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Rainier School District #13 Regular School Board Minutes  
February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.  
District Auditorium (space limited) and via Livestream

REA Quarterly meeting prior to board meeting, attended by three board members.

Present: Kari Hollander, Jeff Flatt, Rod Harding, Darren Vaughn, Noel Hisey, Elizabeth Richardson, Elaine Placido, Joseph Hattrick, Scotti Erickson

## **I. Preliminary Matters**

- A. Call meeting to order: Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- B. Approve agenda for February 22, 2021 meeting: Elizabeth Richardson moved to approve the agenda, Noel Hisey seconded. Passed unanimously.

## **II. Reports, Information, and Discussion Items**

- A. Superintendent report: Dr. Joseph Hattrick- Columbia County metrics were at 119.4 COVID cases per 100,000 people, and this week we are at 146 cases per 100,000 people. This is an increase, yet still within the range for hybrid learning. Graduation is tentatively set for June 5, at 7 p.m. either on the field or the gym. Renay Bernard and Matt Schafer were presented awards of excellence. Thank you to our technology director, kitchen staff, maintenance staff, custodial staff, certified staff, classified staff, leadership, and to our MidCo bus drivers.
- B. Graduation update - Mr. Blue and Dr. Hattrick. This was rolled into the superintendent report: tentatively set for 6/5/21, 7 p.m., location to be determined.
- C. Business Manager-Financial update: Ms. Scotti Erickson: Bargaining and budget are the current big projects. ESSER 2 allocation (CARES Act) for Rainier have been announced for \$802,000 within specific grant guidelines. The timeline will be March 13, 2020-September 30, 2023.
- D. Election announcements: Ms. Kari Hollander reminded the community that board member elections are coming up this spring. Submissions to the elections office with the signatures of those wanting to run are due mid-march. Positions up for election: Zone 1, Zone 2, Zone 5, Zone 7-At Large. Zone 4 will be up for a two year term. Zones 2 and 3 share a boundary.
- E. Update on Ethics Commission - Ms. Kari Hollander-in November the Board voted to put forth an ethics complaint. The Ethics Committee did a preliminary investigation and are moving to a full investigation. Further updates should be available July 2021.
- F. Budget Committee Vacancy reminder - Ms. Kari Hollander, interviewing and appointing at next month's meeting

## **III. Public Comment**

- A. Tonight's meeting is designed to keep presentations and deliberations efficient and effective. The board will not comment, but will listen only. They may choose to call your name for public testimony at the end of the meeting if your topic is a

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non-agenda item. The board may choose not to address your request if your topic is outside the scope of the board's governance. We ask that you remember Oregon law prohibits us from discussing specific employees or their job performance. If you wish to speak, please complete the Public Comment Form and submit to the board secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

1. Holly Thomas: "I'm writing the school board with a complaint regarding my unanswered letter to the board at the October 2020 meeting. I feel my letter was ignored. The question was and still is, has the school been paid in full from the Friends of the Pool Nonprofit Organization for the agreed use of the pool in 2019? And now according to the last board meeting, the school is paying off the pool debt. There wasn't anything mentioned about the debt from the Nonprofit Organization. What is the amount still owed? It is very unclear where all the pool debt came from and even some board members were confused. It was voted by all board members to pay this debt off. I am requesting an audit and more information to the public about this debt. I have family and friends that have donated to the Friends of the Pool Nonprofit Organization. There needs to be a full accounting of the monies raised and where they were spent. Thank you."
2. Shalana Harrison and Annie Montgomery: Thank you to Renay Bernard for your work and dedication to Rainier School District.

**IV. Consent Agenda:** Elaine Placido moved to approve the consent agenda, Darren Vaughn seconded. Passed unanimously.

- A. Approve January 11, 2021 special meeting minutes
- B. Certified Staff Renewal List
- C. Administrative Staff Renewal List

**V. Items for Board Action**

- A. 2018 Audit and Action Plan: Dr. Hattrick presented on going through the list of items noted from the auditors in regards to the 2019-2020 financial audit. None of the items are considered a significant deficiency or material weakness. If there were either of these, further action would be required and the audit opinion may be different than "unmodified," which is the best opinion a district can receive, and the opinion given on the RSD financial report. 15 of the 21 items noted are best practice recommendations, most of which we are working at implementing. The other six are considered insignificant risks, and of those, only one has not been resolved, and that item will be included in the March meeting.
- B. Operational review scope and bid: Dr. Hattrick presented the bid from OASBO and COSA for the operational review. The optional items listed on the first page are outside the scope of the current bid. The draft is estimated to be \$6,000-\$8,000. The Board asked about the breakdown (hourly versus project-based) since no timeline or cost breakdown was included in the bid. How much would it cost to add in the optional areas? If they do the report now, does

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transitioning to full in-person impact the findings? Would like to have a more complete scope of work presented down the road, no action taken.

- C. Approve NWRESD Local Service Plan: Scotti Erickson gave a quick background on what the Local Service Plan is and how it benefits Rainier. Historically these funds have been used for student services support as well as multiple applications used to support the district. The annual report from the ESD is available for more detailed information on the ESD website. Rod Harding moved to approve, Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Passed unanimously.
- D. Foster Care Enrollment Policy: Per OSBA email, an update to written procedures that clearly articulate immediate enrollment will suffice without an update to the Board policy. No action taken.
- E. Pixelott System Contract: Mr. Blue spoke on the contract. There is no cost to the District if we install the cameras ourselves. If we use their installation services it is \$2,500 for two cameras. Each additional camera/location is \$3,750 installing it ourselves, \$5,000 for their installation. There is an addendum stating there is no cost if we install the initial two cameras. Individual access is \$10.99/month or \$69.99 annually, full access to watch any game anywhere filmed over the NFHS network. We can add cameras at any time without extending the existing agreement. There are opportunities to utilize these cameras for non-revenue generating events like graduation at no cost. Pixelott takes care of all of the technical aspects, we do not have to set up each game. Elaine Placido moved to approve the contract with self-installation of the cameras, Darren Vaughn seconded. Passed unanimously.

### **VI. Future Agenda Items**

- A. Appoint budget committee member.
- B. 2021-2022 School Year Calendar
- C. Interim Superintendent Evaluation
- D. Approve January 25, 2021 regular minutes
- E. Approve February 2, 2021 special meeting minutes
- F. Pool Update

### **VII. Board Comments**

- A. Elaine Placido: Shoutout to Jenna Kampi for becoming the regional FFA president. Are the OSAA schedules online accurate? (Mr. Blue: not yet) Excited kids are back in class and learning about music again, and really hope we can get kids singing and playing instruments again.
- B. Liz: Taking my student to HPE today and seeing how welcoming it was like a warm hug and beautifully done, thank you! It was such a joy!
- C. Jeff Flatt: Exciting time to finally have an in person meeting and have kids back in the classroom. A lot of community feedback about that. Would like to see Pool updated as a future agenda item.
- D. Darren Vaughn: Shoutout to the award recipients. Rainier students did a very good job coming back to hybrid, thank you for being responsible.

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- E. Noel Hisey: Big shoutout to the teachers, such a change trying to get back to normalcy, their workload has increased, we're proud of you.
- F. Rod: Students are pretty excited, it is a wonderful thing to have this happen now.
- G. Kari: Shoutout to Jenna Kampi, FFA is still going to have a plant sale this year, be looking for the sale around Mother's Day weekend.

Rod Harding moved to adjourn, Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

- VIII. Next Meetings:** Regular Board Meeting March 29, 2021  
Regular Board Meeting April 26, 2021  
Budget Committee Meeting, April 26, 2021, 5 p.m.