

**RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 307  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 18th, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. – Zoom Meeting**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** - Jerry Sprouffske, Rebecca Stillings, Barry Greenwood, Cherie Davis, Dana Spivey. Student Representative: Alyssa Lofgren

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT** - Debi Holmes, Bryon Bahr, John Beckman, Jerrad Jeske, Kim Sackett, Rita Meldrum. Zoom meeting attendee list in Board file.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Sprouffske called the board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - No changes to Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Director Spivey made a motion to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 10/21/2020 Board Meeting. Director Stillings seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**PAYROLL & VOUCHERS**

It was moved by Director Stillings and seconded by Director Greenwood to approve the Payroll and Vouchers as listed below. Motion passed 5/0.

	Warrants & Direct Deposits	Totals	Nov Estimates
Payroll & Benefits	74801096-7480110 900015008-900015109	759,609.46	810,000.00
General Fund	74112354-74112400	106,855.13	200,000.00
ASB Fund	74402482-74402484	4619.46	10,000.00
Capital Projects	74200181	18,084.34	5,000.00

**AUDIENCE INPUT** – 7 letters of comment from parents and staff were read regarding reopening schools, concerns from parents, and appreciation from staff. Copies of letters/comments are in Board file. Chairman Sprouffske responded that the Board would respond to the parent’s concerns with a letter.

**REOPENING SCHOOLS DISCUSSION**

Chairman Sprouffske shared that Superintendent Bahr is meeting with the Thurston County Health Department and will continue to post updates on website. We currently have staff in district being tested for COVID-19 and we are following Student and Employee COVID-19 Pathway as posted on Rainier School District Website. We applied for ESSER Cares Act Grant and received \$91,953. These Funds have been used for supporting students, preparing the health and safety of students, purchasing of connectivity and hardware and providing training for staff. The target number for students returning to school may be changed by Thurston County Health Department which may help students return to school sooner. We need to follow experts advise in opening schools. Director Greenwood asked if we could make results from staff survey public. Superintendent Bahr shared that we have been selected as one of eleven schools in the State of Washington to participate in volunteer testing of students and staff. It is

expected that the number of COVID-19 cases will increase over the Thanksgiving Holiday. We are continuing to look into everything we can to bring students back to school.

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Budget/Fund Balance/Enrollment – Debi Holmes, Business Manager. Student enrollment FTE is staying at an average of 850. Budget FTE is 852. General Fund Vouchers appear low because the November meeting was prior to our second bill pay for the month.

**Approve GL 888 (Fund Balance Assigned to Other Purposes)** – Director Stillings made a motion to approve the total of \$502,151 for GL 888 for the 20/21 School Year and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – Alyssa Lofgren – Rainier Student Body is hosting a Food Drive in competition with Tenino School District. We are currently winning the competition with 1,378.4 pounds.

**LEADERSHIP REPORTS** - Secondary Principal – John Beckman; Secondary Assistant Principal & Athletic Director – Jerrad Jeske; Special Services Director - Kim Sackett, and Elementary Principal Rita Meldrum.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** – Bryon Bahr – We received a \$25,000 Grant to purchase Chromebooks for students from United Way. We have been chosen as one of eleven School Districts in the State of Washington for a COVID Testing pilot program. This will be volunteer testing. More details to come. The WSSDA Virtual Conference starts tonight.

**ADJOURN** – Director Greenwood made a motion to adjourn the Regular Business Meeting at 7:04 p.m. and Director Davis seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**Next Scheduled Regular Meeting** – December 16th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. This will be a Virtual Meeting offered through Zoom unless otherwise noted.

Respectfully submitted:  
Bryon Bahr, Secretary

Approved by:  
Jerry F. Sprouffske

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Secretary to the Board

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Chairman of the Board