



Board of Directors, Regular Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, May 28, 2024
RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 400
BENTON COUNTY, RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

The Board of Directors of Richland School District No. 400 met for a regular meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. via Zoom and in person, 6972 Keene Road, West Richland, Washington. School Board Vice President Jill Oldson presided. Board members participating: Bonnie Mitchell, Chelsie Beck, and Katrina Waters. Administrators present: Superintendent Dr. Shelley Redinger, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education Brian Moore, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education Tory Christensen, Executive Director of Finance Clinton Sherman, Director of Information Technology Greg Pipkins, Executive Director of Operations Richard Krasner, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning Jennifer Klauss, Executive Director of Elementary Teaching and Learning Derek O'Konek, Executive Director of Special Education 6-12 and Behavioral Health Robert Sorensen.

The Special Meeting/Workshop was called to order at 5:50 P.M.

1.0 Topic: 2024/2025 Budget Workshop

Clinton Sherman, Executive Director of Finance, explained enrollment drives the District revenue and 13,825 full time equivalent (FTE) students will be used for the 2024/2025 budget projection. This is an increase of 105 FTE from the current budgeted enrollment of 13,790. Funds are received from local revenues (property taxes, payment in lieu of taxes, school food services, and local support non-tax), state revenues, and federal revenues. A detailed history of percentages for each was shared.

The Special Meeting/Workshop was adjourned at 6:20 P.M. due to a medical emergency.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 6:56 P.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Roll Call-Mr. Jansons was excused.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 RECOGNITIONS

2.1.1 Better Together-Autism Walk-First Annual

Robert Sorensen, Executive Director of Secondary Special Education and Behavioral Health, introduced Donna Tracy, Arc of Tri Cities Program Manager, and thanked the District for its support. There were 2,700 participants and \$32,000 was raised. Part of the funds will be used for a free workshop for teachers. The event will take place again next year.

2.1.2 Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)

Jen Klauss, Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning, Mike Gaddis, Hanford High School Assistant Principal, and Kevin Norris, Richland High School Assistant Principal, shared

335 students participated this year. This is a four-year program for students in the academic middle. The program provides college and career readiness with 10 classes at Richland High School and 13 at Hanford High School. Several students shared AVID has a family environment, high expectations, and all shared where they will be attending college after high school.

2.2 Student Advisory Report

Matt Schuster, Richland High School, reported on topics discussed at the recent Student Advisory meeting including the bond project package and Student Representatives to the Board of Directors. Senior students were honored with certificates to thank them for their time served on the committee.

2.3 Parent/Guardian Advisory Report

Toni O'Connor, President, reported on the recent meeting topics. Ms. O'Connor stated both Special Education Executive Directors attend the meeting to answer questions and further discussion. Ms. O'Connor shared a list of topics recommendations with action plans. Meetings will continue throughout the summer (June 17th; August 19th). Ms. Oldson invited any parent to attend.

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

Alexis Nicholson, Student, is in the Quest program and loves school. She stated Ms. Wutzke's position was meant to make this program more equitable.

Wesley Nicholson, Student, shared Ms. Wutzke helped him and feels she can help other students in the Quest program.

Heather Nicholson, Parent/Guardian, is an advocate for the highly capable position and shared concern for removing this position.

Ron Higgins, Richland, shared concern regarding transgender issues.

Nicole Myjak, Parent/Richland, is on the Special Education Task Force and feels every child, no matter where they are, needs to feel supported.

Michael Summers, Parent/Richland, feels his student benefited greatly from a more inclusive environment. He shared benefits of the TIES Center (time in general education, instructional effectiveness, engagement, and support).

Michelle Sinnes, Parent/Richland, shared concern with the cancellation of jazz choir at Richland High School, a zero hour class. She shared several benefits of this class and asked not to cancel the class. Dr. Redinger asked Tory Christensen, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education, to speak with Ms. Sinnes.

Cody Sinnes, Richland High School Student, shared concern with cancelling choir classes and feels enrollment is not going down. He also stated students had to pay for trips.

Beau Ruff, Parent, shared his son was in the Quest Program and has had great people assisting his student. He thanked the District for their support.

Diane Call, Richland, is President of Benton/Franklin County Special Education PTA. She shared her support for full inclusion in general education classes. Inclusion promotes student develop and improved social outcomes.

2.5 Board/Student Representatives/Superintendent Reports

Sheila Dehkordi thanked Karrin Wierzchowski for work as Senior Representative to the Board and helping her throughout the year.

Chelsie Beck attended the Whitman Mission field trip.

Shelley Redinger congratulated all spring sports teams on their successes at the State Tournaments.

Jill Oldson attended the regional WSSDA meeting and participated in Student Representative interviews. This is a big commitment and she commended both students on their work with the Board this year.

Karrin Wierzchowski shared the swim team is putting on a camp this summer. She is graduating this year and thanked the Board for this opportunity.

3.0 BUSINESS

3.1 Middle School Math Update-(Moved to June 11, 2024 Agenda)

3.2 Parent/Guardian District Survey Results-(Moved to June 11, 2024 Agenda)

3.3 District Goal-(Moved to June 11, 2024 Agenda)

3.4 Policy/PR. No. 6700-Nutrition

3.5 Policy/PR. No. 6701-Recess and Physical Activity

3.6 Policy/PR. No. 6702-Wellness

Mr. Christensen presented three policies for review. All polices are considered essential and align to Washington State School Directors' Association guidelines. Board discussion followed.

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

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE POLICY/PR. NO. 6700-NUTRITION;
POLICY/PR. NO. 6701-RECESS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY; AND POLICY/PR. NO. 6702-
WELLNESS, ALL FOR FIRST READING.

Vote: Waters, yes; Mitchell, yes; Beck, yes; and Oldson, yes
Student Representatives: Wierzchowski, yes; Dehkordi, yes
Motion was approved.

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

It was moved by Bonnie Mitchell and seconded by Chelsie Beck –

THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (4.1) THROUGH (4.10) INCLUDING AN UPDATED PERSONNEL ACTION.

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

4.1 Personnel Actions

ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Chunn, Calvin, Assistant Principal to Principal at Marcus Whitman Elementary School

Kelly, John, Assistant Principal, Jefferson Elementary to Asst. Principal at Orchard Elementary

McKenzie, Kristien, Principal, Marcus Whitman Elementary to Principal at Orchard Elementary

RETIREMENTS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Abercrombie, Les, Director of Labor Relations, effective 6/30/2024

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Kohn, Amy, Assistant Director of State and Federal Programs, effective 6/30/2024

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Burbank, Sierra, 1.0 FTE Music, White Bluffs Elementary School (non-continuing)

Garcia, Gabriela, 0.2 FTE Music, Enterprise Middle School (non-continuing)

O'Connor, Toni, 1.0 FTE, Music, William Wiley Elementary School

Sintay, Nicki, 1.0 FTE, Resource Room, Desert Sky Elementary School (coming from sub)

CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Brown, Megan, Extended Resource Room, William Wiley, to Pre-K, Early Learning Center

Gustafson, Amanda, 5th Grade, Lewis and Clark Elementary, to Language Arts/Social Studies at Hanford High School

Russell, Taylor, Preschool, Early Learning Center, to Librarian, Lewis and Clark Elementary

Stark, Kayla, 4th Grade, Tapteal Elementary, to 5th Grade, White Bluffs Elementary (non-con't)

DECEASED

Medrano, Javier, Spanish, Enterprise Middle School, effective 5/25/2024

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Enos, Shane, Paraeducator, Jefferson Elementary School, effective 5/28/2024

RESIGNATIONS FOR THE END OF THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Ferrell, Emily, Paraeducator, Lewis & Clark Elementary School, effective 8/31/2024

Turner, Tracie, Paraeducator, Tapteal Elementary School, effective 8/31/2024

NEW HIRES FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Bailey, Carrol, Secretary (from Replacement Employee), Sacajawea Elementary, effective 8/8/2024

Berry, Cassandra, Secretary, Early Learning Center, effective 8/8/2024

Bunnage, Natasha, Secretary (from Replacement Employee), Richland HS, effective 8/8/2024

DECEASED

Rodriguez, Amber, Paraeducator, William Wiley Elementary School, effective 4/22/2024

4.2 Approval of Minutes (May 14, 2024)

4.3 Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) Yearly Report

4.4 Policy/Pr. No. 2028-Therapy Animals in Schools

4.5 Policy No. 5400-Personnel Leaves

4.6 Policy/Pr. No. 5404-Family and Medical Leave

4.7 CASH GRANT-WA State Future Farmers of America (FFA)-Richland High School

4.8 Enrollment Monthly

4.9 Budget Monthly

4.10 Warrant Information

ASB Fund Warrant Nos. 40007803 through 40007816 for \$20,149.92
Nos. 54000710 through 54000711 for \$166.32
Nos. 40007817 through 40007822 for \$9,690.17
Nos. 54000712 through 54000712 for \$4,001.98
Capital Projects Fund Warrant Nos. 20002167 through 20002171 for \$84,274.21
Nos. 52000405 through 52000406 for \$43,426.47
Nos. 20002172 through 20002175 for \$39,698.10
General Fund Warrant Nos. 10089560 through 10089568 for \$7,754.89
Nos. 51003620 through 51003630 for \$11,013.12
Nos. 10089689 through 10089694 for \$68,517.75
Nos. 51003632 through 51003647 for \$149,445.28

5.0 AGENDAS

5.1 Future Agenda Items

Items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 will be added to the June 11, 2024 agenda. Agendas will be reviewed at Board Leadership.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF DIRECTORS