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Rainier School District #13 Regular School Board Meeting
March 29, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Auditorium (limited attendance) and via livestream

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

I. Preliminary Matters

- A. Call meeting to order: Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.
- B. Approve agenda for March 29, 2021 meeting. Elizabeth Richardson moved to approve the agenda, Noel Hisey seconded. Passed unanimously.

II. Reports, Information, and Discussion Items

- A. Outdoor School Update: Ms. Emily Collins presented on the changes to the traditional Outdoor School model to allow for our sixth graders to participate in outdoor school. This year ODS will be a day camp model at Camp Collins in Gresham.
- B. Extracurricular and Cocurricular update: Mr. Graden Blue presented on the update to the music department being allowed to play their instruments again. In athletics, athletic fees and admission fees have not been charged this year. Football has had a handful of games, but have had many cancelled as well. Middle School has played three games, and three left. Volleyball has played 8 games, and have two left this week with a tournament this weekend. Middle School Volleyball has five games completed and two left to play. Cross country has a lot of participation in all levels. Masks must be worn in all athletics. Soccer is co-oping with Clatskanie, completed seven games with one left. Spring season begins April 5th, including baseball, softball, and track and field. Spectator attendance is based on county risk metrics.
- C. Public Service School Board Scholarship: Ms. Lexi Louis spoke to the Public Service School Board Scholarship of \$500 to be awarded to one student, applications will be the same as last year and are available on the website.
- D. Superintendent report: Dr. Joseph Hattrick
 1. Ready Schools, Safe Learners update: most recent update requires schools to switch to hybrid or full in person,
 2. OEA Choice Trust Mini Grant: \$4,999 for staff wellness, Debby Webster did the work for us to receive this
 3. TAP Grant Update: Kinder Transition grant \$5,100
 4. Early Childhood Education mini-grant: \$3,000
 5. Facilities Update: Boiler, around \$15,000, waiting for final invoice
 6. Work/Life Balance and Wellness Update: As leaders we should model a healthy work/life balance. Board members, please send an email if an item is not an emergency, to help model a good work life balance.
 7. Self-Review of Goals: Four main topics with an overarching theme of stabilizing the district. Community engagement, fiscal stability, quality education.

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8. Administrative Contract Process: Historically, administrators have been on one year contracts. Moving forward, would like to follow a process to align with state statutes. Present administrators for renewal in March meeting, negotiate contracts, present multi-year contracts at May/June meeting to align with ORS. Add administrator contracts to April agenda for 2020-21 contracts.
- E. Curriculum Update: Oregon Department of Education provides a timeline, by pausing this process, we can align with their annual process and review each subject in a timely manner.
- F. Pool Update and Partnerships: Dr. Joseph Hattrick. YMCA will be bringing a proposal for taking over the pool in the upcoming weeks. Did receive a public complaint regarding the pool and the debt owed by the Friends of the Rainier Pool. Due to the lack of meter and inexact amount of utilities usage, pool operating costs can only be calculated using finite fees (supplies, labor, etc.) Head nod given by a portion of the Board for moving forward from past pool discussions to look at how to isolate pool costs and make the program self-sustaining.
- G. Business Manager-Financial update: Ms. Scotti Erickson PERS bond debt, which buys down the District's PERS rates going forward, \$4,600,000 outstanding with \$445,000 payable during the 2020/21 fiscal year, further details available in the budget document. The second is QZAB (qualified zone academy bond) which covers repairs and energy efficiency improvements. The ESSER II allocation is \$802,523 to be used by September 30, 2023. There is an estimate for ESSER III, no official allocations yet, and that will be through September 30, 2024. There are summer school funding opportunities coming up, there will be a 25% district match requirement.

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 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. Mr. Brad Pinkstaff spoke to sports fees and middle school participation.
 2. Mrs. Christina Hendricks voiced questions regarding basketball and wrestling, since Mr. Blue's update did not include those sports.

IV. **Consent Agenda**: Elizabeth Richardson moved to approve, Noel Hisey seconded. Passed unanimously.

- A. Approve January 25, 2021 regular minutes
- B. Approve February 2, 2021 special meeting minutes
- C. Approve February 22, 2021 regular minutes

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D. Approve hire of Larry Wallin (custodian)

V. Items for Board Action

- A. Appoint budget committee: Tracie Widme and Christina Hendricks for the available positions. Noel Hisey moved to appoint budget committee members, Elaine Placido seconded. Passed 7-0.
- B. GASB 54 Fund Resolution Transfer: This is a resolution recommended by the auditors to be adopted, categorizes the Ending Fund Balance. Elaine Placido moved to direct the Superintendent and Business Manager to designate fund balances in accordance with GASB 54 requirements. Elizabeth Richardson seconded. Passed 7-0.
- C. Closing of two InRoads accounts to move to the general fund: The Admin Security Fund will be contributed to the Admin Scholarship Fund, and then the account will be tracked in the general fund. Noel Hisey moved to close the accounts, Elaine Placido seconded. Passed 7-0.
- D. Service Credits review and business services proposal: Historical plans reviewed, no action taken. The Board would like to see the cost analysis of shifting business services in house.
- E. NCA charter reinstatement process: Darren Vaughn moved to allow expedition of the NCA charter reinstatement process, Rod Harding seconded. Passed unanimously.
- F. Updated OASBO Operational Review: Darren Vaughn moved to have OASBO perform the review, Noel Hisey seconded. Noel Hisey retracted his second, Darren Vaughn amended the motion to include Maintenance and Facility, not to exceed \$10,000, Noel Hisey seconded. Passed 7-0.
- G. Interim Superintendent Evaluation: Scheduled for May as an interim evaluation, moving forward the evaluation will take place in March. The OSBA evaluation workbook will be sent out by Kari Hollander in the second week of April. No action taken. At the April meeting there will be a basic review of data submitted back.

VI. Future Agenda Items

- A. 2021-2022 School Year Calendar
- B. Staff handbook
- C. Student handbook
- D. Interim Superintendent Evaluation

VII. Board Comments

- A. Elizabeth Richardson: Thanks to Ms. Collins for putting together outdoor school for us, OSU extension wants pictures of the kids since we're the only ones pulling it off.
- B. Jeff Flatt: Thanks to Mr. Pinkstaff for sharing.
- C. Rod Harding: Seconded the thanks to Mr. Pinkstaff.
- D. Elaine Placido: Also thanks to Mr. Pinkstaff, it was a powerful presentation.

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- E. Noel Hisey: Kudos to Mr. Blue for staying on top of everything for our kids to play [sports] again. Emily, you rock. Mr. Pinkstaff, my kids still talk about you years later.
- F. Kari Hollander: Two weeks until the FFA plant sale is live online. Public, please come to meetings and share public comments, we need and want to hear from the community.

VIII. Executive Session: Executive session began at 8:55 p.m., re-entered open session at 8:56 p.m.

- A. To conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations. (ORS 192.660(2)(d))
 - 1. Bargaining update
 - 2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. with an anonymous vote in open session.

- IX. Next Meetings:**
- First Budget Committee Meeting April 26, 2021, 5 p.m.
 - Regular Board Meeting April 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - Second Budget Committee Meeting May 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 - Third Budget Committee Meeting (if needed) May 24, 2021
 - Regular Board Meeting May 24, 2021
 - Regular Board Meeting June 28, 2021