

Rainier School District #13

Minutes

Rainier School District Boardroom

Regular Board Meeting

April 8, 2024

6:30pm

Present: Dr. Placido, Mr. Schimmel, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. Weaver, Mrs. Usher, Mr. Zytrowski

I. Preliminary Matters

- A. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:30pm
- 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 toward any department. We also ask the presentation be limited to (3) minutes. Thank you for joining us tonight.

D. Approve Agenda

Motion:	I make a motion to approve the April 8, 2024 agenda striking Item H under Action Items as it will be under reports.			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Christine Usher			x	
Charles Weaver			x	
Adam Zytrowski		x	x	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

II. Reports, Information, and Discussion Items

A. Superintendent Report, Dr. Hattrick:

- a. Happy Rainier Educator Appreciation Week, April 15-19, 2024
- b. Oregon Professional Educator Fair, Rainier will be represented again, this Wednesday by members of the leadership team
- c. We still have 4 Budget Committee Member Vacancies
- d. ESSER III Update, this has previously been approved, but I will continue to update you. We were able to come under budget on several items and have been able to add additional funds for other needed areas, see attached

Questions/Discussion:

What happens if we can't fill budget seats?

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We would be able to continue as is. Budget committee would be made up of the 3 budget members and our board members.

- B. Financial Report, Mrs. Collins:** Midco was late with an invoice or two. Interim audit started today and we are in full question mode right now.

Good luck with the Audit

- C. History Bowl Team, Mrs. Stout & Mr. Demko:** We, the Rainier History Bowl team qualified for Nationals again, so we are asking for permission to go again. Gone from April 25 - 29th

Questions:

Fundraising? We had money for it. Fortunately, airfare is coming down. For the 6 of us to go would be about \$ Competing on 26, 27 and 28th.

Motion:	I make a motion to approve the History Bowl team traveling to Nationals			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Christine Usher		x	x	
Charles Weaver			x	
Adam Zytnowski			x	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

D. REA Quarterly Recap, Mrs. Usher

- a. Appreciate: ...funding for summer school, proactive
- b. Concerns: Lack of credit recovery options and online classes, frustration with lack of speech services this year, we have 2 PT slpa now as esd could not meet our needs, access between buildings by employees, state of auditorium and our insurance will do some more, black mold under hand dryers, temperature regulation in some classes, students using big spaces and how they can schedule use.

E. Committee Presentation

- 1. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Howell:
 - a. Been diving into the science curriculum
 - b. We are down to 2 options that are k-12
 - c. Couple more meetings to go in the next couple of weeks and should be able to present to the board at our May meeting.

Questions: How is science taught differently between the ages?

2 main ways, in elementary k-6 will be 2-3 times a week during specials where at the upper grades it is taught by subject. Both our options have a great online presence but it is not necessary

- 2. Centralized Safety Committee, Mr. Lovell: See attached

Questions/Discussion: none

3. Sports Facility Committee, Mr. Miller

- a. Was formed early November, invited 12 members ended on 7-8
- b. Mixture of Board, Staff and Community
- c. Looked at receiving a batting cage from community
- d. Goal was to examine what problem the facility was solving, concerns with receiving donated materials

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- e. Answered 30 plus questions in regards to the concerns and met with Mr. Brown and Dr. Hattrick
- f. Once the weather hit back in January we had to cancel then the next meeting I was unable to attend and another member met in my stead

Questions/Discussion: none

F. Summer School, Dr. Hattrick:

- a. Summer Learning Grants were provided, but out of 281 districts, Oregon funded 72 and we were ranked 125th
- b. The funding application was so prohibitive
- c. Rainier is allocating \$70,000 for summer learning
- d. We can provide template letters on the website

Questions/Discussion: What is the cost of summer school?

It has varied. 2 years ago we provided stipends to spend down. This year we will really be able to gauge this. Thank you Dr. Hattrick, admin and I hope that our community members have heard and will reach out. 4082 started out as a grant process and I don't think that Commenting now will do us no good. Think about this next year at Christmas time. Read your OSBA emails and comment on it. The approach that Oregon is using is...

III. Public Comment

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

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Facility: We are a public servant and we are out of funding and the community is starting to help us. Talking about the batting cage, the majority of the funding will come from the community, but what about 5 years from now, so that it doesn't have mold in it? Back in 2008 I was here and it was looking so nice, but then I come for a conference for my son last year and it is getting worn down. We talk, but we need action. The community needs to know that we are working for them. The community doesn't get it yet, they close their ears. When people start giving stuff, let's receive it and welcome them instead of just throwing them away.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- A. Approve Minutes from March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting
- B. Resignation of:
 - a. Christina Hendricks - Board Member
 - b. David Weaver - RJSHS

Motion:	I make a motion to approve the April 8, 2024 consent agenda.			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Etalne Placido			X	
Elizabeth Richardson	X		X	
Eric Schimmel			X	
Christine Usher		X	X	
Charles Weaver			X	
Adam Zytniowski			X	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

Discussion: Offer thanks to Mrs. Hendricks for her service and I wish her the best,

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V. Items for Board Action:

A. Reschedule May Board/Budget Meeting, Dr. Hattrick

Motion:	I make a motion to approve the revised board meeting and budget meeting schedule as presented.			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson			x	
Eric Schimmel	x		x	
Christine Usher			x	
Charles Weaver		x	x	
Adam Zytnowski			x	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

Upcoming meetings listed on Agenda, are these in addition?

Yes

B. 2024/2025 District Calendar Snapshot, Dr. Hattrick

- a. because we are in the middle of bargaining dates could be impacted, so based on county schools we were okay with just offering a few of the important dates for now
- b. Calendar should be approved at the May meeting

Motion:	I make a motion to tentatively approve the snapshot calendar dates for the 2024 - 2025 school year.			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido				
Elizabeth Richardson				
Eric Schimmel				
Christine Usher				
Charles Weaver				
Adam Zytnowski				
Notes: Motion Approved.				

C. Instructional Minute Permission, Dr.

- a. Based on our annual snowpocalypse we are requesting a waiver to simply waive our 11 hours of missed school.

Motion:	I make a motion to approve the instructional time waiver of 11 hours for the 2023 - 2024 school year.			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson			x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Christine Usher			x	
Charles Weaver	x		x	
Adam Zytnowski		x	x	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

Questions/Discussion: June 18th is last day of school? That is currently a snow make up day.

D. Superintendent Evaluation

- a. was completed last month. Dr. Hattrick was provided a written copy.
- b. I appreciate the board's time for this

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E. YMCA Contract, Dr. Hattrick

- a. 8 weeks of programming on campus
- b. Mon - Thurs on Rainier Campus

Motion:	I make a motion to approve the YMCA and Rainier 2024 Summer Camp Agreement as proposed.			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson	x		x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Christine Usher			x	
Charles Weaver			x	
Adam Zytnowski		x	x	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

Questions/Discussion: Cost with discount? I can get that.

No cost to district

F. Announcement of Board Vacancy, Dr. Hattrick and Dr. Placido

Motion:	I make a motion to announce the vacancy of an at-large board seat following the terms as described			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson			x	
Eric Schimmel	x		x	
Christine Usher			x	
Charles Weaver			x	
Adam Zytnowski		x	x	
Notes: Motion Approved.				

Discussion: At-Large short term

G. Sports Facility Direction, Scott Taylor: Written proposal provided

- a. Facility we would like to put here for Softball and Baseball
- b. Cost breakdown, we do not even really have a preliminary drawing, I do need to know where the building is going first.
- c. Rock donated
- d. Concrete match
- e. Lumber donation

Motion:	I make a motion to further get some questions answered from proposal			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Elaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson			x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Christine Usher	x		x	
Charles Weaver			x	
Adam Zytnowski		x	x	
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Discussion: I am on the proposal. Scott and I sat down with Dr. Hatrick back in late October Youth on - high school access. Youth programs are both willing to support this.

Not all of the material would be donated, we do have a lot of commitment and there is still a lot of fundraising that needs to happen. We haven't even spoken to some of the bigger businesses. On school property how would it be available to the community? At the school district's discretion, just like the gyms.

If it can be here, coaches have most of the control and athletic director.

Concern is the upkeep and moving forward with another building to maintain when we have a pool we can't keep running, the cost of electricity and an auditorium that is crumbling.

Location? South side of parking, there is a flat spot that doesn't get used. Concerns especially when we don't take care of well now, so I'm curious as to future cost.

The maintenance director might have a better idea of cost. I imagine the non profit that is gifting it has a vested interest and will continue to invest in it.

We're comparing a new building with buildings that have been here for years. I don't think he's come here to get the okay today, but to get the questions answered

Dr. Hatrick: We would want to know what questions the committee was working on or what is the specific ask?

Discussion: As a district are we wanting to move forward on some level, so that's up to whoever makes a motion. What are we okaying here? You can amend the motion. I don't know what to ask for? Attorney cost \$410 an hour.

There is a building down at track that was done not that long ago, so you could look that up

The list of questions came from dr. Hatrick and yourself and we answered most of them. Some will be answered as the permitting goes and that the non profit will pay for without getting legal advice. I think that's where we would start with those and getting legal advice there. This is money well spent to promote this project.

Just worried about the optics of spending funds when our other buildings are crumbling around us. Just giving a blank check is an issue.

why don't you just amend it with a cap?

I don't know a reasonable amount is?

Dr. Hatrick could you answer this?

Dr. Hatrick: It's been awhile, 25 unanswered questions

There is only about 5 questions, I'd be surprised if they spent more than 10 hours on it.

Motion:	I make a motion to amend the motion to get some questions answered from proposal with a cap of \$7500 from district attorneys			
	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay
Eilaine Placido			x	
Elizabeth Richardson			x	
Eric Schimmel			x	
Christine Usher	x		x	
Charles Weaver			x	
Adam Zytnowski		x	x	
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Discussion: I feel this is reasonable

Dr. Hattrick: I will just give them the whole list as I do not know which are which.

H. Updated ESSER Plan - no action needed, moved to Superintendent's report.

VI. Superintendent Search, Dr. Placido: See attached updated report
Community meetings were last week, there currently is a survey online and it is open until tomorrow night at midnight

Application closes 21st or 22nd

VII. Future Agenda Items

None

VIII. Board Comments:

Thank you Usher and Placido for doing REA Quarterly

Thank you Mrs. Hendricks for time served on the board! Congratation History Bowl Team

Rainier High's Equestrian Team - 3 qualified for state

We need to be accountable to the students, the parents and the taxpayers. We have a lot of work to do, we need to bridge the Superintendent and we need to get this right. I strongly recommend that we are together and efficiently and we have a lot of things to address and we need money to improve.

Happy Educator Appreciation Week! We do not recognize them enough. 4 budget committee member positions open. Encourage everyone to apply.

I appreciate the work that Christina did and I would encourage many applicants.

Congrats OHSET.

2 CBA's, a budget, new Superintendent. Lot's of time, thank you Mrs. Collins for all your work.

IX. Next Meetings:

A. April 22, 2024 – Budget Committee Meeting @ 5pm in Boardroom

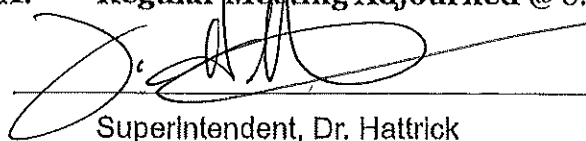
B. April 22, 2024 – Special Meeting to follow Budget Committee

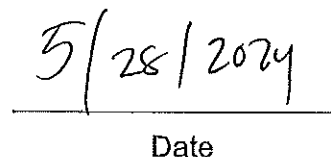
C. May 8, 2024 - Special Meeting

D. May 13 & 16 - Superintendent Interviews

E. May 28, 2024 - Regular Meeting

X. Regular Meeting Adjourned @ 8:01 pm


Superintendent, Dr. Hattrick


Date


Board Chair, Dr. Placido


Date