



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, Monday, December 2, 2019
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a special meeting Monday, December 2, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. at 615 Snow Avenue, Richland, WA, Benton County. School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members present: Heather Cleary, Rick Donahoe, and Jill Oldson.

Mr. Jansons called the special meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Topics:

1.0 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Jansons welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made. Dr. Schulte started by thanking legislators for increasing the cap on local levy collections. He then shared District priorities with Senator Sharon Brown, Representative Boehnke, and Representative Klippert (who arrived at 5:50 P.M.):

- *Fully Fund Special Education* - program is underfunded-continue to make incremental increases-current unfunded cost to District approximately \$3M.
- *Create Flexibility in Graduation Requirement* - 24 credit requirement denies students the flexibility to explore electives, internships, fail any classes-adds barriers/stress for students to graduate.
- *Bringing in the Staff Students Need* - prototypical staffing model fails to account for sufficient staff to meet student needs-(mental health and social emotional needs of students)-need increased psychologists, nurses, mental health counselors, and SROs.
- *Retaining Quality Staff* - make regionalization of salaries fair and sustainable-fully fund state mandated SEBB health plan-unfunded costs of \$1.5M.
- *Building and Maintaining Schools for our Community* - should account for classrooms needed for full day kindergarten, lower class sizes, escalating construction costs, and security upgrades.

Dr. Schulte shared good news happening in Richland School District including:

- Promise K-new program funded by the state-addresses high need students
- Health Science Academy-starting on a small scale next fall-over 600 students interested in Health Science field

- Facilities Planning-hired an architect to begin the planning process for a third high school, operations and transportation buildings, and potential improvements to Richland and Hanford High Schools
- Award Winning Student Achievement-Merit Scholars, Drama, Music, FFA, CTE, Athletics

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.

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