

**RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 307**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 20th, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. – DISTRICT OFFICE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** - Jerry Sprouffske, Dana Spivey, Amanda Siemandel, Edgar Ooms, Rebecca Stillings.

**STAFF MEMBERS, STUDENTS & PUBLIC PRESENT** – Jill Coleman, Bryon Bahr, John Beckman, Kristin Robinson, Greg Glasl, Larry Sutton.

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**CHANGES TO AGENDA** – No changes

**Approval of Minutes** – Director Stillings brought up that the February Minutes should be amended on the topic of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Participation in High School Sports to accurately reflect the motion that was made and passed, “to allow 8<sup>th</sup> graders to play up through the end of the year and follow the WIAA rules”. There was brief discussion that the motion did indeed need to be edited. Director Siemandel made a motion to amend the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes to correct the motion. Director Ooms seconded. Motion to amend minutes passed 5-0.

Director Siemandel made a motion to accept the February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes as amended. Director Stillings seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Payroll/Vouchers** - Director Ooms made a motion to approve the voucher amounts. Director Siemandel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

	Warrants & Direct Deposits	Totals	Estimates
Payroll & Benefits	900020297-900020448	1,011,406.30	1,050,000.00
General Fund	74115629-74115773	195,282.38	200,000.00
ASB Fund	74402899-74402910	18,208.47	20,000.00
Capital Projects	0	0	0.00

**Audience Input/Public Comment** – None

**Personnel Actions - Resignation/Retirement:** John Lybecker – CTE/Shop Teacher, 30 years, and Helen Smith – Middle School Secretary, 26 years Recognized.

**APP Report (Asset Preservation Program)** – Greg Glasl, Maintenance Director

- Final report available in district office once accepted by OSPI.
- In 2026 district will need a 3<sup>rd</sup> party assessment.
- Greg Glasl will meet with Puget Sound Energy on 3/28 to discuss transitioning lighting to LED and possible PSE grants to fund it.
- Superintendent Bahr asked Greg Glasl to share what projects are on the list for the current McKinstry grant that he is writing. Greg Glasl stated that the grant is for \$6 million and he currently has a list of 4.5 million in projects noted. He will be adding to the list to fulfill the full \$6 million grant request. Greg Glasl also stated that the estimated cost for all current maintenance/repair projects in the district is between \$23-\$25 million.
- Mr. Bahr commented that the district may not be awarded the McKinstry grant and that he is thankful that we passed our Capital Project levy.

- Greg Glasl has quote requests out for the high school track replacement project and security items in the buildings.
- Director Stillings moved to approve the APP report presented by Greg Glasl. Director Siemandel seconded. Motion approved 5-0.

**Highly Capable Program – Approval:** Vice Principal Kristin Robinson reviewed the Highly Capable Program and stated that it was the same as presented to the board in November 2023. Ms. Robinson stated that the new Smart Sheets will replace the iGrants reporting system and provided a copy. She stated that 7 new students in grades 1 and 4 have been identified for the program. Director Spivey made a motion to approve the Highly Capable Program. Director Siemandel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**Policy 6220 Revised – Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements** – 3rd Reading – No discussion/questions. Director Stillings made a motion to approve the revised policy. Director Siemandel seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**24/25 School Calendars** – Superintendent Bahr shared the responses to both the staff and community survey regarding the 24/25 school year calendars. While both groups agreed that school should start after Labor Day, the groups differed on the dates for Spring Break 2025. The staff prefers March 31-April 4, 2025 while the community prefers April 7-11, 2025. Superintendent Bahr suggested that the board approve the communities request as they supported our levies. Director Stillings asked what our neighboring districts and sports league affiliated schools were doing. It was decided that Principal John Beckman would research the 24/25 calendars for the Central 2B league schools and report back to the board. Approval of the 24/25 Rainier School District calendar was tabled until the April 17, 2024 board meeting.

**Work Session Dates –**

- Capital Projects Prioritization: Superintendent Bahr suggested pushing this meeting until May 2024 as we are waiting for bids on the projects. Suggested that a June date be set for this work session and that it be held in the Rainier High School Commons to allow for the community input which was promised when we ran the levy. It was discussed to pick the date for this work session at the April regular board meeting.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sports Participation: This work session was originally scheduled for July but Superintendent Bahr requested that it be rescheduled as his administrators are out of district in the month of July. Director Stillings suggested it be rescheduled to June – sooner rather than later and too close to the next school year starting. Director Stillings suggested that dates for this and the other work session could be chosen via email with the board and Mr. Bahr.
- It was brought up that the June 2024 Board Meeting is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> which is now a federal holiday – as such, should be rescheduled. Discussion ensued as to which date would work best for rescheduling and June 26, 2024 was suggested as earlier dates would conflict with end of school year activities.
- Mr. Bahr will email board members and give date options for the two work sessions and the June board meeting.

**Financial Report** – Debi Holmes, Business Manager, was absent. Board reviewed supplied documents.

**Student Representative Report** – Jeaniche Kitchens – Students are doing great and they are excited for Spring Sports, especially golf. She also stated that students that she has spoken with are excited about their current grades and are looking forward to spring conferences next week so that their parents hear about their grades.

**Administrative Reports** – MS/HS Principal – John Beckman

**Superintendent Report** – Superintendent Bahr - The WSSDA Regional Meeting-DA 5 will be held here in Rainier @ the Rainier High School Commons, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm. Mr. Bahr asked which directors plan to attend. Directors Spivey, Sprouffske and Stillings are planning to attend. Superintendent Bahr updated the Board on

our bus that is in the shop for repairs from the accident. The bus was moved from the shop in Chehalis to Kent, WA because heavier equipment is needed to complete the repair. We don't yet have a total for the cost of the repairs and the insurance company did not "total" the bus. Superintendent Bahr shared that the Washington State Patrol completed their annual inspection on our buses. The WSP noted two minor fixes and the rest of the inspection was good. Mr. Bahr also reminded the board of the Rainier Education Foundation Auction this Saturday, March 23, 2024.

**Executive Session** - Chairman Sprouffske announced an Executive Session for 10 minutes to review the performance of an employee at 7:00 p.m.

The Executive Session began at 7:01 p.m. Director Stillings made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. and Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**Adjourn** - Director Siemandel made a motion to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:12 p.m. and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

**Next Scheduled Regular Meeting** – Wednesday, April 17 @ 6:00 p.m.

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