

RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 307
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 21st, 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 - Debi Holmes, Bryon Bahr, Justin Gurnsey, Rita Meldrum, John Beckman, Rob Henry. Sign in sheet attached.

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 Siemandel made a motion to approve the January 24th Board minutes and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Payroll/Vouchers - Director Stillings made a motion to approve payroll and vouchers and Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

	Warrants & Direct Deposits	Totals	Estimates
Payroll & Benefits	900020297-900020448	1,011,406.30	1,050,000.00
General Fund	74115629-74115670	195,794.04	200,000.00
ASB Fund	74402884-74402898	15,476.18	20,000.00
TVF Fund (Bus)	11262015	164,724.43	0.00

Audience Input/Public Comment – 13 Staff members, parents and one student spoke in favor of continuing to allow 8th grade students to play up as allowed by WIAA. Many shared how great of an opportunity it has been for 8th graders. It has been allowed for the past 6 years with no problems. The coaches that spoke shared that we have always followed WIAA rules for 8th graders playing up and they do not understand why the Board would want to make any changes, especially during the middle of a season. Allowing 8th graders to play would allow for a JV baseball team. Sign in sheet attached.

Personnel Actions - Resignation: Ashley Naval, Special Education Paraeducator. Ashley's resignation was recognized by the Board. **New Hire:** Kayla Johnson, High School High Needs Paraeducator. Director Spivey made a motion to approve the new hire and Director Stillings seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

8th Grade Participation in High School Sports – Rob Henry reported that WIAA allows 8th graders to play up and that the guidelines are followed. Thirteen teams are using 8th graders for Girls Basketball. Rob discussed with other Athletic Directors and none of them have had problems with 8th graders playing up. Rob would like to see us continue to allow 8th graders to play up. Director Siemandel made a motion to continue to allow 8th graders to play up through the end of the school year and follow the WIAA rules. Director Stillings seconded. Motion

passed 5/0. There will be a work session set up to discuss legalities.

Approval of Spring Coaching Contracts – Director Stillings made a motion to approve Spring Coaching Contracts and Director Siemandel seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Approval of Band overnight stay at State including 8th graders – Rob Henry asked that the Board approve the band staying overnight at State and that 8th graders be allowed to participate. There will be four chaperones. Director Siemandel made a motion to approve and Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Donations – Pep Band (3) \$500 donations for Pep Band to go to State. Director Spivey made a motion to approve the Pep Band donations and Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Policy 6220 Revised – Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements – 2nd Reading – Director Ooms had concerns regarding the difference in the wording with State and Federal specific guidelines. We will do some research and have a 3rd reading in March.

24/25 School Calendars – Superintendent Bahr shared the 24/25 Draft Calendars. The Board requested that we do a survey of staff and parents and discuss and approve at the March Board meeting.

Financial Report – Debi Holmes, Business Manager, presented Budget Status, Enrollment and Fund Balance reports and Audit update.

Student Representative Report – Jeaniche Kitchens – Students are doing great and they are excited for Spring Sports, especially golf.

Administrative Reports – Special Services Director - Justin Gurnsey, MS/HS Principal – John Beckman, Elementary Principal – Rita Meldrum and Athletic Director – Rob Henry.

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Bahr - Thank you to all Community members that supported our 2 Levy proposals. Our EP&O passed at 55.53% and our Capital Levy passed at 53.46%. Levy Certification will be Friday February 23rd. We will not receive any monies until 2025, and I will be recommending in the near future to the board that they should have a work session to prioritize projects that we need to address. In saying that, Greg is working on the Controls at the High School – “Controls” sets air follows and temperatures in the classrooms. This is from our \$350,000.00 grant we received for the small schools grant. Greg is working on the Power usage and will need to add a new meter on the High School to separate from the Middle School power at the cost of \$13,000.00. This will give a more accurate account of the amount of energy we are using at the high school. As you all are aware we had an unfortunate Bus accident on Wednesday February 14th. No students or bus driver were hurt. No one in the other vehicle was hurt. We are still waiting for the insurance adjuster to come and review the damage. The WSSDA Regional Meeting-DA 5 will be held here in Rainier @ the Rainier High School Commons, May 6th, 6-8 pm.

Executive Session - Chairman Sprouffske announced an Executive Session for 10 minutes to review the performance of an employee at 7:26 p.m.

The Executive Session began at 7:28 p.m. Director Stillings made a motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. and Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Adjourn - Director Siemandel made a motion to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:39 pm and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 20th @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Bryon Bahr, Secretary

Approved by:
Jerry F. Sprouffske

Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board