

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
April 19, 2012

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on April 19, 2012. This is an unofficial record. The official minutes of each board meeting are posted on the district web site at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/mo/rpsd/Board.nsf/Public>

Increase to lunch prices

The board approved increasing school lunch prices by 5 cents for the 2012-2013 school year. The price increase is needed to ensure compliance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Paid Lunch Equity Program, as well as to cover increases in the cost of food, delivery and labor.

Currently, a student lunch at the elementary and intermediate schools is \$1.95. The new price will be \$2. A student lunch at the secondary schools (grades 7-12) is currently \$2.25. The price will increase to \$2.30. All other meal prices will remain the same.

Access control bid

The board approved a bid from Protection One to install an access control system for Creekmoor Elementary and the Administrative Services Center. The board accepted the bid of \$27,057, with an additional \$1,500 for contingencies. The district will also pay a monthly fee for web hosting at \$95 per month for Creekmoor Elementary and \$55 per month for the Administrative Services Center.

This project continues the effort to install a keyless access control system throughout the district.

Information items

Transportation renewal for 2012-2013

Jay Harris, assistant superintendent for administrative services, shared information about renewal of the district's bus transportation contract. The contract will be for the third year of a three-year contract with Apple Bus Co. The contract provided for an annual price increase of 2 percent to 6 percent. Apple Bus proposes a price increase of 3 percent for 2012-2013, which includes digital video surveillance equipment on all buses (35 passenger or larger) assigned to the Ray-Pec bus lot. Currently, video equipment is in place on all regular route buses. Negotiations with Apple Bus are continuing, and the board will be asked to consider a recommendation for the contract renewal at a future meeting.

To read the transportation contract and renewal information, go here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?nid=71>

Gifted/LEAP Program Review

(Each month, specific departments or programs review their programs for the Board.) Karen Hurst, Director of K-6 Curriculum and Assessment, presented a report about the LEAP (Logic, Enrichment, and Academic Pursuit) program for gifted students in grades 2-8 in the district.

Hurst shared about the screening and testing process for the program. She also talked about changes to the program to add more advanced curriculum and activities and to incorporate technology into the learning.

Hurst reviewed these goals for 2011-2012:

- A higher percentage of students evaluated will meet eligibility by increasing from 25 percent to 30 percent found eligible. Indicators of success: 1) Students evaluated will be identified through a screening process that recognizes performance in the top 10 percent on specific local and state assessments; 2) Population participating in the LEAP program will remain above 124 students.
- Increase differentiation of learning styles and interests through research-based technological tools, annually, by 25 percent. Indicators of success: 1) Implement use of iPads with elementary LEAP students (23 percent of LEAP population); 2) Implement use of iPads with intermediate LEAP students (37 percent of LEAP population).

Hurst said that 129 students were tested during the 2010-2011 school year for eligibility in the LEAP program, and 32 qualified for the program. Since 2006, about 22 percent of the students tested have qualified.

Hurst shared the Missouri Assessment Program test results for gifted students and also shared results from a parent and student survey.

You may read the entire program review report at: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=760>

Wellness Program Review

(Each month, specific departments or programs review their programs for the Board.) Information about the district's Vocational Programs was presented at the April 19, 2012, board of education meeting by **Colleen Johnston**, Director of Child Nutrition. **Chris Roller**, physical education teacher at Peculiar Elementary School, also spoke during the presentation.

The wellness program at Ray-Pec includes wellness policies that were adopted in 2006 as a result of federal law. As part of the program, the district has goals for nutrition education, physical activity and nutrition guidelines. The program involves parents, students, school administrators, school board members and the Child Nutrition Department.

The Patriot Fit Club, an after-school physical activity program at Peculiar Elementary School, was begun as a pilot project three years ago. Chris Roller talked about the participated in the after-school club.

This year, Physical Education Teacher Josh Littrell started an after-school running club at Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen intermediate schools. The program provides an opportunity for fifth and sixth graders to

participate twice each month in an after-school exercise activity. The running clubs also scheduled several one-mile fun runs for the students.

Goals for 2012-2013:

- Continue the Patriot Fit Club at Peculiar Elementary.
- Continue the running club programs at Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen.
- Implement the “MyTray” program from Nutrikids. MyTray helps food service departments promote and communicate menu plans to the school community. It also allows families to plan school meals online using the school’s actual menu items.
- Continue a partnership with Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

You can read the complete report here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=69>

Ray-Pec Alternative School program

David Ulrich, Director of Student Services, and Jim Brown, principal of the Ray-Pec Academy, presented information to the board about the Academy, which is Ray-Pec’s alternative school for students in grades 9-12. Several graduates spoke about the impact of the program on their lives, and how the alternative setting provided the support they needed to graduate from high school.

Superintendent comments

Superintendent Dr. Jeff Kyle shared information on several topics:

- Dr. Kyle provided an update on the strategic planning process. Eight goal teams are continuing work to identify strategies and action steps for the revised strategic plan.
- A board of education work session about the budget is scheduled for 4 p.m. May 29.
- The annual board of education retreat is scheduled for June 19.
- The district has received the Accredited with Distinction in Performance resolution.

Other business

Consent agenda

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, personnel report (hirings and resignations), and minutes for the March 22, 2012, and March 28, 2012, Board of Education meetings. The consent agenda also included a list of early graduates, a ballot for the Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP) Board of Directors, and renewal of the Missouri School Boards Association policy maintenance service. You may view these reports at:

<http://www.boarddocs.com/mo/rpsd/Board.nsf/Public>

Early graduates

The board approved early graduation for these students from the Ray-Pec Academy: Jessica Cain, Tyler Griffin, Ashley Howard, DaSean Jordan, Etta Kirkland, Cody Landis, Anita Morales, Anthony Perkins, Nick

Rice, Justin Richter, Celene Schiner, Olivia Shelley, Tomas Srohkrich, and Tony Swan. The early graduation request was included in the consent agenda.

Updates

- May 7-11 is Teacher Appreciation Week. The district will provide breakfast at schools.
- The Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year banquet is May 9.
- Graduation is Friday, May 18.
- There will be early dismissal for all students on the last day of school, Monday, May 21.