

**Rainier School District  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 11, 2015  
Boardroom**

**Present:** Dale Archibald, Penny Blahm, Sean Clark, Rod Harding, Monica Rea, and Chad Womack

**Absent:** Bill Scholten

**Also:** Michael Carter (Superintendent), Lil Guisinger (Business Manager), and Mary Akin (Board Secretary)

**Others:** Graden Blue, Melissa Sandven, Megan Benson, Gretchen Demko, Raquel Duarte (The Chief), Erin Fox, Matt Schafer, Heidi Blakley, Janice Essenberg (NWRESO)

**Opening Ceremonies**

Call meeting to order

Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

Approve Board agenda for meeting

Harding motioned and Womack seconded to approve the Board agenda. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

ASB Update

Keaton Knox provided a brief ASB update. Prom went great and Spring Fling Week is in full swing. The food drive went well we are in the process of voting on Tape the Teacher. Schafer is in the lead and Sandven is following in second place.

**Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

**Consent Agenda**

Harding motioned and Archibald seconded to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed with all in favor and no discussion. The following were approved with the consent agent:

- April 13, 2015 regular and executive session meeting minutes and April 28, 2015 budget committee meeting minutes;
- disbursements for April 2015;
- recommendations to hire for Jesse Jones (maintenance worker) and Bridget Baril (HPE teacher), Andrew Perri, Robin DuMouchel, Robin Manning (RJSHS summer

school teachers), and Andrew Perri, Charlie Newton, and Megan Benson (Summer Camp Counselors); and

- resignations of Sue Byrum (HPE teacher), Nancy Kernutt (HPE teacher), Kristina Brinton-Anderson (RJSHS teacher), and Stephanie Stevenson (Speech language pathology assistant).

## **Reports**

### **Superintendent**

Carter found another option for the pool cover. It will be L-shaped and much cheaper. It has to be hand-cranked but it is the best option we have come across. The cover will cost us \$15,000 maximum. Archibald asked why we are moving forward with purchasing a cover if we plan to outsource the pool. Carter said the funds are from a grant and we will use the cover even if we outsource it.

We hired a new maintenance worker to take Brannon Starr's place. He is working out very well. One of our custodians, Jim Prah, filled in for the vacancy and we are very grateful to him for that.

We will be going with propane buses through Midco for the next school year. They have a price-lock on for 2.5 to 3 years. Clark appreciated the Question and Answer document that Midco provided regarding the sale.

The garbage bill has increased substantially from previous years. We met with them and are waiting to hear back regarding a refund. It turn out that we were being billed all year for a dumpster that was only used for a few weeks last summer. With the high cost of garbage service, we are considering buying a truck to haul our own bins to get the cost down.

Blahm and Archibald commented that the district grounds look very good. They are going to have Mike George fill in the area around the baseball practice field.

The plant sale starts next week.

### **Business Manager**

Guisinger went over her financial reports. The budget report reflects revisions due to an update for the 13/14 school year funding. The 14/15 update comes out on Friday. The ending fund balance currently at [\$160,629] will be closer to [\$250,000] by the end of the year. The athletic fund is about the same as it was last month. The budget resolution summary covers through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, about nine months. There were no major changes to the capital improvements reserve funds. The April report will reflect the payment of the bleachers. Enrollment continues as expected. We continue to be lower than last year at this time.

### **Items for Board action or review**

#### Furlough (cut) days from school year-May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>

The teachers' union (Rainier Education Association) will be voting on this tomorrow. Carter can let everyone know, if it is approved, that school on the 21<sup>st</sup> will be cancelled. Blahm motioned to cut two days in the spring, May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. Harding seconded the motion which passed unanimously with no discussion.

#### Sale of Mid-Columbia Bus Company

Carter covered the sale in his oral report. There is no Board action necessary.

#### Superintendent Evaluation

Carter was pleased with the survey. It came back with an average rating of 3 for the community and 5.1 for staff. Over 200 people responded.

#### Summer school proposal, RHSHS and HPE

Carter reviewed the summer school options for the different levels. Early indicators show that the number of students enrolled will be similar to last year. We had eight students participate last summer and they all were successful in earning their credits.

#### Change June Board meeting from June 8 to June 15, 2015

Carter is suggesting that we move the June Board meeting. The current scheduled date is the week of the graduation so it will be a busy week. If we reschedule the meeting, it would allow us another option for us to add an additional budget committee meeting, if necessary. There would also be more time to get accurate figures for the budget. Womack will be at his All-Stars game so will not be in attendance if we change the meeting. Harding motioned to change June meeting from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>. Blahm seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

#### Add a June 2, 2015 budget committee meeting

With the current budget concerns, there was interest in adding an additional budget committee meeting. We can cancel it if we decide we do not need it. Archibald motioned and Harding seconded to add a June 2<sup>nd</sup> budget committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously with no discussion.

#### Graduation – who will be handing out diplomas?

Rea agreed to hand out diplomas at the graduation since her son will be graduating this year.

#### Second reading for February 2015 policy revisions

Womack motioned to approve the policy revisions. Blahm seconded the motion which passed unanimously with no further discussion. The following revisions were approved with the motion.

- DN – Disposal of District Property, Version 1 (Highly Recommended)
- EBCB – Emergency Drills (Highly Recommended)
- EBCD – Emergency Closures (Highly Recommended)
- GBDA – Mother Friendly Workplace (Required)
- GBM – Staff Complaints (Required)
- IKH – Credit for Proficiency (Version 1 or 2) (Optional)
- JFG – Student Searches (Required)
- JFG-AR – Student Searches (Required)
- JHCD – Nonprescription Medication (Required)
- JHCDA – Prescription Medication (Required)
- JHCD/JHCDA-AR – Nonprescription/Prescription Medication (Required)
- LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance (New conditionally required)
- LGA – Compliance with Standards (Highly Recommended)
- LGA-AR(1) – Public Appeals and Complaints about Alleged Violations of Standards (Highly Recommended)
- LGA-AR(2) – Appeal to the State Superintendent for Alleged Standards Violation (Highly Recommended)

#### **Future Agenda Items**

- Superintendent Contract

#### **Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2) (d) and (f)**

Clark moved the Board into executive session at 7:58 p.m. and back into open session at 9:01 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

Clark closed the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

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Sean Clark, Board Chair

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Michael Carter, Superintendent

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