



Board of Directors, Special Emergency Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2020
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a special emergency meeting Friday, March 13, 2020, at 3:30 P.M. at 615 Snow Avenue, Richland, Washington, Benton County. School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members present: Heather Cleary, Rick Donahoe, Kari Williams and Jill Oldson.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jansons called the emergency meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

2. BUSINESS

2.1 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Discussion

Mr. Jansons stated initially the meeting was called to see whether the District would close school, but earlier in the day Governor Inslee took action to close all schools in the state starting Tuesday, March 17, 2020 through Friday, April 24, 2020.

Dr Schulte reported meeting with Cabinet members to work through emergency plans for students, staff, and families. The Boys/Girls Clubs are interested in providing some sort of daycare prioritized by medical workers and low-income families. The Teaching, Learning and Curriculum staff members have been working on supplemental online learning. For now the work has been directed to be supplemental, not required, due to equity issues. Nutrition service workers will make sack lunches/breakfasts to be delivered on buses to any student 18 and under, not just those qualifying for free/reduced lunches.

Many questions regarding AP classes, Running Start, and online classes still need to be addressed. Dr. Schulte also stated the potential the closure may last longer than April 24, 2020 is very real. Plans will continue to evolve with each day. He recommended that the District close school starting Monday, March 16, 2020, and encourage students to visit buildings next week to pick up their belongings.

Mr. Jansons shared more online guidance regarding suspending policies/procedures will be coming from OSPI in the future. Mr. Jansons thanked Dr. Schulte and staff members for their incredible work during this crisis.

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

THE BOARD APPROVE RESOLUTION No 901 – A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 400, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND COVID-19. THIS RESOLUTION SUPPORTS MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO

PROTECT THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES OF THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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

Board discussion followed regarding closing school on Monday March 16, 2020. Planning will begin to allow students to pick up their belongings next week. After discussion, there was consensus from Board members to close school as of Monday, March 16, 2020.

Mr. Jansons stated normally the Board would complete site visits at each of the superintendent candidates' districts, but plans are in progress to complete visits via zoom conferences. There will still be an opportunity for the public to be involved in the process. That information will be publicized as soon as details are arranged. The Board goal is still to hire the new superintendent by the end of March, with a start date of July 1, 2020.

Mr. Jansons recessed the meeting at 4:09 P.M. and called for an executive session to last sixty minutes with no action expected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel)

The Board adjourned to executive session at 4:15 P.M. to discuss qualifications of an applicant for employment or review of performance of an employee (final actions must be taken in public and discussions affecting employees generally must be held in public) 42.30.110 (1) (g). The executive session was projected to last sixty minutes, with action expected. Mr. Jansons extended the executive session by ninety minutes at 5:13. The executive session ended at 6:30 P.M.

The board returned to the emergency meeting at 6:30 P.M. Check Sheet

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS