

Rainier School District
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2019
Boardroom 6:28 p.m.

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

Union Quarterly Meeting 5-6:15 p.m.

Board Reps: Kari Hollander, Darren Vaughn, Amber Downey

I) Opening Ceremonies

- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Approve Board agenda for the meeting. Elaine Placido motioned, Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- 3) ASB Update: Easton reported the junior high tailgater raised around \$400 or \$500, homecoming is November 1, carnival themed.
- 4) Farm to School Update: Debby Webster. 22.5% of our foods are locally sourced, which ODE stated was a very high amount.
- 5) Rainier Eagles: The Eagles raised close to \$2,000 for the backpack program.
- 6) Heidi Schafer, presenting on SpEd and disproportionality update: Developing social emotional skills with students. Suspensions are down by over half due to the wellness learning center and trauma informed care work with the elementary students. Self regulation and calm corners in classrooms are proving effective.

II) Consent Agenda: Kari Hollander motioned, Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

- 1) Approve September 2019 regular minutes
- 2) Hire of Lloyd Hartley, Jessica Marquis (temporary), Ana Hansen, Kylie Olson
- 3) Resignations of Joel Boozer, Debi Lorence, Patricia (Missy) Owen

III) Public Comment: Jessica Johns commented about facilities/gym reservation policy being difficult. Mr. Vaughn stated he would follow up.

IV) Reports

- 1) Superintendent
 - i) Written
 - (1) Contracted Services
 - ii) Oral: The PUD will be out to fix the light poles at the football field. There have been three break-ins focused on money, the sheriff was notified. The gym floor was tented and they were able to hose out the water last week. There was an incident at a soccer game, the athletic director is working on it. The museum would like to relocate to the Rainier SD campus. There was a lawsuit filed against the district on

the 3rd, received the 11th. In it, the District is named in succession of Goble SD, it will be sent to our lawyer Tuesday morning for review. The District is entering a spending freeze effective 10/16. The Student Success Act (SSA) has been broken to two pools, and is now known as the Student Investment Account (SIA). There will be a new toolkit coming for writing the CIP and SIA plans. Poverty rate will be funded double, and the Board will need to approve the SIA between March 2 and April 15th, or no money will be awarded.

- 2) Business Manager -Financial update: Spending freeze effective 10/15. The auditor sent a draft report, and will be at the December Board meeting to present the summary. The US Bank account is opened now.

V) Items for Board action or review

- 1) Quarterly meeting update: Kari Hollander gave a summary of the quarterly meeting, stating the meeting was short, sweet, and had ideas clearly outlined with many positives.
- 2) Oregon School Psychologists Association mailer: Darren Vaughn pointed out this appears to be a sales pitch.
- 3) Communication Plan: Megan Keplinger described the communication plan as a living document, and shared the new website is in process, the data is being converted from Insight Schools and is a large project with a lot of behind the scenes work. The plan is to do a soft rollout next month, with an official launch after that. Current social media for the district is Facebook for events and Twitter for FlashAlerts (emergencies/weather), and we are meeting with PageFreezer to archive our social media sites.
- 4) Summer projects update: no discussion.
- 5) Review CIP plan: Megan Keplinger and Heidi Schafer shared a presentation about what needs to be included in the CIP and how the District goals are being incorporated.
- 6) Policy Rewrite Approval: Policy sections A, B, C, D, E, F, and G minus on hold policies were presented. Darren Vaughn summarized the committee work, unnecessary and outdated policies were cut. Jeff Flatt motioned to approve policies presented, Elaine Placido seconded. Motion carried 7-0.
- 7) Facilities: Covered in Superintendent's oral report, concessions stand broken into two times, nothing was taken. Scotti Erickson commended the secretaries for following money handling procedures, leading to no money being out for taking.
- 8) Superintendent Goals: Darren Vaughn motioned to approve, Elaine Placido seconded. Passed 7-0.
- 9) Superintendent Contract Committee: Committee appointed to gather information on the legal aspect of the three-year contract, what a renewal in 2018 meant for the Superintendent's contract. Contract review committee: Amber Downey, Elaine Placido, Rod Harding.
- 10) Class Size and Teacher class load: Rainier SD has some of the lowest class sizes in the county, discussed the possibility of creating a 1st/2nd grade blend to help reduce class size in 2nd grade.
- 11) OSEA Bargaining Committee: Committee for negotiations: Kari Hollander and Elizabeth Richardson.
- 12) REA Bargaining Committee: Committee for negotiations: Darren Vaughn and Rod Harding.
- 13) Rainier Pool: Kari Hollander recused herself from the Board for the discussion on the topic of the Pool. The Friends of Rainier Pool presented a letter of intent to work with the Superintendent to reach an MOU, with the intent the Friends of Rainier Pool will reimburse the District for actual

costs. They would like to have the pool opened on November 1 for swim season, they have volunteer staff to lower operating costs . There is a fundraiser on 10/26, with other events in the works. Per Scotti and Michael, the District does not have the funding to sustain the pool should the fundraising not suffice. Darren Vaughn moved to turn the heat on and allow time to explore provisions and wait for the result of the fundraiser on 10/26 to decide if a special meeting is needed to close the pool down if the \$10,000 is not raised. Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Passed 6-0, Kari Hollander abstained.

- 14) District Holiday Party: December 6, 2019 at the Green Room, from 6-8 p.m. Debby will cater the event.

VI) Public Comment

VII) Future Agenda Items

- 1) Safety Committee
- 2) Discipline Report
- 3) City Library Update
- 4) Attendance Update
- 5) Policy Rewrite, part 2
- 6) PE Credit for sports

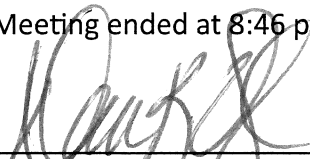
VIII) Board Comments

- 1) Darren Vaughn: Friends of Rainier Music have a dessert potluck on 10/24 at 7 p.m. in the Commons and Auditorium.
- 2) Elizabeth Richardson: The Trap Fall shoot has practices Sundays at 6 p.m. and Wednesday evenings in October at 6 p.m.
- 3) Jeff Flatt: Excited about the pool, and please remind people the donations are tax deductible.
- 4) Elaine Placido: The soccer co-op has been exciting, and the potential for a swim co-op is exciting as well.
- 5) Kari Hollander: The FFA Alumni Supporters meeting is 10/16 at 6 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting(s):

Regular Board Meetings: November 18, 2019
 December 9, 2019

Meeting ended at 8:46 p.m.



Darren Vaughn, Board Chair

11/18/2019
Date



Michael Carter, Superintendent

11-18-19
Date