



Board of Directors, Regular Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 26, 2020
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a regular meeting Tuesday, January 26, 2020, at 5:30 P.M. via Zoom, West Richland, Washington. School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members present: Heather Cleary, Kari Williams, Jill Oldson and Ken Gosney.

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel)

The Board adjourned to executive session at 5:30 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 no action expected. Executive session ended at 6:30 P.M.

The Board returned to the regular meeting at 6:32 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Roll Call-All Here

1.3 Approval of Minutes (January 8, 2021; January 12, 2021)

It was moved by Ken Gosney and seconded by Heather Cleary that –

THE BOARD APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2021 AND JANUARY 12, 2021.

Vote: Cleary, yes; Oldson, yes; Williams, yes; Gosney; and Jansons, yes.

Motion was approved.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Student Representative Report

Mr. Jansons introduced Alex Pereira, Delta High School Student, who shared topics discussed at the recent Student Advisory meeting. Students were pleased to see ninth graders coming back to school before the rest of the high school students. She shared what a school day will look like with safety protocols in place. Students also discussed mental health, school safety, grading/credit retrieval options, and graduation ceremony options.

2.2 Requests and Comments by Visitors (20-minute time limit)

Julie-stated she was surprised about the student schedule details and the length of time when students may have only one day of classes per week.

C. Short-commented on the lunch procedure proposed. He stated some students would like to eat in their vehicles and doesn't feel that having a closed campus will decrease risks with so many students in one location.

Shelly Burt-stated Wiley Elementary is the only school that has a sensory room and feels her son is unable to access his education at this time. Ms. Burt hopes these are available in all new schools.

3.0 BUSINESS

3.1 Return to School Update

Dr. Redinger shared staff members are excited to welcome sixth grade students back to school tomorrow and thanked the Board for allowing sixth graders to return for their first day by themselves. This will give them time to acquaint themselves with the middle school layout and protocols.

3.1.1 Elementary Update

Brian Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, stated elementary schools are doing well. He reported some special education students have returned to full day schedules this week. Mr. Moore is impressed with the staff's ability to problem solve at each building when issues arrive. He advised enrollment in Continued Distance Learning (CDL) has increased by 25 to 590 students.

3.1.2 Sixth Grade Return

Todd Baddley, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, stated all are excited to have students returning with sixth graders starting with hybrid A/B schedules tomorrow and Thursday, then seventh and eighth grade students returning Monday. Mr. Baddley reported the third-party safety team (NV5) completed walkthroughs of middle and high schools to assure District staff safety protocols are in place. Mr. Baddley also shared newly released Performing Arts guidance including limits to lengths of classes, nine feet social distancing, groups not to exceed 15, no live performances, no physical contact, and others. Nicki Blake, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning will be working with staff members next week.

Ms. Williams asked if in-person meetings for clubs would have similar guidelines. She advised some teachers have come up with different mitigating measures which may be different than the Health Department guidelines. Dr. Redinger stated the District could have Dr. Person, Benton Franklin Health District (BFHD), review these measures.

Mike Hansen, Deputy Superintendent, stated he is pleased to be getting back to focusing on instruction. Work has begun with the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (CIA) group of about twelve staff members with direct access to what's going on in classrooms. He would like to begin to celebrate the successes of staff in a variety of programs. Mr. Hansen thanked all for their work and shared his hope to return to normalcy this fall.

Dr. Redinger just received information that Benton Franklin Health District is planning to set up vaccine clinics for districts. Superintendent Redinger is also meeting with representatives from Kadlec tomorrow to try to get a clinic scheduled for school staff specifically.

Ms. Olson asked if BFHD shared when the area will move to the next phase. Dr. Redinger reported BFHD was asking for an accurate number of staff members by Thursday, so there seemed to be a sense of urgency which is good news.

3.2 Capital Projects/Construction Update

Caren Johnson, Capital Projects Director, stated all information and draft resolutions for both the Hanford High School Field and the Badger Mountain Elementary projects.

3.2.1 Hanford High School Field-Information/Draft Resolutions

Ms. Johnson shared the invitation to bid has been advertised. Bid opening is scheduled for January 27, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. Updated resolutions will be brought to the Board on February 9, 2021 for approval.

3.2.2 Badger Mountain Elementary-Information/Draft Resolutions

The Badger Mountain Elementary project is currently out to bid. The bid opening will take place on February 10, 2021 at 4:00 P.M. Bidder information will be added to the draft resolutions and will be brought to the Board for approval on February 23, 2021.

Ms. Johnson stated eight bids were received from contractors for the demolition of the old Administration Building at 615 Snow Avenue. The intent is to award the project to Big D's Construction as the lowest bidder.

Ms. Cleary asked if bid openings were being conducted via zoom. Ms. Johnson stated bid openings will take place in the Steven's Center parking lot in person observing social distancing guidelines.

Mr. Jansons thanked Ms. Johnson for presenting all information and draft resolutions as this is a good process, especially for new Board members. Ms. Johnson also shared the bid opening process including time stamping bids and reading bids aloud. Mr. Jansons encouraged new members to attend to see how the process works.

3.3 Policy/RR No. 6220 – Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements (RFP)First Reading

Galt Pettett, General Counsel, stated during a recent audit of Nutrition Services' 2020-2021 School Meal Program by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) it was determined that the District's Policy and Regulation 6220 needed to be updated. These changes are required for the Corrective Action Plan as directed by the Federal Compliance Specialist. Once the Board adopts the revised policy and regulation, the District will have complied with all the corrective action items.

Mr. Jansons advised it is the Board's practice to approve District Policies, then have staff approve the Rules and Regulations (RRs).

It was moved by Ken Gosney and seconded by Jill Oldson that –

THE BOARD APPROVE POLICY/RR NO. 6220 – BID OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS (RFP) FOR FIRST READING.

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

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA (approval by a single vote of the Board)
It was moved by Heather Cleary and seconded by Ken Gosney –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (4.1)
THROUGH (4.5) WITH AMENDED PERSONNEL ACTION.

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

4.1 Personnel Actions

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Ensign, Rachel, 1 FTE, LA / Social Studies, Chief Joseph MS, effective 1/22/2021, Non-Continuing

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Gano, Taylor, Paraeducator, Sacajawea Elementary, effective 1/22/2021

Hinkley, Cristina, Nutrition Services, Enterprise Middle School, effective 1/26/2021

Scott, Haleigh, Paraeducator, Lewis & Clark Elementary, effective 1/14/2021

Smith, Corey, Paraeducator-Leave Replacement, Chief Joseph Middle School, eff. 1/14/2021

Sprague, Kathy, Nutrition Services, White Bluffs Elementary, effective 1/21/2021

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Goecke, Suzanne, Secretary, Special Education, effective 2/1/2021

Kohls-Hopper, Kathy, Paraeducator, Jason Lee Elementary, effective 2/1/2021

Phelps, Michelle, Paraeducator, Enterprise Middle School, effective 1/22/2021

Russie, Daniel, Paraeducator, Hanford High School, effective 3/3/2021

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

White, Jennifer, From Paraeducator to Math Teacher, Chief Joseph MS, Non-Cont. eff. 1/22/2021

REASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Gussenhoven, Alex, Custodian to Building Foreman III, Richland High School, effective 2/1/2021

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR

Morrow, Erin, Paraeducator (was on Layoff Status), effective 1/25/2021

Peterson, Krissa, Paraeducator, Hanford High School, effective 1/22/2021

TERMINATIONS

Stewart, Adela, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective 1/14/2021

Vaughn, Michael, Custodian, Jefferson Elementary, effective 1/19/2021

4.2 Enrollment Monthly

4.3 Budget Monthly

4.4 Cash Grant-Redinger-Scholarships

4.5 Warrant Information

ASB Fund Warrant Nos. 54000309 through 54000310 for \$15,518.85

Nos. 40006687 through 40006688 for \$863.30

Nos. 54000311 through 54000312 for \$8,559.50

Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 20001577 for \$3,404.30

Nos. 52000205 through 52000207 for \$468,780.77
Nos. 20001578 through 20001579 for \$5,113.23
General Fund Warrant Nos. 10075146 through 10075192 for \$302,402.20
Nos. 51001102 through 51001109 for \$372,258.74
Nos. 71002126 through 71002134 for \$18,256.87
Nos. 10075193 through 10075232 for \$646,021.46
Nos. 51001110 through 51001114 for \$10,987.65
Nos. 71002135 through 71002145 for \$6,722.79
Self-Insurance Fund Warrant Nos. 57000032 through 57000033 for \$24,852.50
Nos. 70000182 through 70000183 for \$1,030.67

5.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Board calendar planning agenda
- Mental health update-Mr. Baddley stated this is planned for early spring.
- Semester grades

6.0 BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

Shelley Redinger stated the goal for Richland Virtual School (RVS) was to become an independent school allowing out of district students to participate. The District will be able to accomplish this for grades six through twelve beginning this fall but will need to wait until the following year to add Kindergarten-fifth grades. Dr. Redinger will provide more information to the Board in a Friday packet.

Mr. Gosney asked if there is facility space planned for RVS, or if there will be a limit to enrollment. Dr. Redinger stated a workshop to brainstorm ideas for space and enrollment limit is needed in the future.

Ms. Oldson stated one of her responsibilities as Legislative Representative for the Board is to get District feedback. Mr. Jansons advised most information is not time sensitive, but when timely information is needed, it is appropriate to go through Dr. Redinger to get the District opinion on an issue. Ms. Oldson also encouraged the community to share their voices with local legislators during the current State Legislative Session.

Mr. Jansons advised he testified in favor of non-Title districts to receive funding for mental health. He was speaking on behalf of the Board and Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS