



Board of Directors, Special Meeting/Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, June 25, 2024
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a special meeting/workshop/regular meeting Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. via Zoom and in person, 6972 Keene Road, West Richland, Washington. School Board President Rick Jansons presided. Board members participating: Jill Oldson, Bonnie Mitchell, and Katrina Waters. Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Shelley Redinger, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Tory Christensen, Executive Director of Finance Clinton Sherman, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning Jennifer Klauss, Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning Derek O'Konek, Executive Director of Special Education Zach Carpenter.

The Special Meeting/Workshop was called to order at 5:40 P.M.

Workshop/Special Meeting

1.0 Topic: 2024/2025 Budget Preparation

Cynthia Robinette, Assistant Director of Finance, and Clinton Sherman, Executive Director of Finance, shared revenue history, as well as 2024/2025 projections. The Basic Education Allotment (BEA) is approximately \$10,000 per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student, with enrollment driving all funding. Mr. Sherman discussed revenue areas including: Local Taxes; Local Non Tax; State, General Purpose; State, Special Purpose; Federal, Special Purpose. Board discussion followed.

The Special Meeting/Workshop adjourned at 6:12 P.M.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Roll Call-Ms. Beck was excused. Ms. Oldson participated via phone call.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Jones, newly hired Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education, introduced his family and was welcomed to the District.

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

Ron Higgins, Richland, shared concern regarding politicians who increase debt that will be paid by children in the future.

Julie Erichsen, Richland/Staff member, shared concern regarding the cyber incident and asked that more information be shared by the District.

2.3 Board/Student/Superintendent Report

Shelley Redinger shared the District is communicating when new information is available. Dr. Redinger asked Mr. Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, to follow up with Ms. Erichsen.

Jill Oldson and Rick Jansons participated in the Audit Exit Conference in which there were no findings.

3.0 BUSINESS

3.1 Resolution No. 978-Bond Resolution

Mr. Sherman detailed the projects included in the proposed bond to be placed on the November 2024 ballot. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct a new comprehensive high school and a new innovative learning center; improve/upgrade Hanford High School; expand Richland High School; implement remaining District-wide safety and security enhancements (replacing 2023 capital levy and bond); make District-wide capital, infrastructure and transportation cooperative improvements; and acquire land. Total amount of the bond would be \$314M maturing in 20 years. Board members asked for several changes to the verbiage. The changes requested will be made and the bond resolution will come back to the Board for final approval on the consent portion of the agenda at the July 9, 2024, meeting.

3.2 2023/2024 BUDGET EXTENSION HEARING

Mr. Sherman stated General Fund and Transportation Fund expenditures in the 2023/2024 school year are expected to exceed the appropriations amounts set which will require an increase in appropriations. He explained the need for an extension to the budget.

Mr. Jansons called the Budget Extension Hearing to order at 6:53 P.M. and asked for any public input. Mr. Jansons repeated the request two more times. Since there was no input, the Hearing was closed at 6:54 P.M.

3.3 Resolution No. 975-Budget Extension Approval

It was moved by Katrina Waters and seconded by Bonnie Mitchell -

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE RESOLUTION No. 975-2023/2024 BUDGET EXTENSION.

Vote: Waters, yes; Mitchell, yes; Oldson, yes; and Jansons, yes

Student Representatives: Dehkordi, yes

Motion was approved.

3.4 Safe Walking Routes-City of Richland

Richard Krasner, Executive Director of Operations, introduced Carlo D'Alessandro, City of Richland Transportation and Development Manager/Interim Public Works Director, who shared information regarding a grant written in partnership with the City of Richland and the Richland School District-*Safe Walking Routes to Schools*. A similar grant was received by the City of West Richland earlier. If approved, the City of Richland would receive funds to create safer routes for pedestrians, bikers, emergency responders, etc. Projects would include rapid flashing beacons, crosswalk safety enhancements, bike lanes, and a comprehensive safety action plan. The

application was completed with historical data, community engagement, and principal input. The grant request is for \$3.2M. If approved, the grant will not require any matching funds. The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will award the grants in December with notification of funding in July 2025.

3.5 i-Ready Data

Derek O’Konek, Executive Director of K-5 Teaching and Learning, and Jen Klauss, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, explained details of the i-Ready assessment annual review. i-Ready is a computer adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit each student’s needs. Students in grades K-5 take the i-Ready in the fall, winter, and spring. Students in grades 6-8 take i-Ready in the fall and spring.

K-5 Reading: Data shows continuous improvement across three years of grade level and demographic subgroups. Growth areas include early intervention and progress monitoring.

6-8 Reading: Data shows improvement in percentage meeting proficiency in subgroups. Growth areas include improving instructional practices for Tier 1 and implement common Tier 2 and Tier 3 systems.

K-5 Math: Data shows continuous improvement over three years, with English Language Learners (ELL) nearly doubling math proficiency rates. Growth areas include progress monitoring, data review, and reteaching of skills/concepts.

6-8 Math: 6th grade data shows substantial growth over the year. Growth areas include implementing engaging methods and intervention strategies in middle school math. Board discussion followed.

3.6 District Goal Approval 2024/2025

Dr. Redinger previously asked for input Board members. These changes were made and are included in the District goals presented. Several verbiage changes were requested.

It was moved by Bonnie Mitchell and seconded by Katrina Waters -

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE 2024/2025 DISTRICT GOALS AS AMENDED.

Vote: Waters, yes; Mitchell, yes; Oldson, yes; and Jansons, yes

Student Representatives: Dehkordi, yes

Motion was approved.

3.7 Policy/PR. No. 2410-High School Graduation Requirements-Discussion

Board members considered ideas to change procedures used for graduation ceremonies.

Suggestions included:

- limit total valedictorian speaking time to ten minutes
- introduce all valedictorians/parents and college student’s plan to attend
- limit staff talk/speeches
- limit to one valedictorian-speaker selected by peers
- honor magna cum laude/summa cum laude
- ceremonies consistent from school to school

Mr. Jansons stated this discussion is just concerning graduation ceremonies. If changes to the graduation policy are desired, this can be discussed at a later meeting. Exceptions/waivers also need to be consistent between schools. Mr. Christensen will bring a draft procedure to the Board for review.

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

It was moved by Katrina Waters and seconded by Bonnie Mitchell –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (4.1)
THROUGH (4.7) INCLUDING AN UPDATED PERSONNEL ACTION.

Vote: Waters, yes; Mitchell, yes; Oldson, yes; and Jansons yes
Motion was approved.

4.1 Personnel Actions

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Driskel, Emily, 1.0 FTE, Speech Language Pathologist, Special Programs

Thorne, Karina, 0.8 FTE, French, Richland High School (non-continuing, coming from sub)

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Holt, Kayzin, Resource Room, Marcus Whitman Elementary, to Math, Leona Libby Middle School

Jundt, Rylie, Kindergarten, Orchard Elementary, to Resource Room, Marcus Whitman Elementary

Noren, Megan, Preschool, Early Learning Center, to Mental Health Teacher, Special Programs

Paulakis, Adrian, Language Arts, Delta High School, to Language Arts, Hanford High School

Silvia, Crystal, 4th Grade, Jason Lee to QUEST 4th Grade, Lewis and Clark Elementary School

Sturgis, Carolyn, CTE Integrated Mechanics, Three Rivers HL to CTE/Fitness, River's Edge HS

Sweepe, Kelsie, 2nd Grade, Tapteal Elementary School, to Math, Enterprise Middle School

Townsend, Steven, BESST at Sacajawea Elementary to BESST, Lewis and Clark Elementary

Wutzke, Tina, Assistant Principal, William Wiley Elementary to Kindergarten, Orchard Elementary

DECREASE IN FTE FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Leggett, Matthew, 0.2 FTE (Now 0.8 FTE), Social Studies, Hanford HS, effective 8/27/2024

INCREASE IN FTE FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

McDowell, Jodi, 0.12 FTE (Now 0.72 FTE), Spanish, Three Rivers Homelink, effective 8/27/2024

Torralbo, Amanda, 0.12 FTE (Now 1.0 FTE), Science, Three Rivers Homelink, effective 8/27/2024

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Ciolfi, Kari, 2nd grade, Badger Mountain Elementary School, effective 8/31/2024

Essency, David, CTE Business Education, Hanford High School, effective 8/31/2024

Neher, Rebecca, Math, Leona Libby Middle School, effective 8/31/2024

Ostboe, Wanda, Math, Carmichael Middle School, effective 8/31/2024

Story, Erin, History, Enterprise Middle School, effective 8/31/2024

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR (CONTINUED)

Welch, Claire, Resource Room, Hanford High School, effective 8/31/2024

White, Nicholas, Social Studies, Richland High School, effective 8/31/2024 (moving to sub)

Zylinski, Jessica, English Language Arts, Chief Joseph Middle School (1st Year Leave of Absence)

RETIREMENTS FOR THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Mayer, Kim, Language Arts, Hanford High School, effective 8/31/2024

Mayer, Paul, Language Arts/Social Studies, Hanford High School, effective 8/31/2024

Murphy, Shawn, CTE Arts and Communications, Richland High School, effective 8/31/2024

Nelson, Pam, Language Arts, Chief Joseph Middle School, effective 8/31/2024

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Morales, Edward, Grounds Applicator (from Temp to Perm), Support Services, effective 8/1/2024

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

DeWett, Kevin, Paraeducator, White Bluffs Elementary, effective 8/20/2024

Lettau, Jeff, Director of Facilities and Operations, effective 8/31/2024 (listed incorrectly under “Administrative Personnel” on June 11, 2024 Personnel Actions)

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Garcia, Michael, Information Technology Technician 1, Information Technology, effective 6/24/2024

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Roberts, Twila Paraeducator, Early Learning Center, effective 8/26/2024 - expected

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Lewis, Tallia, Secretary (from substitute), Tapteal Elementary School, effective 8/13/2024

Carrier, Kyle, Director of Transportation, effective 7/1/2024 (listed incorrectly under “Administrative Personnel” on June 11, 2024 Personnel Actions)

4.2 Approval of Minutes (June 11, 2024)

4.3 Superintendent Contract

4.4 Transitional Bilingual Instruction Update-per Policy No. 2162

4.5 Policy/PR. No. 5409-Unpaid Holidays for Reason of Faith or Conscience-Res. No. 977

4.6 Enrollment Monthly

4.7 Budget Monthly

5.0 AGENDAS

5.1 Future Agenda Items

Mr. Jansons stated there is normally only one meeting in July and it will take place on July 9, 2024. The agenda presented was approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS