



Board of Directors, Special Meeting Minutes, April 29, 2024  
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400  
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a Workshop/Special Meeting Monday, April 29, 2024, via Zoom and in person, 6972 Keene Road, West Richland, Washington, Benton County. School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members participating: Jill Oldson, Bonnie Mitchell, Katrina Waters, and Chelsie Beck.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Jansons called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

**Special Meeting/Workshop Topic**

**1. Bond Project Discussion**

Mr. Jansons reported meeting with staff to review projects and request further information last week. Richard Krasner, Executive Director of Operations, shared information on possible bond projects including:

- Third comprehensive high school (on district property in West Richland)
  - value engineer to reduce cost
- Innovative High School (River's Edge High School/Pacific Crest Online Academy)
  - reduce size
- Transportation Co-op
  - state matching funds/partner with Kiona Benton/reduce square footage
- Hanford High School stadium and scene shop
- Richland High School multipurpose room
- Safety and Security debt cancellation
- \$10M for capital projects (Chief Joseph Middle School 2<sup>nd</sup> floor updates/parking lot; middle school tracks, high school tennis courts
- \$20M for land purchases

Clinton Sherman, Executive Director of Finance, shared several tax rate scenarios. Board members expressed strong interest in keeping the tax rate as flat as possible. Members also want to place the bond on the November 2024 ballot.

After discussion, Board members will attempt to finalize the bond project list after new cost estimates are shared at the May 14, 2024 meeting. Board members also requested staff share projects and real costs from the bond projects included in the 2017 bond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 P.M.

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