

Rainier School District
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2018
Quarterly Meeting 5:15 p.m.
Boardroom 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Vaughn, Hollander, Placido, Harding, and Richardson.

Absent: Clark and Flatt

Agenda was approved with the addition of Policy IIABBAR (IIABB) as item number 9. Motion by D. Vaughn and Seconded by K. Hollander passed 5-0

The Rainier Eagles made a public \$3,300 donation for the Rainier backpack program.

Public Comment: The community needs to know in advance about the board meeting minutes and a request was made to have the information posted earlier prior to each monthly meeting.

ASB Leadership: A verbal update was provided on the student body activities and the students plan on having a student representative present for the board meeting.

Mr. Greg Miller the district AVID Director provided an update on the AVID program and the plans for future expansion and growth. He reported that the current AVID tutorial class is going well with a SAT and PSAT prep component. The first Rainier AVID graduate will occur with the class of 2019.

Summer Nutrition Update was provided: Lunch was served at two sites all summer long and the community really used the program. There were six sites in Rainier and Three in Clatskanie for a total of nine sites.

- l) The Consent agenda was passed with the removal of the September minutes as they were not given to the Board members prior to the meeting: D. Vaughn made the motion and K. Hollander seconded. Passed 5-0

Financial Update: The monthly report was submitted for the board's review and comment. The athletic budget was overspent by \$63,000 which continues to be a concern and it needs to be addressed in the future. There is \$47,000 left in support services, and this needs to be monitored and modified throughout the year. This is found in the function 100 of the budget: Capital projects also is still around

\$41,000 which is not enough to fill the future needs and concerns. The districts October count is up one student, and the district is down 32 students compared to last year.

Quarterly Meeting Update: Was provided verbally by D. Vaughn:

HPE:

The HPE calm corners in every class are a great addition and much needed
Open house timing was very good for HPE allowing teachers to connect early with parents
Sarah Gray and Nathan Wilfong supporting the Trauma work is starting to make a difference
Seismic Work was a success but the move out and move back needed to be better coordinated and communicated.

The required online trainings that are required at the beginning of the year took a longer than expected the district needs to provide the time for the staff to meet this requirement
Admin and teachers communications is better and we need to work to ensure that the level continues to increase

Blinds are needed in some of the classes for safety and lockdown requirements
Teachers needed much more time for the moving in and out of their classes when seismic work is scheduled and a more detailed and targeted moving schedule for future projects.

Jr/Sr High School:

The new Advisory class is going great and the curriculum (Project Wisdom) that is being used is good.

The Cell Phones policy is going great and the staff is very supportive of this change

AVID is going well and we need to increase the number of AVID students. The staff is using the WICOR strategies and curriculum in their lessons

Referrals and good stuff and follow up

Veteran teachers are helping the new teachers on multiple fronts with a lot of various supports

Noise in the hallways continue to be a concern

Teachers have sent a targeted list of challenging classes to the administrators asking for more support and targeted interventions

Synergy issues have been a challenge and need to be addressed

Attendance reports will be requested by the superintendent for future plans and needed adjustments

Reviewing the referrals from the last month it was reported that out of 60 referrals 32/60 were from the Middle School

Sexual harassment on campus needs to be addressed and maybe reviewing the policy for harassment at all levels.

- II) RFP for future Banking Needs: The board gave a head nod to explore options is needed in the future.
- III) MOU Head Nod to be added to the November or December Board Meeting for review/action
- IV) Next Month the Pillar and Action Plan Drafts will be discussed and revised.

V) Updated China Program Exchange was provided: The Chinese Visitors will arrive in Rainier On January 18th 2019 and they will depart on January 24th 2019: The administrative team is working on the agenda to include an OMSI trip, Seattle, and Astoria.

VI) The City Bridge Donation was discussed and the superintendent will let the city know that the bridge is too big for the district to use

VII) The board will work with the REA and establish the coming contract talks and the process that will be used. The board wanted to talk with the OSBA trainer for guidance and suggestions on the best course to move forward

VIII) Behavior and Discipline:

D. Vaughn reported that he walked through the building with his son and attended various classes. He stated that one teacher was interrupted 35 times and the teacher kept going and which was great work by the teacher. A discussion by the board highlighted the concept that we need to address the behavior of each of our students to ensure that one child does not take away for the learning of another student, and the board all agreed that this is important.

Phones in the classrooms is going well and the staff need to follow the same policy as the students in the classroom setting. The cell phone system appears to be working and parents still need to come and get the phones on the second offense. Mr. Blue added that progressive discipline is the model and that detention, ISS, Saturday school, and then suspension is the typical path. Our goal is to ensure that every student has a chance to learn and that one student's rights are not violated. The students are now use to phone policy, and we are trending in the right direction.

IX) Policy IIAABB:

There are also five additional AR's concerning this policy and aspects of these are clear or updated. This is especially the case when showing media clips, movie ratings, documentaries, and levels of appropriateness. The board discussed the need to overall policy revisions including this one. The superintendent was directed to seek a bid from the OSBA for a complete policy rewrite. Three board members agreed to serve on this committee: E. Placido, D. Vaughn, and K. Hollander all agreed to be part of the policy revisions.

Board Comments:

E. Richardson:

The cross country team displayed excellent sportsmanship and our boys behavior was truly outstanding and it was beautiful to see this behavior from our athletes .

The sixth grade reset team met and it was a super meeting and very successful and the teachers are taking a lead and ownership. The committee will continue to meet and we will continue to keep the board updated.

K. Hollander:

A lot of our policies are not up to date and our policies are not lining up with the administrative requirements (AR's) and she is excited about our plan for an overall update and revisions.

The Chamber of Commerce gave the school district 25 new coats and I had the honor to deliver these much needed coats to the buildings. She stated that a thank you card from the board need to be sent to the Rainier Chamber.

R. Harding:

The 6th grade reset committee meeting went really well and the teachers took ownership of the situation and how to work with the unique situation and we are moving forward.

E. Placido

The board policy requires that the board agenda is sent out at east three workdays ahead of the regular meeting, and the board needs to follow that policy. Sending out the materials early affords the board members the opportunity to be better prepared for the meeting and it provides better transparency and the community. The board chair and the superintendent stated that they would work to ensure that this policy is followed and that the materials will be sent out earlier as required.

The board chair ended the meeting at 8:21 p.m.