

Rainier School District  
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2018  
Boardroom 7:00 p.m.

Present: Darren Vaughn, Jeff Flatt, Rod Harding, Kari Hollander, Elaine Placido, Elizabeth Richardson, Michael Carter, Scotti Erickson and Lisa Skeans

Absent: Sean Clark

Also Attending: Amanda Musgrove, Blakelyn Smith, Emily Collins, Heidi Blakley, Kim Oblack, Kristi Crape, Jessica Johns, Monica Cade, Anne Montgomery and Heidi Schafer

I) **Opening Ceremonies**

- 1) **Call meeting to order**– The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) **Approve Board Agenda for meeting** – Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the agenda with a change to item number seven, the policy committee be changed to a Policy work session (Board work session) On October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Vaughn seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

II) **Public Comment**

- 1) Amanda Musgrove the owner of Sunnyside Day Care is concerned that the extra Preschool class will cause a financial hardship on her business. There are seven children who no longer attend her daycare because the Preschool has had extra spots open. Her business was given no notice from the parents and her business cannot compete with the lower rates of the Preschool.
- 2) Monica Cade of Columbia County is sponsored by Columbia River Fire and Rescue has had concerns about homeless students since 2015. She has partnered with the St. Helens school District to put together packages of needed personal supplies for these students. She has worked with the district's Homeless Liaison last year and is looking to make a greater commitment to the Rainier students this year. Monica would need an MOU from the Rainier School District to make this happen. She would need access to the district's tax code to make this happen as she doesn't have one of her own.

III) **Consent Agenda**– Mr. Vaughn motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of the August Minutes (as they were not presented to the Board for review prior to the meeting) and Mr. Harding seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- 1) **Approve August 2018 minutes**
- 2) **Approve disbursements for August 2018**

IV) **Reports**

- 1) **Superintendent**
  - i) **Written**
    - (1) **Facilities**
    - (2) **Contracted Service**
  - ii) **Oral** – Mr. Carter reported that the seismic retrofit has been a long journey from start to end and that it is nearly completed. Also, the Maintenance Crew and Custodial Crew were spot on this summer with many projected completed, among a few were a complete change over to LED

lighting in the entire district and many painting and cleaning projects. Both crews did a fantastic job and deserve to be recognized for all the hard work accomplished in a short amount of time.

- 2) **Business Manager – Financial Update** – Scotti Erickson brought written copies of the financial update for the Board this month as there has been a computer issue. It seems at this point and time the ADM is 5.5% lower than expected. However, there were 6 new students enrolled at Hudson Park Elementary that are not included in this report. Next month should be a truer representation of the total ADM for the district.

V) **Items for Board action and review**

- 1) **Columbia River Fire and Rescue – Monica Cade** – Ms. Cade presented during public comment.
- 2) **Building/Program Updates** – Each Administrator gave a brief update of their building or program.
- 3) **Superintendent’s evaluation** – Ms. Hollander, Mrs. Richardson and Mr. Harding reported that they have met with Mr. Carter and are on track for their next meeting and review.
- 4) **Quarterly Meeting** – October is the Quarterly meeting and Mr. Vaughn, Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Placido have volunteered to attend.
- 5) **Seismic Update** – Mr. Carter provided a power point for the Board’s review. Mr. Carter asked for permission to start working toward the next round of Seismic Grants to finish the retrofit for the remainder of the district. The Board gave Mr. Carter their head nod to proceed.
- 6) **China Exchange** – There will be 17 visitors in November from China, including kindergarteners, their parent and teachers. The district has planned the time to be very busy for our visitors and Mr. Carter has asked the Board about providing transportation while our visitors are here. The cost would be around \$10,000, Mr. Carter added that if we don’t charge our guests much when they visit us, our students who visit them will not be charged during their visiting. The only cost to our students would be travel to and from China and spending money. Erin Altz our newest kinder teacher has volunteer to go to China when our district visits China.
- 7) **Policy Committee**
- 8) **Policy fifth reading** – Mrs. Richardson motioned to accept this policy with revision and Mrs. Placido seconded the motion. Mr. Vaughn opposed the motion. Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Placido, Mr. Flatt, Ms. Hollander and Mr. Harding approved the motion. The motion was passed.
  - i) **JHCCF**

VI) **Future Agenda Items**

- 1) Action Plans and a possible work session
- 2) Pillar Group work schedule
- 3) MOU
- 4) China Exchange
- 5) Policy work session
- 6) ASB, AVID, Summer Lunch, and CTE Updates

VII) **Board Comments**

- Mrs. Richardson thanked the teachers and administrators for their fantastic start to the school year.
- Mr. Vaughn shared his concerns about the Jr/Sr schedule having core classes at the same time as band.
- Ms. Hollander thanked the teachers and administrators stating that they are amazing and realizes how busy they truly are.
- Mr. Flatt is glad to see that things are up and running so well.

The meeting was excused to enter Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting was re-entered to Regular Board meeting at 8:38 p.m.

The Regular Board meeting was ended at 8:50 p.m.

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Darren Vaughn, Chairperson

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R. Michael Carter, Superintendent

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