

Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 18, 2024
Richards Independent School District

The Board of Trustees of Richards Independent School District met in a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, in the cafeteria of the school at 7:00 PM.

Members present included: Wendy Graves, Dan Hardin, Benny Lewis, and Phillip Burnett. Britney Ketkoski, Jeannine Shead and Beau Conner were absent from this meeting.

Agenda Item #1: Wendy Graves called the roll and meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Agenda Item #2: Benny Lewis gave the invocation.

Agenda Item #3: Wendy Graves recognized the guests and visitors.

Agenda Item #4: No community comments.

Agenda Item #5: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes from the following previous meetings:

06/20/24

06/25/24

07/09/24

07/10/24

07/11/24

Benny Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6: In the Principal's report Mrs. Decatur stated that there is a lot of enrollment interest. The master schedule is currently in the works and summer school is complete.

Agenda Item #7: Adren Pilger stated that the board will officially hire Michael Smith on August 1st at 7 p.m. He noted that the financial audit has begun. He stated that applications for the November election are available and the deadline to turn them in is August 19th.

Agenda Item #8: The financial statements and monthly bills were reviewed. Benny Lewis made a motion to approve the payment of bills and accept excess collections for 2023 debt service and certification for debt service collection rate for 2024/2025. Phillip Burnett seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9: The preliminary budget and tax rate proposal for 2024-2025 were reviewed. A balanced budget has been created with the \$1200 raise for teacher proposal.

Agenda Item #10: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve joint election agreements for the 11/5/24 trustee election with Grimes, Walker, and Montgomery Counties. Dan Hardin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the proposed renewal of TASB Risk Fund Management for worker's compensation coverage. Benny Lewis seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #12: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve the Resolution to recognize the Grimes County Texas 4-H organization as approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities. Dan Hardin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #13: Phillip Burnett made a motion to approve awarding adjunct staff member status to the Grimes County Extension agents for the 2024-2025 school year. Dan Hardin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #14: No action was taken on approving a contract with a technology company to manage technology assets, maintenance and software. More applications are expected next week.

At 7:40 PM the board convened into executive session.

The board reconvened at 8:04 PM.

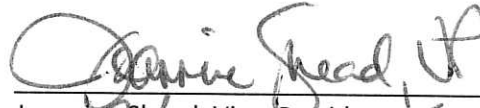
Phillip Burnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Hardin seconded the motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

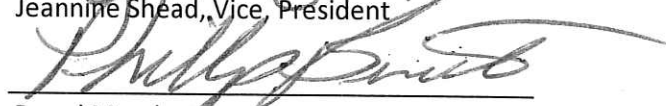
Wendy Graves, President



Britney Ketkoski, Secretary



Jeannine Shead, Vice President



Board Member