

**Ralls County R-II BOE Open Session Minutes**  
**21 January 2026 5:30 pm**                      **Mark Twain Library**

**I. Preliminaries**

- A. Call to Order - Ritchie Palmer
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

<u>Attendance</u>						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Other people in attendance: David Koogler,

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. Adoption of Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer’s Report
  - 1. December 2025 Minutes
- B. Bills
  - 1. Credit Card Information
    - a) CC Statement
    - b) Summary of CC Charges
    - c) November 2025 CC Info by Department
  - 2. Balance Sheet
  - 3. Check Reconciliation Report
  - 4. Details After Checks are Printed
- C. Transportation Log

Jason made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.						
Kathleen seconded the motion. 5-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

**III. Student Showcase (CSIP Priority 2: Climate and Culture)**

- A. Student Leadership Teams - Denise

**IV. Public Information Forum**

- A. Anyone wishing to address the board will be given the chance after first signing up

*Comments made during public forums are important to the Board of Education. However, it may be necessary for the Board of Education to establish a time limit for the public comment period, as well as for each speaker. No individual will be allowed to speak more than once during this period. If a decision is expected from the Board, a request needs to be made for the item to be placed on an agenda. Please refer to Policy BDDH for information on placing items on the agenda.*

*Explanations of accomplishments or praise for students or staff members are encouraged. However, statements regarding issues or concerns about individual students, staff members, or legal matters are not allowed during open sessions. A request may be made to appear before the Board in closed session.*

**V. Action Items**

A. Setting the January BOE Meeting

a. Feb 18 at 5:30?

Kathleen made a motion to approve the February board meeting date & time of February 18, 2026 at 5:30pm.						
Jason seconded the motion. 5-0						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

B. Propane Bus Grant

a. We've been awarded the grant for the Propane Bus. Do we wish to accept this grant and purchase a propane fueled bus, at a \$60k discount (*with the grant included - roughly \$100k*) when compared to buying a diesel/gas bus (*approximately \$160k*)?

- i. Propane Bus Info from Eric
- ii. MO Bus Grant Information

Scott made a motion to approve Central States bid for a propane bus at \$154,950 ( <i>with trade in</i> ) as presented.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to approve to accept Big River for equipment as presented						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Scott made a motion to accept the Propane Bus Grant as presented.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

C. Establishment of a Missouri-Licensed Government Inspection Site

- a. We discussed this last month and Eric has updates regarding concerns.

Scott made a motion to establish a state inspection site here at Ralls.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

D. Budget Amendment

- a. Amending the Budget to include actual MUSIC numbers. I also built-in a formula to include the loss of revenue from the Senior Citizen Property Tax Freeze. State revenue is currently prorated at \$6,900 from \$7,145. After the Governor's address about declining revenue and a deficit in his budget, as well as his position that we shouldn't have been fully funded this year, I am budgeting a decrease to \$6,900 for state revenue. This is a significant drop of around \$200k.

i. Budget Summary

Kathleen made a motion to approve the budget amendment.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

E. MUSIC Umbrella Insurance Options

- a. I recommend we purchase this umbrella insurance option again. This purchase was already budgeted for so it will not have a negative impact on our planning. The total cost for an additional \$7 million for liability protection is \$10,824.

Kathleen made a motion to approve the MUSIC umbrella insurance package.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael

Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
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F. Direct Deposit for Officials - Kaelin

- a. It has been requested that we authorize the use of direct deposit for officials, approved after each month's board meeting, to help speed up the delivery process of their paychecks.

Kathleen made a motion to approve direct deposit for officials.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

VI. Discussion Items

A. Wastewater Testing for Opioids

1. We signed up for a free grant paid by the state for wastewater testing for opioids. They will take samples of our wastewater periodically through the spring and will share the results afterwards.

B. Bus 20-2 problems

1. 20-2 recently had a turbo fail. On Tuesday, Jan 6, I was summoned to the bus barn about the DEF system having major problems as well.

C. Governor Kehoe's State of the Union address and how it impacts school funding

1. One Tuesday, Jan 13, Governor Kehoe presented the state of the union address. There was strong indication that our formula will not be fully funded. He also stated that he signed an executive order related to APR scores being modified to an A-F system for transparency. It should be noted that in his executive order, private schools can opt-in to this APR system, rather than be mandated to, despite now receiving public funds. Additionally, once 65% of schools reach the threshold of A or B, the goalposts which determine the criteria such classifications are moved and the standards become more rigorous, meaning it becomes more difficult to reach A or B status. This means the classifications are norm-referenced (*school performance is measured against each other as a comparison*) rather than criterion-referenced (*school performance is measured against how well they perform against the academic standards*).

D. Calendar Committee

1. The Calendar Committee met on Monday January 6 to review the data from the calendar surveys (*student, staff, and parent versions*) and recommend options for the 26-27 academic year. I hope to engineer these in the near future and then have a second calendar committee, our official TAB committee which includes Scott and Kathleen, to form an official recommendation which we will present to the BOE, hopefully in February.

E. Not refilling an open RCE teacher position

1. The current 1st grade class (Class of 2037) is much smaller (by a 1/3 less) than the other cohorts. By not refilling a teacher role this year, and based on the average RCE benefit package (*salaries & benefits*) from 25-26, the district could save \$65k per year, for the next 4 years, totaling \$260k. This would make the class size average comparable to the preceding cohorts. When the class of 2037 moves into JH, or if enrollment increases, we will refill the role. This will require one teacher shifting down a grade each year which is common in schools with fluctuating enrollments. It is important to note that we will not need to cut staff to achieve this. Instead, we can choose not to fill one of our current openings.

a) Data illustration class size averages, 24/25 & 25/26 enrollments, and projected enrollment of Cohort 2037

**VII. Reports - Principals and Directors (CSIP 1.1, 2.2, 1.12, 1.13)**

- A. Mrs. Morriss
- B. Mrs. Krankka
- C. Mr. Windsor
- D. Mrs. Britt
- E. Mr. Kendrick-O'Bryan

**VIII. Reports - Procedural Evaluations (CSIP Priority Area 1, 2 & 3)**

- A. Food Service - Jeanna

**IX. Reports - Superintendent (CSIP Priority Area 3)**

- A. Monthly Financial Reports

<u>Attendance</u>						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes	Absent	Yes	Absent	Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 6:33 pm.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Kathleen made a motion to move Ana to the kitchen as presented						
Scott seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to accept Deacon Windsor's retirement						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to accept Trenton Miller as HS Assistant Baseball coach as presented.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Scott made a motion to hire Caitlin Leapley as presented.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to accept the resignation of Lindsey Rouse from JH Softball.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to accept the resignation of Michelle Simpson as presented.						
Scott seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Abstain

Jason made a motion to hire Dawn Snodgrass for music as presented.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						

Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Scott made a motion to accept Cody Parker's resignation from JH Football as presented.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to hire Cody Parker as JH Softball Coach as presented.						
Kathleen seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to hire John Hume as a sub driver as presented.						
Scott seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Scott made a motion to accept the retirement of Joe Dameron as presented.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Jason made a motion to renew David Koogler for a 3 year contract.						
Scott seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Kathleen made a motion to exit closed session at 7:13 pm.						
Jason seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

Michael made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 pm.						
Scott seconded the motion.						
Ritchie	Pete	Kathleen	Jake	Scott	Jason	Michael
Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes

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Board President                      Date

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Board Secretary                      Date