

RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 307
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 20th, 2023 – 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

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.

CONSENT AGENDA – No changes to the Agenda.

Approval of Minutes – Director Spivey made a motion to approve the November 29th Board Meeting minutes. Director Stillings 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	January Estimates
Payroll & Benefits	900019975-900020138	1,062,317.39	1,050,000.00
General Fund	74115498-74115548	168,768.84	250,000.00
ASB Fund	74402864-74402870	8,872.06	20,000.00
Capital Projects		0.00	0.00

Audience Input/Public Comment – Justin Guernsey, Baseball Coach, shared continuing concerns with the impact dual sports would have on our Athletic Department.

Personnel Actions - Resignations: David Hayward – Maintenance/Mechanic. Recognized by the Board. **New Hires** – Andrew Bartell - Head Golf Coach. Director Ooms made a motion to approve the new hire and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Policy 4130 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement (Revision) – Director Stillings made a motion to approve Policy 4130 with bullets added and Director Siemandel seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Policy 3115 – Homelessness Students: Enrollment Rights and Services (Revision) – Director Ooms made a motion to approve Policy 3115 and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Policy 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences (Revision) – Director Stillings made a motion to approve Policy 3122 and Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Dual Sports Participation

“Director Ooms shared that he did not appreciate the false and misleading information provided to the board by a certain coach. The information provided is incorrect and incomplete, and he provided several examples as to the misleading, incorrect and incomplete information provided to the board. He further stated that a certain coach has cornered and pinned other coaches against one another, resulting in animosity amongst coaches. Director Ooms stated this is deeply concerning to him, and this does not foster a positive environment for the kids, coaches, Page 1 of 2

and the overall sports programs. Director Ooms would support dual sports for the benefits of the kids; however, due to the actions of a certain coach, a negative environment has been created that will likely result in the unfortunate failure of dual sports participation.”

Director Siemandel felt that after she heard the student voice from our student leader, Jeaniche Kitchens, and concerns that Asst. Principal, Kristin Robinson, shared about health and wellness of our students she was not certain about approving the dual sports participation. Director Spivey agreed with Director Siemandel and stated she no longer was in support of dual sports. Director Sprouffske shared that the negatives are far more than the positives. Director Stillings made a motion to not pursue dual sports and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed with 3 approved, 2 abstain.

Superintendent Review Date - The date was scheduled for January 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

Levy Update – Superintendent Bahr share the levy calendar. Levy information has been posted to our website. We will have our first Community Meeting January 4th and Senior Center meeting on January 10th. We will be mailing out a levy fact sheet to our Rainier Community. There is another scheduled Community meeting on January 18th at the Elementary.

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

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Bahr thanked the Board for a great year and shared that he appreciated all that they accomplished.

Adjourn - Director Spivey made a motion to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 6:47 pm and Director Siemandel seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Next Scheduled Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Bryon Bahr, Secretary

Approved by:
Jerry F. Sprouffske

Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board