



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, Tues, December 18, 2018  
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400  
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

**Topic:**

*Time for the school board to share district legislative priorities with local elected state officials.*

Mr. Jansons called the meeting to order at 11:02 A.M. Heather Cleary and Brett Amidan were excused.

Senator Sharon Brown stated committees were restructured this year. Senator Brown will participate on the Ways and Means, Energy, and Higher Education Committees.

Dr. Schulte began by thanking Senator Brown for state funding increases including: Full day kindergarten, K-3 class size reductions, Career and Technical Education (CTE) staffing and equipment, salary and wages increases, transportation costs, and MSOC Funding.

Dr. Schulte reviewed a handout of Richland School District priorities issues including:

- **Support for school facilities that meet the needs of basic education**
  - Increase the K-3 student space allocation from 90 square feet to 130 square feet per student.
- **Improve student, staff and school safety**
  - Increase staffing formulas in the prototypical staffing model to allow for a school nurse, mental health counselor, and school security officer for every 500 students.
- **Provide ample and equitable state funding while empowering local districts**
  - Equalize local effort assistance to \$2,500 per student.
  - Increase the special education funding each biennium until all special education costs are met.
  - Use a salary allocation model for funding wages and salaries that takes into account costs based on experience, education, cost of living and regional variations.
- **Allow more flexibility in graduation requirements**
  - Allow local districts to use a college admission test instead of the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) for school accountability. Do not require a passing score on one such test when accumulating 24 credits over four years and passing multiple course tests and assignments.

Senator Brown asked Board members for their help to share priorities with state legislators via remote testimony during the upcoming session.

Mr. Jansons thanked Senator Brown for meeting with District officials and asked for her support of the issues discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 A.M.

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