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Rainier School District
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2019
Boardroom 6:30 p.m.

Present: Darren Vaughn, Jeff Flatt, Rod Harding, Amber Downey, Elizabeth Richardson, Elaine Placido, Kari Hollander, Michael Carter, Scotti Erickson, Lexi Louis

Board Training about email communications, 5:30 p.m.

- I) Opening Ceremonies
 - 1) Call meeting to order
 - 2) Approve Board agenda for meeting: Darren Vaughn moved to approve agenda with shifting item nine to future agenda items, Rod Harding seconded. Passed 6-1, with Elaine Placido voting No.
 - 3) ASB update: no one present from ASB.
 - 4) Michael Paul, Public Health: not present.
- II) Consent Agenda: Elaine Placido moved to pass consent agenda item by item. Darren Vaughn seconded. Passed 7-0.
 - 1) Approve November 2019 regular minutes: Kari Hollander had multiple edits to the minutes, so Rod Harding moved to move these minutes to January meeting, Darren Vaughn seconded. Passed 6-0, Elaine Placido abstained.
 - 2) Policy Approval, Sections I, J, KL + On Holds from previous sections: Elaine Placido moved to approve, Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Passed 7-0.
- III) Public Comment: Peyton Smith: Swim team is doing well, concerns over late bus, temperature of pool, and swim coach not getting paid. Norman Owen: No hot water in the gym at HPE, no hot water in locker rooms, would like pool operation costs so public can fundraise to reopen, no middle school wrestling coach yet. Jessica Fawcett: on behalf of REA, concerns over budget and potential for cut days.
- IV) Reports
 - 1) Superintendent
 - i) Written
 - (1) Facilities
 - (2) Contracted Services
 - ii) Oral: Met with OMEC, PCC, and Carl Perkins Grant reps. CIP submission went well, still waiting on approval for Title funds. Currently working on getting the CTE grant fixed. The PUD will provide poles at cost and transport them for us, so we can get new football lights and replace them all with LED, the savings should cover the cost of the poles next year.

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- 2) Business Manager -Financial update, budget update with detail: Scotti went over financials handout and Board requested breakdown of accounts. Elaine Placido asked about line items with no funds appropriated, yet money spent there. Darren Vaughn asked how we got to this point when a balanced budget was adopted. Michael Carter supplied: preschool funding, Mental Health services, spending SSA funds early to ensure quality programs and help lower current class sizes.
- 3) Audit Summary: Our auditor, Conor Delaney, presented a letter to the Board including a clean, unmodified opinion. Nothing of note found in the audit, no major problems noticed.

V) Items for Board action or review

- 1) Student Discipline: There are concerns over student damage to facilities. Over \$1,000 in damage done to sinks, toilets, stalls, track shed broken into twice, soap dispensers, showers, VoAg shop, Commons, locker rooms. Discussed looking into volunteers to help monitor.
- 2) Safety and Security: Darren Vaughn: If the safety and security committee is being called back, would like a more specific purpose than the document provided for tonight.
- 3) Co-op Girls Soccer: Mr. Blue requested we enter a two-year agreement to continue this year's successful co-op with Clatskanie. This bumps us to 4A instead of the private league we played in this year. Darren Vaughn moved to allow the co-op. Elaine Richardson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- 4) Charter School (officially moving to general program & explanation of why it's a good thing): Shift NCA to a program of the district as opposed to separate Charter. It won't change the way it operates, but allows for budget saving, and to reevaluate and update what we want a charter to look like. Darren Vaughn moves to move NCA to a program. Rod Harding seconded. Passed 7-0.
- 5) Mental Health Service Partnership Contract update: Michael Carter met with county superintendents, it will be one day for Rainier, two for Clatskanie, and two for Vernonia. No funds from Rainier needed, will provide Prius for use. Update next month.
- 6) Staff Wellness Grant: Our staff wellness champions have been great, received a grant for just under \$10,000 to redo that staff rooms, and they want us to present at their conference over Spring Break.
- 7) Promise Funds: Discussed potentially investing money or creating a scholarship for leadership/community service focused students. Pushed to future agenda item.
- 8) Pool: Friends of Rainier Pool presented draft Letter of Intent, Swim with Santa event Sunday from 10-6 p.m. Currently they have enough raised to cover two month of operation, do not feel comfortable asking for larger donations without MOU in place. Miscommunication regarding payment of swim coach versus no cost to district, will take steps to get swim coach compensated.
- 9) Budget appropriation transfer: moved to future agenda items.

VI) Public Comment

VII) Future Agenda Items

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- 1) Special Education
- 2) Division 22 Standards
- 3) Pool
- 4) Report on OSBA and Law conferences
- 5) Superintendent's Contract
- 6) Adoption of NWRESD service plan

VIII) Board Comments

- 1) Elizabeth Richardson: Holiday Shuffle was awesome and a fun ASB fundraiser.
- 2) Darren Vaughn: Winter Concert is Thursday at 7 p.m., with the jazz band playing at 6:30 p.m.
- 3) Elaine Placido: So much fun with the creating a new empire assignment from Ms. DuMouchel's class.
- 4) Kari Hollander: Shoutout to Riley Couch.
- 5) Jeff Flatt: Shoutout to Megan Keplinger and Larry Cook for the website.

Darren Vaughn moved to adjourn, Elaine Placido seconded. Meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s): Contract Committee Meeting, 12/10/19, 6 p.m.

Special Board Meeting to discuss budget, 12/16/19, 6:30 p.m., send one-way questions to Michael Carter and Scotti Erickson

Regular Board Meetings: January 13, 2020
February 10, 2020