

RAINIER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 307
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 29th, 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, Rob Henry, John Beckman, Rita Meldrum, Kristin Robinson, Katie Qualls, Jeaniche Kitchens.

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 October 18th Board Meeting minutes. Director Ooms seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

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

	Warrants & Direct Deposits	Totals	December Estimates
Payroll & Benefits	900019690-900019820	1,027,545.30	1,030,000.00
General Fund	74115380-74115472	312,898.46	250,000.00
ASB Fund	74402840-74402861	29,791.35	20,000.00
Capital Projects		0.00	0.00

Audience Input/Public Comment – Justin Guernsey, Baseball Coach, shared information and comments and names of other coaches that have concerns about a Dual Sports Program. He also spoke with other school districts who tried it and had negative comments. He is strongly recommending that dual sports not be approved.

Personnel Actions - Resignations: Kelly Waltman – preschool paraeducator. Jennifer Bush – Payroll and Benefits Coordinator. **New Hires** – Ashley McKittrick – preschool paraeducator. Director Stillings motion to approve the new hire and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Highly Capable Report – Kristin Robinson updated the Board on the Highly Capable Program. The Program enrollment is 23 students. Elementary students who are identified as highly capable will be placed in advanced reading and/or the advanced math groups. Middle school and high school students who are identified will be placed in the honors and AP level classes. Kristin will report back after testing in March.

Levy Committee Approval Pro/Con - Superintendent Bahr recommended we approve Jim Holmes as our Pro Levy Committee. We did not have anyone apply for the Con Committee. Director Ooms made a motion to approve Jim Holmes for Pro Committee and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Policy 4130 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement (Revision) – 1st Reading.

Policy 3115 – Homelessness Students: Enrollment Rights and Services (Revision) – 1st Reading

Policy 3122 – Excused and Unexcused Absences (Revision) – 1st Reading

Policy 6550 – Capitalization Threshold for Leases and Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs) – 2nd Reading – Director Ooms made a motion to approve Policy 6550 and Director Stillings seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Winter and Spring Sports overnight approvals – Director Siemandel made a motion to approve Winter and Spring Sports overnight trips and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

Dual Sports Participation – Director Siemandel shared she is still torn on dual sports and wondered if we could try it on a temporary basis. Jeaniche Kitchens, our student representative, shared that she had strong concerns on the affect dual sports could have on students. She spoke with peers who shared these concerns. Kristin Robinson, Assistant MS/HS Principal, John Beckman, MS/HS Principal and Rob Henry, Athletic Director all shared concerns for students and the social and emotional stress it could have. The Board decided to table the decision until next month.

Financial Report – Debi Holmes, Business Manager, presented Budget Status, Enrollment and Fund Balance. Enrollment numbers are up 30+ from budgeted FTE.

Student Representative Report – Jeaniche Kitchens. Jeaniche shared that they are preparing for Representative Orcutt’s visit on Thursday, November 30th.

Administration Reports – Principal Beckman, Principal Meldrum, Justin Gurnsey – Special Services Coordinator, Rob Henry – Athletic Coordinator.

Superintendent Report – Bryon Bahr

Adjourn - Director Siemandel made a motion to adjourn the regular school board meeting at 7:21 pm and Director Spivey seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Bryon Bahr, Secretary

Approved by:
Jerry F. Sprouffske

Secretary to the Board

Chairman of the Board