



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, Friday June 29, 2018
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members present: Heather Cleary, Rick Donahoe, and Jill Oldson. Brett Amidan participated via conference call.

Rick Jansons called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

TOPICS:

Childcare Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Mike Hansen, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, reviewed the RFP process. During the June 26, 2018 Board meeting the recommendations regarding the RFP for child care were presented and public input was heard regarding the providers. Several factors contributed to the recommendation of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Franklin Counties to provide child care services for the Richland School District through the 2023 school year including but not limited to, lower cost to families, flexibility of scheduling, and investment back into the Richland community. Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Franklin currently provides school-based daycare at six schools in Pasco. Boys and Girls Clubs are committing that licensed child care services in the Richland School District will generate funds to be utilized to support enhancement programming for low-income youth within the District in a Boys and Girls Club facility in Richland in the future.

Mr. Jansons explained, following the initial Board discussion considering child care providers for 2018-2023, the Board requested additional information and provided specific questions that needed to be addressed. This information was provided in today's Board meeting information.

Mr. Jansons stated representatives from Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Franklin and Champions will both be allowed to speak, then, thirty minutes will be allowed for public input.

Kirby Amacker, Boys and Girls Clubs Board President, stated representatives were in attendance at the recent meeting and are committed to assuming the transition with a minimal amount of disruption for parents.

Brian Ace, Executive Director of Boys and Girls Clubs, stated he attended the recent meeting to listen to parent concerns. They are committed to having quality staff and will employ as many current Champions staff members as possible through an interview process, to provide continuity for students. Mr. Ace advised Boys and Girls Clubs would prefer to work in portables, but can operate quality programs in shared space. He encouraged all to go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Franklin website at www.greatclubs.org/richland and reach out with further questions.

Kymerly Norrick, Champions Regional Director, shared an assessment program to be used this year to better serve students. She also stated fees will be reduced by 10% and enrollment fees

would be cut for next year. Although Ms. Norrick advised the transition would be better after the school year began, Champions is willing to do whatever is needed to make sure this transition is seamless.

Mr. Jansons asked for a commitment from both companies to work together to be sure there will be no gap in service. Mr. Jansons stated Board members will vote on which company the contract will be awarded to. Administration will work out the timing details of the contract.

Board discussion followed including:

- Cost savings and flexibility of scheduling with Boys and Girls Clubs
- Ability to serve lower income families
- RFP process-rating group unanimously supported Boys and Girls Clubs
- Promise of reinvesting in the community with a Boys and Girls Club in the future
- Boys and Girls Club hopeful to hire many of Champions' current staff
- Timeline needs to be negotiated by administration with no gap in service
- Portables are preferred for daycare services

Public Input:

Don Todd, 1933 Hetrick, Helena Meyple, Brienne Seiner, 2657 Tiger Lane, Ashley Tufford, 4644 East Robin Court, Rick Carter, 2029 Harris Avenue, Traci Anlt, 8200 Argent, and Sarah Nagel, 1210 Kensington, shared their support for Champions and their concerns with changing to Boys and Girls Clubs of Benton Franklin.

Board discussion followed.

It was moved by Rick Donahoe and seconded by Heather Cleary that –

THE BOARD AWARD THE CHILDCARE CONTRACT TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF BENTON FRANKLIN (2018-2013).

Vote: Amidan, yes; Cleary, yes; Donahoe, yes; Oldson, yes; and Jansons, yes.
Motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 P.M.

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