

**Rainier School District #13**  
**Minutes**  
Rainier School District Boardroom

**Regular Board Meeting**  
December 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Dr. Placido, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Zytniowski, Mr. Schimmel

**Absent:** Mrs. Usher

**I. Preliminary Matters**

**A.** Call Meeting to Order at 6:31 p.m.

**B.** Pledge of Allegiance

**C.** Welcome Statement

- The Board welcomes visitors to our meetings, and values comments from district patrons that improve the quality of education for students. The Board, at their discretion, will recognize comments from the audience with a completed comment form submitted to our board secretary prior to our public comment section of the agenda. We must require, however, that complaints be directed through the administration for resolution. Comments made during this session must be free of abusive language, personal attacks on district personnel, and not directed towards any department. We also ask that presentations be limited to (3) minutes. Thank you for joining us tonight.

**D.** Approve Agenda

<b>Motion:</b> Mrs. Hendricks motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Richardson				
	1st	2nd	Yes	No
Dr. Placido			x	
Christina Hendricks	x		x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Adam Zytniowski			x	
Elizabeth Richardson		x	x	
Charles Weaver			x	
<b>Discussion:</b> None				

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

**A. Superintendent Report, Dr. Hatrick**

1. Celebrations: Free meals for students, Staff Holiday party is Wednesday and our Holiday Lunch for all is on Thursday.
2. Communications: Pool Letter, had to close rather abruptly, awaiting structural engineering report.
3. Facility Updates: Boiler is supposed to arrive this week and campus is closed over winter break due to no heat in buildings. The pool closure
4. Grants: The CTE Grant was rejected and an appeal has been submitted and the Early Literacy Grant Released and is due January 8th
5. We have hired two SLP's
6. Legislative Updates: House Bill 2281 (2023) requires 1 or more Civil Rights Coordinators to be designated goes into effect January 1, 2024
7. Volunteer Process: This has been resolved
8. Budget Committee: We are finalizing the Draft budget Calendar and will have a few vacancies

**Discussion/Questions:** What are the challenges with small school districts? Wear a lot of hats and in a lot of larger districts there is a lot more support to wear those hats.

**REA Quarterly, Dr. Placido:** Full board received communication from REA earlier this week. Several Compliments were provided, Nick did a great job setting up the chromebooks, Good job Maintenance for the improvements to the aesthetics of the grounds. Some concerns were workshopped on the fly because they had not gone through the proper process. Some better onboarding for training new staff in regards to programs and curriculum, safety concerns, questions about wage agreements, concerned with how cold the buildings are, more professional development opportunities, discipline issues and having more tools to access for students skipping, it would be cool to have members of the board check out some cool things going on with CTE, discussed challenges and perception with budgeting.

- B. Financial Report, Mrs. Collins:** written report provided, Just finishing up our audit, see attached

**Discussion/Questions:** Looks great, thanks

- C. Curriculum Adoption Process, Mr. Howell:** This is our year for science and the state made some last minute adjustments to the approved curriculum last month. The plan is to form committee, order samples from those that provide k-12 curriculum, set criteria,

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survey out to staff and get rolling in January, narrow it down and finalize our pick by March to present to Superintendent then board

**Discussion/Questions:** No board action at this time, thank you.

- D.** NWRESO County Service Center, Matt Doyle: Introduced himself. He started as NWRESO as the Columbia County Administrator on July 1, 2023. He had been a St. Helens school district admin supporting teachers. The NWRESO is the largest of the education service districts in Oregon and serves 20 districts throughout Columbia, Clatsop, Tillamook and Washington Counties. ESD works to fill gaps and provide support with staffing, pd opportunities and grant writing. Working in Columbia County to enhance CTE. Most of my work focuses on early learning. I convene county SpEd Directors to ask how we can support students better. Equity and Tier 3 students.

**Discussion/Questions:** Does the ESD support grant writing? Yes we have a team to help with that. We are also applying for early literacy grants. When I worked in St. Helens we had help. You guys are writing early learning grants, are you competing with districts? We can apply as well. Dr. Hattrick, the grant writers weren't available with the last grant to help.

How do you choose between who you are helping? Last year, the grant writer just figured it out. We don't choose from a hat. We won't just not support a school district. Were ESD supposed to help? Dr. Hattrick, Yes, they were supporting 9 other districts and morning it was due the grant writers emailed good luck if you choose to continue writing and submitting.

Thank you Mr. Doyle.

### **III. Public Comment**

- A.** *The Board may now recognize individuals who have submitted a completed public comment form.*

**None**

### **IV. Consent Agenda**

- A.** Approve November 13, 2023 Regular meeting minutes  
**B.** Approve November 13, 2023 Executive session minutes  
**C.** First Read of Policies: DBDB, AC-AR, JFCF-AR, JGE, EFA-AR, GBEA, GCDA/GDDA-AR, IGBAF, IGBAF-AR, IGBB, IGBBC, IGBBC-AR, IGDJ, IK, JGAB

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**Motion:** Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Zytniowski

	1st	2nd	Yes	No
Dr. Placido			x	
Christina Hendricks			x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Adam Zytniowski		x	x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Charles Weaver			x	
<b>Discussion:</b> None				

**V. Items for Board Action**

- A.** RJSJS & Vernonia Swim Team Co-Op, Mr. Miller: The pool closure should have no bearing on the pool closure. Vernonia high school does not have a pool. Vernonia students will practice and travel under the Rainier Banner. We will remain in Special District 3.

**Motion:** Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the RJSJS & Vernonia Swim Team Co-Op with the changes of a 1 year contract and location being changed, seconded by Mr. Weaver

	1st	2nd	Yes	No
Dr. Placido			x	
Christina Hendricks			x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Adam Zytniowski			x	

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Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Charles Weaver		x	x	
<p><b>Discussion:</b> Vernonia students responsible to get to and fro? Yes, Vernonia School District will be responsible. Other costs as far as coaches cost and uniforms, is Vernonia helping with those costs? The student athletes purchase their own as we do not recycle swimsuits through students. We incurred the cost of the coach, so we did not write in the cost for that.. We are in the process of solidifying our schedule. Home meet will be in Kelso and we have been in contact with OSBA to ensure we are not in any violation. Is our insurance covering Vernonia or do they get their own. When we hosted the soccer co-op we did not ask for insurance. How does the road closure impact us. Practice may be at St. Helens. We changed the league for soccer. That impacted our play for postseason, will that cost us districts and state? Yes, but I will verify with OSBA prior to getting this approved. Out of due diligence I think we would ask for Vernonia to provide a COLI. Apiary Road is closed for the foreseeable future. This is a 3 year program? Yes. Can we do a 1 year and revisit next year.</p>				

**B. OSBA Letter**

<b>Motion:</b> Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the OSBA Letter, seconded by Mr. Schimmel				
	1st	2nd	Yes	No
Dr. Placido			x	
Christina Hendricks			x	
Eric Schimmel		x	x	
Adam Zytniowski			x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Charles Weaver			x	
<b>Discussion:</b> None				

- C. SIA Grant Agreement with Longitudinal Growth Targets, Dr. Hattrick:** This grant agreement captures everything I've presented previously in one space.

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**Motion:** Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the SIA Grant Agreement with the State of Oregon Longitudinal Growth Targets, seconded by Mrs. Hendricks

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Dr. Placido			x	
Christina Hendricks		x	x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Adam Zytniowski			x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Charles Weaver			x	

**Discussion:** None

- D. Science Trip to Belize, Carrie Merino:** This is my 3rd year here at Rainier. This is through EF, cost is about \$5000.00 per student for June of 2025. We already have 6 travelers signed up. There are several pre-packaged tours and this a trip where they are actually involved, they snorkel, do reef clean up, will see manatees and go zip lining

**Motion:** Mrs. Richardson motioned to approve the Science Trip to Belize provided they can raise the funds, seconded by Mr. Zytniowski

	1st	2nd	Yes	No
Dr. Placido			x	
Christina Hendricks			x	
Eric Schimmel			x	

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Adam Zytniowski		x	x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Charles Weaver			x	
<p><b>Discussion:</b> What do you need from us? You're backing us up with fundraising efforts, we have lots of ideas for this so that the burden of this doesn't fall on families. We as a board have to approve trips over 100 miles.</p> <p>What's the age group? Generally speaking, finishing 9th grade and up, but my children are going and we can allow any student age 11 and up without parents. We do have a parent bringing her younger child as well. Is there anyone going that has been to Belize before?</p> <p>I picked this organization because they have been in business for over 50 years and Mr. Demko said he approves. They are professional and they have a lot of things in place for safety.</p> <p>Freshman physics, nice! Central America is a great place for students. Climate perspective, there is no place better to see the changing world than central america. What's the time frame for travel? June 15-June 28 is our window. Is there a cap on numbers? Yes and no. The EF has guaranteed 12 students, but we can fill a bus, so up to 45. Students and volunteers will be fundraising for \$5000.00 each</p>				

- E. Establish Labor Union Bargaining Teams, Dr. Hatrick: Looking for 3 volunteers for each. Dr. Hatrick does the negotiations, we caucus and it is important for us to back him up**
1. REA: Dr. Placido, Mr. Schimmel, Mr. Zytniowski
  2. OSEA: Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Usher

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

1. Board Self-Evaluation
2. Superintendent Contract Negotiations

**VII. Board Comments**

Thank you Debby and the Nutrition team for providing free lunches to our families. This is a huge impact for our community. Free lunch thing is absolutely amazing.

PTO is still looking for teachers and parents to volunteer.

Thank you policy committee members, really good discussion. Thank you to the board, staff, and community that attended the facility planning meeting.

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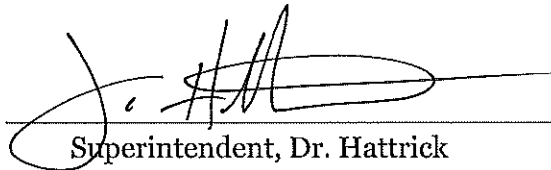
**VIII. Next Meetings**

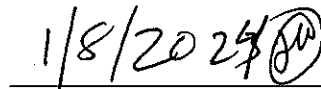
- A. January 8, 2024 - Regular Meeting
- B. January 22, 2024 - Board Work Session/Long-Range Facility Planning, 5 p.m. in the commons, food provided.
- C. February 5, 2024 - Regular Meeting


**IX. Meeting Adjourned at 7:29 pm**

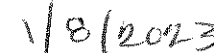
Mrs. Hendricks motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Richardson

Approved by Unanimous consent

  
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Superintendent, Dr. Hattrick

  
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Board Chair, Dr. Placido

  
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Date

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