

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of September 21, 2023
Richards Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of Richards Independent School District met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 21, 2023, in the cafeteria of the school at 7:00 PM.

Members present included Wendy Graves, Jeannine Shead, Britney Ketkoski, Benny Lewis, Phillip Burnett, and Dan Hardin.

Members not present included Beau Conner.

Also present: Superintendent Bill Boyce and Principal Delynn Decatur.

Agenda Item #1: Wendy Graves called the roll and meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda Item #2: Phillip Burnett gave the invocation.

Agenda Item #3: Phillip Burnett requested to change the wording of agenda item 10 of the special meeting held on August 31st. Wendy Graves made the motion to agree upon the updated wording and approve the minutes. Dan Hardin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Agenda Item #4: Wendy Graves recognized the guests and visitors.

Agenda Item #5: No community comments.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent Boyce provided the tax collection report. He stated that we are almost done with the calendar year for tax collection reports. Grimes is currently at 99%, Walker is at 94% and Montgomery County remains at 89%.

Agenda Item #7: In the Principal's report Mrs. Decatur stated that the first few weeks have gone well and the school year is off to a great start. Mrs. Decatur noted that enrollment is at 230 students. She said she was proud of the 8th graders for hosting grandparents' day recently and expressed how well the event turned out. Mrs. Decatur met with the PTO and came up with a plan to have the Fall Festival on October 27th. Mrs. Decatur also mentioned the Book Blast event was going on for pre-k through 8th grades. All students will receive at least 1 book and possibly 2 depending on the amount of donations. She also noted that volleyball and cross country are in full swing. District volleyball games will begin soon.

Agenda Item #8: Superintendent Boyce stated that construction on the gym is very close to being complete. Electricians are almost done; front lobby tile has been laid and then it will require a deep cleaning. We hope to have the first district home game in the new gym, if possible. The fence company will be coming tomorrow or Monday to install the fence around the playground. It will also run behind the cafeteria, old wooden area and electrical area.

Agenda Item #9: Board comments included Britney Ketkoski asking if we were still looking into hiring an aide with the pre-k tuition funds to assist the pre-k teacher. Mr. Boyce said we do not have as many kids enrolled in pre-k this year, but he will be meeting with Mrs. Ford to discuss this.

Agenda Item #10: No Budget Amendments

Agenda Item #11: Phillip Burnett made the motion to approve the payment of bills and Jeannine Shead seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.


Agenda Item #12: No action taken.

Agenda Item #13: No action taken.

Agenda Item #14: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve resolution 2023-8, Safety/Security Procedures and Jeannine Shead seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #15: At 7:28 PM the board convened into executive session and closed at 8:29 PM.

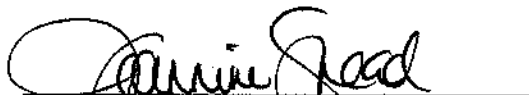
Agenda Item #16: Wendy Graves adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.



Wendy Graves, President



Britney Ketkoski, Secretary



Jeannine Shead, Vice, President



Board Member