



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, July 11, 2023
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a special meeting Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom and in person, 6972 Keene Road, West Richland, Washington. School Board President Kari Williams presided. Board members participating: Jill Oldson, Semi Bird, Audra Byrd, and Rick Jansons. Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Shelley Redinger, Executive Director of Operations Richard Krasner, and District Counsel Galt Pettett.

The Special Board meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Roll Call-All Present

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 Requests and Comments by Visitors (2 minutes per individual)

Zoe Smith, Richland, stated she is a former graduate of Richland Schools and shared her concern regarding the Appeal on tonight's agenda. She stated all students need to be loved and doesn't feel the curriculum in the Appeal needs to be removed.

Jane Schmoetzer, Richland, advised many students in the District have beliefs contrary to her beliefs, but she wants children to be strong and critical thinkers. She asked the Board not to remove the material mentioned in the Appeal.

Darcy Brightman, West Richland, feels that hateful public comments at Board meetings should be shut down and does not feel the material in the Appeal should be challenged.

Mae Bolling, West Richland, stated she is a recent graduate of Richland Schools and feels compassion for all students is needed. She asked to shut down the Appeal request.

Lorrie Reid, Richland, has been a Para in the District for 19 years and shared concern that raises are only given on base pay. Ms. Reid stated only 150 Paras have been in the District for more than five years.

Shelly Burt, West Richland, shared the District has a policy regarding controversial issues and parents should be given the opportunity to opt out of certain materials.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Instructional Materials Committee Appeal (per Policy No. 2020-Course Design, Selection, and Adoption of Instructional Materials)

Mr. Pettett, General Counsel, reviewed the appeal process (per Policy No. 2020) which allows parents to submit Appeals to the Principal, the Instructional Materials Committee (IMC), the Superintendent, then the Board of Directors (within 30 days of the Superintendent's response).

Mr. Bird asked Mr. Pettett to summarize the appeal. Mr. Pettett shared the complaint form regarding supplemental materials from Ms. Burt, read the Principal and the IMC decisions, and stated timelines were met by all parties. Mr. Pettett stated the Superintendent upheld the decision by the IMC. Board discussion followed.

It was moved by Mr. Jansons and seconded by Ms. Oldson that –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPHOLD THE DECISION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEE.

Further discussion followed.

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

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA (approval by a single vote of the Board)

It was moved by Rick Jansons and seconded by Semi Bird –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (4.1) THROUGH (4.3) INCLUDING AN UPDATED PERSONNEL ACTION.

Vote: Bird, yes; Jansons, yes; Oldson, yes; Byrd, abstained: and Williams, yes.
Motion was approved.

4.1 Personnel Actions

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNE

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Lobdell, Jon, 1.0 FTE, Assistant Principal at Hanford High School

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Collins, Amanda, 1.0 FTE, 4th Grade, Jason Lee Elementary School

DePalma, Dana, 0.8 FTE, Language Arts, Enterprise Middle School (Coming from Para)

Evans, Sarah, 1.0 FTE, Math, Hanford High School

Flaten, Joanna, 0.8 FTE, Drama, Hanford High School (Coming from Sub)

Garrett, Kaitlyn, 1.0 FTE, Language Arts, Leona Libby Middle School

Nelson, Victoria, 1.0 FTE, Resource Room, Tapteal Elementary School

Valdez, Victoria, 1.0 FTE, Language Arts, Leona Libby Middle School

Wagar, Darlene, 1.0 FTE, Physical Therapist, Special Programs

REASSIGNMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Markel, Chandra, Counselor, Rivers Edge High School to Richland High School

Price, Laurie, Work Based Learning, Hanford High School to Transition Services Specialist at the Teaching, Learning and Administration Center

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Elizondo, Courtney, Paraeducator, Chief Joseph Middle School, effective 8/31/2023
Gall, Nicole, Paraeducator, William Wiley Elementary School, effective 8/31/2023
Mayeau, Stephen, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective 7/10/2023

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Ferrell, Emily, Paraeducator, Lewis & Clark Elementary, effective 8/28/2023
Howard, Carie, Secretary (from Para), White Bluffs Elementary, effective 6/15/2023
Hoyt, Trevor, Paraeducator (from Sub), Leona Libby Middle School, effective 8/28/2023

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR (CONTINUED)

Lara, Dallas, Paraeducator, Early Learning Center, effective 8/28/2023
Leedy-Laws, Christine, Paraeducator (Rehire), Chief Joseph Middle School, effective 8/28/2023
Meyer, Heather, Paraeducator (Rehire), William Wiley Elementary School, effective 8/28/2023
Nelson, Grace, Paraeducator (Rehire), Chief Joseph Middle School, effective 8/28/2023
Nichols, Kali, Secretary (from Sub), Three Rivers Homelink, effective 8/15/2023
Pulatova, Iroda, Paraeducator (from Sub), Leona Libby Middle School, effective 8/28/2023
Reeder, Kaela, Paraeducator, Badger Mountain Elementary School, effective 8/28/2023
Todd, Elizabeth, Paraeducator (Rehire), Chief Joseph Middle School, effective 8/28/2023

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Deluna, Alice, Secretary, Transportation, effective 8/7/2023

4.2 Approval of Minutes (July 27, 2023)

4.3 Payroll and Warrant Information

ASB Fund Warrant Nos. 40007420 through 40007426 for \$18,643.64
Nos. 54000593 through 54000595 for \$2,393.10
Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 20001992 through 20001993 for \$98,339.60
General Fund Warrant Nos. 10086832 through 10086879 for \$372,046.59
Nos. 51002432 through 51002468 for \$163,353.75
Payroll Warrant Nos. 10086472 through 10086473 for \$8,937.62
Nos. 10086525 through 10086526 for \$5,026.17
Nos. 10086600 through 10086600 for \$2,236.38
Nos. 10086672 through 10086743 for \$141,365.23
Nos. 10086744 through 10086785 for \$5,285,140.51
Electronic Fund Transfer for \$11,554,197.68
Total June Payroll approved in the amount of \$16,996,903.59

5.0 AGENDAS

5.1 Approval of August 8, 2023 Agenda

There was consensus that when the agenda states “Approval” it implies “possible Approval”. If the agenda states “Final Approval” there is a time constraint involved.

It was moved by Rick Jansons and seconded by Semi Bird –

Ms. Byrd asked to add Policy No. 1810-Board Goals and Objectives, to the August 8, 2023 agenda. She also requested Policy No. 4311-Visitors, be added. Mr. Pettett advised it may take additional time to gather stakeholder input. A target date of August 22, 2023 was set.

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE AUGUST 8, 2023 BOARD MEETING AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF POLICY NO. 1810-BOARD GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. THE SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP WILL BEGIN AT 5:00 P.M.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS