project of painting white picket fences for those residents who are not able to do the work themselves. The project will start with four or five identified homes on or near Rio Grande Avenue. Some discussion was held regarding liability, and waivers. Ms. Sullivan was going to attend the Rotary meeting and discuss the project with them since it is a community project and involves students.

Mr. Richard Cardenas Class of 1964 addressed the board about doing something at the new school for Dr. Paul Modrich who is a Nobel Peace Prize winner. Possibly a plaque in the entrance of the school. President Phillips stated Dr. Modrich is very humble and didn't want much attention but the board will look into doing something when the new school is built. President Phillips thanked Mr. Cardenas for his comments.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

V. Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 21, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Informational Items

a. Principal/Director Reports

Ms. Starr reported to Mr. Kamp that there were 55 parent teacher conferences held at the high school on November 4th with a majority of those for 7th, 10th & 11th grade students. She also stated that a decision was made to close the campus for lunch until the end of the school year and kitchen staff has been notified.

b. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Medina stated she did not have anything additional to report.

c. Board Member Report

Mr. Kamp recommended not scheduling parent teacher conferences in the calendar as it takes away from teaching. Some discussion was held about the "remote learning" with the recent snow storm. RIS sent home work packets with students and most were returned as required. Some of the RHS teachers got creative and had some students shovel snow or cook for a neighbor.

VII. Action Items

a. Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers/1st Quarter Cash Report

The financial report, budget adjustments/transfers and 1st Quarter Cash report was presented. Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the financial report, budget adjustments/ transfers and 1st quarter cash report as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Discuss/Approve Permanent Cash Transfers

Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve the permanent cash transfers as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0

c. Discuss/Approve Requisition to Phil Long Ford for Activity Vehicle

Superintendent Medina stated this new vehicle is to replace the Gold Ford Expedition which has reached its maximum mileage to transport students. Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve Requisition to Phil Long Ford in the amount of \$65,275.00 with a contract discount of \$3,263.75 for a total cost of \$62,011.25 for the Activity Vehicle as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Discuss/Approve Requisition to CES for J3 Systems for Ag Shop Roof

Discussion was held on the complete roof replacement in the Ag Shop that will be covered mostly by insurance in the amount of \$235,667.66 with \$5000 of that being paid by the district. Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve Requisition to CES for J3 Systems for the Ag Shop Roof replacement as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Discuss/Approve Special Capital Outlay Requests.

Discussion was held regarding the special capital outlay requests. Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the Special Capital Outlay Requests in the order as presented with

1. Tiger Stadium Infrastructure for a \$500,000 request for press box maintenance and repairs; abate water cannon and install a sprinkler system for the football field; track repairs; paving in front of the stadium and restroom updates and upgrades.
2. Activity vehicle request for \$70,000 to replace the aging fleet. Recommendation is the Ford Expedition Max.
3. Bus barn renovations and updates request for \$350,000 to include Transportation office replacement with an unused portable classroom; utility infrastructure; security cameras, lighting and removal of old single wide trailer per State Fire Marshal's request to replace; updates to property fence to include a gate for egress; property maintenance to include additional leveling and aggressive; bus barn plumbing; heating and electrical updates as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

f. Discuss/Approve 2025 Graduation Location Change

The 2025 senior class requested a location change for their graduation ceremony. They are asking for an outdoor graduation to be held at Tiger Stadium. Weather will determine location. Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve the 2025 Graduation location change to Tiger Stadium depending on the weather. Should the weather be a factor graduation will take place in Tiger gym. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

- g. Discuss/Approve Requisition to Advanced Communication for Radios**
Discussion was held regarding the purchase of more portable radios for staff. The radios are funded by the COPS grant that will expire in a year. Mr. Boone made a motion to approve the requisition to advance communication for radios as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion passed 5-0.

VIII. Executive Session

Pursuant to the State "Open Meetings Act" Section 10-15-1(H) (2) for discussion of limited personnel matters. No action will be taken in executive session. President Phillips stated there was no business to discuss.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Kamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



President



Secretary