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Rainier School District #13 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing on the Budget-Running Concurrently

I. Preliminary Matters

- A. Call meeting to order
 - 1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.
- B. Approve agenda for May 24, 2021 meeting
 - 1. Elaine Placido made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Noel Hisey seconded the motion.

| Board Member | Present | Absent |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Kari Hollander | X | |
| Darren Vaughn | | X |
| Elizabeth Richardson | | X |
| Rod Harding | X | |
| Noel Hisey | X | |
| Jeff Flatt | | X |
| Elaine Placido | X | |

II. Public Hearing on the Budget

- A. Call the Budget meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. Public comment on the budget (6:42 p.m.: Public hearing for the budget still open. Call to audience for comments.)
 - 1. Comment 1: None
- C. Adjourn budget meeting

III. Reports, Information, and Discussion Items

- A. FFA Presentation (6:35 p.m.): Mrs. Wait & FFA members Faith Mueller, Bailey Robbins, Lucas Boursaw, Isis Hollander, Jenna Kamppi
 - 1. Faith Mueller, Sentinel: Shared FFA Creed
 - 2. Bailey Robbins, President: Shared what FFA is
 - 3. Lucas Boursaw, Treasurer: Shared why he joined FFA
 - 4. Isis Hollander, Secretary: Shared roles she has had in FFA
 - 5. Jenna Kamppi, Vice President: Shared how FFA can help you after high school
 - 6. Faith Mueller: Closure-\$6,400 total profit from recent plant sale, follow FFA Facebook page
- B. Superintendent report (6:43 p.m.): Dr. Joseph Hattrick
 - 1. Jeff Sorenson: taught Dr. Hattrick to hit his first clay pigeon a Trap Team practice
 - 2. Outdoor School: Dr. Hattrick was able to visit Camp Collins in Greshman for one day. Rainier was one of three schools in Oregon to host Outdoor School this year, following health and safety guidelines regarding COVID-19.

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3. Sports:
 - a) Cheerleaders state champions
 - b) Softball took second at state
 - c) Baseball took fourth at state
 - d) Track took four students to state:
4. Pixalot camera system is up and running
5. Sports Season 4 is underway
6. Middle school track numbers are very high
7. Dr. Hatrick participated in FFA Banquet Friday, 5/21
8. Seniors last week this week
9. Highlighted a few upcoming events in the district
10. Pandemic update: 79 cases per 100,000 currently. RSD will remain status quo with health and safety guidelines.
11. Summer Programs: three grants totaling over \$300,000
 - a) Summer School will be brick & mortar, in-person
 - b) Interest survey sent out Friday, 5/21
 - c) Tentative dates 7/26-8/27, 2021
 - d) Additional planning necessary
12. NCA-applying for 503c and charter
13. Long range facility planning grant for \$45,000 (Accepting requests for proposals until June 17)
14. Pool: continuing to work with YMCA to come up with a feasible agreement to support reopening the pool

Board Comments re: Dr. Hatrick's Presentation:

- Noel Hisey: Checked usage online. Pixalot sports camera system was a good purchase.
- Elaine Placido: Correction, her daughter is Kat, not Kate and she took 10th in track.

C. Business Manager-Financial update (6:49 p.m.): Ms. Scotti Erickson

1. Things are looking very good financially for the general fund ending balance.
2. We have updated enrollment numbers. Very close or slightly higher than originally estimated on the budget for next year.
3. 2021-2022 State School Fund estimate has changed providing \$335,000 additional in funding for the District. Dr. Hatrick stated we will use this funding for the pool, 5-year strategic planning process, and facility repairs.
4. Athletic fund: close to zero ending balance

D. REA Quarterly Meeting update (6:54 p.m.): Elizabeth Richardson was going to present, but she was absent, so Kari Hollander presented.

1. Positives from Rainier Junior Senior High School:
 - a) Zero discipline issues this year (due to small cohorts and CDL)

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- b) Spring sports going well. Many athletes went to districts and state
- c) Relationship between track coaches and middle school teachers has benefited the students.
- d) Staff Corn Hole Tournament was fun for students to watch online
- 2. Improvements at RJSHS:
 - a) Lack of admin support
 - b) Kids struggling to learn at home
 - c) Problems getting information from District Office regarding finances
 - d) Outdoor School timing and scheduling (spring sports, graduating seniors & finals, etc.)
- 3. Positives from Hudson Park Elementary:
 - a) Staff very appreciative of the district-provided RSD hoodies
 - b) Camp decorations used for staff appreciation week were donated to second grade Camp Learned-A-Lot
 - c) Outdoor School was a success
 - d) Kinder Transition Event: \$5,100 allowed for purchase of supplies for incoming kindergarten students.
 - e) Staff is appreciative of Title teacher supporting K-2 interventions
 - f) Thankful the district chose opt-in for state testing this year
- 4. Improvements at Hudson Park Elementary:
 - a) Communication regarding teacher contracts from District office
 - b) Childcare originally planned did not happen
 - c) Not enough subs

IV. **Public Comment** (7:01 p.m.)

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. Sydney Goodrich:

- a) Advocated for the students of RSD for a full, open educational experience next school year. COVID cases are diminishing, adults that want to be are vaccinated. No reason to continue the restrictions requiring masks and social distancing. Want the Board to consider no masks, no social distancing, etc. beginning next school year.

V. **Consent Agenda** (7:06 p.m.)

A. Approve April 26, 2021 regular minutes

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B. Accept resignation of Allie Ocain (custodian), Lexi Louis (administrative assistant, effective 6/2/21)

1. Noel Hisey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rod Harding seconded the motion.

2. Discussion:

a) Rod Harding: One custodian has resigned, bringing total to three, full-time custodians currently. Not on the agenda to hire more custodians, but last year we had five, full-time custodians and four, part-time custodians. What is the plan?

Dr. Hattrick: stated he posted for a custodian about three weeks ago. Staff will support with taking the trash out each day, and the custodial leads are working on a schedule to hit the main areas. May ask instructional assistants to help with some custodial tasks after students are gone.

Rod Harding: Is the plan to get back to five, full-time custodians?

Dr. Hattrick: Not sure. Four, full-time custodians for sure. Currently assessing the systems.

| Board Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Kari Hollander | X | |
| Darren Vaughn | Absent | |
| Elizabeth Richardson | Absent | |
| Rod Harding | X | |
| Noel Hisey | X | |
| Jeff Flatt | Absent | |
| Elaine Placido | X | |

VI. Items for Board Action

A. Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget (7:11 p.m.)

1. Elaine Placido made a motion to approve the Rainier School District 2021-22 budget. Noel Hisey seconded the motion.

2. Discussion: Budget resolution read by Kari Hollander.

a) Noel Hisey: Do we have enough members to meet the quorum requirements? Kari Hollander responded: Yes, we have four.

b) Rod Harding: Policy BBA-Board will employ the staff necessary to carry out the educational program and will provide for the regular evaluation of staff (duty of the board). To have the amount of money we have in the ending fund balance, and not fill certain admin positions next year like the Vice Principal at the Junior Senior High School, is not giving the correct educational footing for that facility next year. Plus, an earlier budget meeting indicated there would be the sharing of an admin position next

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year that is already in existence. I can't support the budget in it's present form.

- c) Kari Hollander: Hiring decisions are up to the Superintendent and the administrators. For the last three to six months, Dr. Hatrick has stated he is evaluating staff levels and making sure we are handling what needs to be handled and adjusting accordingly. With a new administrator coming on board at the high school next year, the administrator and the superintendent will decide what the needs are of the high school. It's their decision, not ours. There is plenty of money that we can move as necessary if they make a decision that requires funding. Money is not being squandered. It is being set aside for future use. This is operations, which is up to the administration of the district, not the school board.
- d) Elaine Placido: Concerned you (Rod Harding) didn't bring this up as a concern when the Board was meeting with the Budget committee.
- e) Rod Harding: I did bring the concern up at one of the budget meetings. Staffing levels are a Board issue. In the past, if there were going to be cuts, they were brought up earlier to the Board. With \$1.3 million in unappropriated ending fund balance, it's hard to say increased class size and less admin is best for kids.
- f) Kari Hollander: We need seven Board members present, so we can pass the budget at the June meeting.
- g) Dr. Hatrick: We have made some changes through attrition, but no RIFs (Reduction in force). We will have half time curriculum @ both schools next year. We have more admin than we've seen before at the high school. Our staffing is based on what the need is of the district.

| Board Member | Aye | Nay |
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| Kari Hollander | X | |
| Darren Vaughn | Absent | |
| Elizabeth Richardson | Absent | |
| Rod Harding | | X |
| Noel Hisey | X | |
| Jeff Flatt | Absent | |
| Elaine Placido | X | |

Motion failed and will get moved to the June meeting.

B. Library IGA (7:22 p.m.)

- 1. Elaine Placido made a motion to approve the City Library Intergovernmental Agreement between RSD and City of Rainier. No one seconded the motion because all were in favor of tabling the approval.
- 2. Discussion:

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- a) Dr. Hattrick: RSD provides the librarian to the City of Rainier to provide services to the city. Great partnership, especially when we look at summer and ways to expand programs that reach specifically to Rainier students who are not in session (during the summer). Asked for slightly more compensation to cover the costs for staffing, so there is no cost to the district with this partnership.
- b) Kari Hollander: Fourth bullet-Rural library pass costing \$15 per year. Had been waived previously. Willing to approve the IGA minus the fourth bullet point.
- c) Elaine Placido: Agreed with Kari Hollander
- d) Noel Hisey: Concurred with both Kari Hollander and Elaine Placido

| Board Member | Aye | Nay |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Kari Hollander | N/A | |
| Darren Vaughn | Absent | |
| Elizabeth Richardson | Absent | |
| Rod Harding | N/A | |
| Noel Hisey | N/A | |
| Jeff Flatt | Absent | |
| Elaine Placido | N/A | |

C. Public Service Scholarship (7:25 p.m.)

1. No motion or second.
2. Discussion:
 - a) Kari Hollander: \$500 scholarship for those engaged in public service. Two candidates. Vote by number to keep it secret until awards night.
 - (1) Kari Hollander, Elaine Placido and Noel Hisey voted for #1, Rod Harding voted for #2.
 - #1 will receive the scholarship.

D. 2021-2022 School Year Calendar (7:26 p.m.)

1. Dr. Hattrick: Original calendar sent out, but then there was a secondary calendar sent out with updates to reflect the results of the survey sent out to staff and parents. 85 staff responses and 226 parent responses. 78% of staff and 65% of parents are in favor of calendar being Monday through Friday, full days with early release Wednesdays dismissing at 1:00 p.m. Prosing a request for the Board to consider a tentative approval of the calendar with final approval at our next Board meeting (June). The tentative approval would be in compliance with policy and would give both the REA and OSEA to look through the calendar to make sure we're all on the same page prior to official adoption of the 2021-2022 district calendar.

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Elaine Placido moved to tentatively approve the calendar and Noel Hisey seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

| Board Member | Present | Absent |
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| Kari Hollander | X | |
| Darren Vaughn | | X |
| Elizabeth Richardson | | X |
| Rod Harding | X | |
| Noel Hisey | X | |
| Jeff Flatt | | X |
| Elaine Placido | X | |

VII. Future Agenda Items (7:28 p.m.)

- A. Staff handbook
- B. Student handbook
- C. Administrator Contracts 2021-2023 presentation

VIII. Board Comments

Elaine Placido: Continued thanks to teachers and staff trying to keep students motivated with schooling. Coaches and Mr. Blue did a lot of juggling of schedules to make sports happen. Athletics have been a real blessing for the kids this year. Band kids have been practicing altogether, which has been fantastic. It's very inspiring the work that is being done by so many people.

Noel Hisey: Thanks to the parents, teachers, faculty/staff, students, and community for all their hard work and perseverance. They have suffered a lot and it's good to see how well they have managed, preschool up to seniors. They have all championed it. Keep up the good work.

Rod Harding: Shout out to the Outdoor School group. The ODS student I talked to was very excited to go every day. Hats off to them.

Kari Hollander: Second what everyone has already said. Congrats to all of the seniors. You have survived a pandemic and graduated anyway. Shout out to the student athletes who have worked with canceled games and tough times. We had so many from so many sports go to state...the cheerleaders have all accomplished something really great this year. Kudos to all of you for making this year a success.

Noel Hisey: Thanks to the fellow Board members and Dr. Hattrick. It was a year we had to persevere through. Proud to be on this Board to work with some professionals and we have been able to talk through things and continue to make great strides to make this school great!

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(7:34 p.m.) End of meeting. Will step into executive session to address the Superintendent's evaluation. A summary of the evaluation will be presented at the June meeting.

Noel Hisey made a motion to adjourn the meeting into executive session. Kari Hollander seconded the motion.

IX. Executive Session

- A. To review and evaluate the performance of the superintendent. (ORS 192.660(2)(i))

Noel Hisey made a motion to adjourn the executive session at 9:02 p.m. Elaine Placido seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to adjourn.

X. Next Meetings: _____ Regular Board Meeting June 28, 2021