

Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 25, 2023.  
Richards Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of Richards Independent School District met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, July 25, 2023, in the cafeteria of the school at 7:00 PM.

Members present included: Wendy Graves, Jeannine Shead, Phillip Burnett and Britney Ketkoski.

Also present: Superintendent Bill Boyce

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: Jeanine Shead made the motion and Phillip Burnett seconded to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting held on June 15, 2023. Motion passed to approve the minutes unanimously.

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

Agenda Item #5: Tisha Derden and Pam Conner expressed their concerns regarding the new PTO By laws which exclude grandparents from voting on PTO matters.

Agenda Item #6: Superintendent Boyce provided the tax collection report. He stated that Grimes County is coming in at 94%, Montgomery County is at 87% and Walker County is at 92%.

Agenda Item #7: Superintendent Boyce provided a construction update. He stated that there was a plumbing issue, and he had a structural engineer come in to evaluate and oversee the repairs to make sure everything was being done correctly. The teachers will be returning on August 21st and the students will return August 28th. The construction on the gym should be complete by the end of September.

Agenda Item #8: Britney Ketkoski spoke about the success of the Little Dribblers Summer Camp. They had four SHSU students come out to work with the kids for four evenings. There was a large turnout of kids, and they plan to have this camp in collaboration with SHSU athletes every summer.

Agenda Item #9: No Budget Amendments

Agenda Item #10: Britney Ketkoski made the motion to approve the payment of bills and Phillip Burnett seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the Richards ISD 2023-2024 Student Handbook and code of conduct. Britney Ketkoski seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 12: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the Richards ISD 2023-2024 Employee Handbook. Jeannine Shead seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item # 13: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the proposed M&O tax rate of \$0.99 and a proposed I&S tax rate of \$0.1950 or less. Jeannine Shead seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #14: Jeanine Shead made a motion to approve the out-of-district student transfers for the 2023-2024 school year. Phillip Burnett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

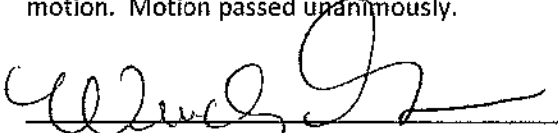
Agenda Item #15: Jeanine Shead made a motion to approve contract services provided by Region VI Education Service Center. Phillip Burnett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #16: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve policy update 121. Britney Ketkoski seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

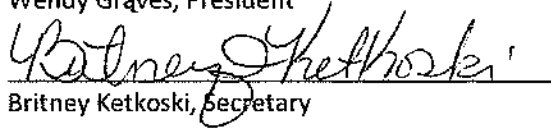
Agenda Item #17: At 7:50 PM the board convened into executive session.

Agenda Item #18: The Board reconvened in open session at 8:30 PM. A motion was made by Britney Ketkoski to accept Tamara Ward and Karen Clarks Probationary contracts. Jeannine Shead seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

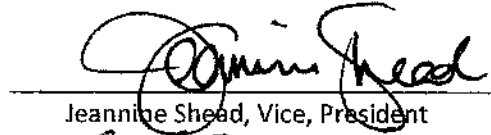
Agenda Item #19: Phillip Burnett made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 and Jeanine Shead seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.



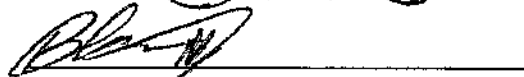
Wendy Graves, President



Britney Ketkoski, Secretary



Jeannine Shead, Vice, President



Board Member