

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Aug. 25, 2016

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Aug. 25, 2016. 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>

Tax rate unchanged for 13th year

The Board of Education on Aug. 25 set the 2016 property tax levy at \$5.0397, the same rate since 2004. That total includes an operating levy of \$3.7014 and a debt service levy of \$1.3383. The approval followed a public hearing. The rate is calculated based on the assessed valuation of real estate and personal property in the District.

Construction update

Aaron Harte, architect with incite Design Studio, presented an update on the high school construction project. Much of the work to date has included relocation of utilities, grading and pad preparation for the building additions, and the construction of the new visitor parking lot at the front of the school. Harte shared photos of some of the interior work that is under way. He also commented briefly about safety measures in place around the construction areas.

Recognition

The Board thanked the Cass County Health Department for providing immunizations one day during Back-to-School registration. Health Department Director Tiffany Klassen and Office Manager Kelsie Stafford were recognized at the meeting.

Action items

Assessment Plan

The Board approved the 2016-2017 Assessment Plan. The plan includes locally-developed assessments, as well as state- and federally-mandated tests. It also includes information about optional assessments, and specific assessments used for special education students, early childhood students, and gifted students. You may review the plan: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11372>

Change orders

The Board approved two change orders as part of the high school addition, Phase 1, work. One change order, in the amount of \$32,127.57, is for a change in the new electrical service to the high school. The project will include underground service lines, rather than above-ground service lines. The other change order, in the amount of \$17,371.17, is for a change in project scope (adding roof pipe draining to Phase

1 and moving certain electrical elements to Phase 2) and the discovery of an existing drain line not shown on previous plans. The drain line must be removed and connected to the roof drain line.

Audio-visual package for Ray-Pec High School

The Board approved a bid of \$381,270 from Progressive Electronics for the audio-visual package for the high school addition, Phase 2. The work includes audio-visual wiring and speakers for regular classrooms, and display and sound systems in the library media center, lecture hall, Family and Consumer Science and culinary classrooms, and band/vocal music classrooms. It also includes the sound system for the auxiliary gym. The bid was below the estimated budget for this package.

High School roofing bid

The Board approved a bid of \$341,907.23 from Weatherproofing Technologies Inc. for the purchase of roofing materials for the High School addition, Phase 2. In June, the Board approved a bid that included the labor to install the roof over the new construction area.

Surplus property

The Board declared a list of items, including tables, computer carts, filing cabinets, and a TV/cart with DVD and VHS player, as surplus. These items will be made available for bids through Gov Deals as part of the surplus property procedure. The Board approved bids on a list of surplus items for a total of \$1,181.01. You can view the list of items and bids here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/8/Board-of-Education>

Committee reports

Board Member Barbara Boucher said she had attended the Professional Development Committee meeting, at which members talked about the P.D. survey and planning for the year.

Board President Kim York said that the Finance-Audit Committee met with the auditors after the firm's completion of its field work. The auditors will present a formal report to the Board in October.

Superintendent comments

Dr. Monsees thanked everyone for a smooth start to the school year. He said that enrollment might be up slightly. After the official count date in late September, the District may record its first year of enrollment of more than 6,000 students.

Dr. Monsees shared that planning is under way for a ribbon cutting at the 211th Street/Peculiar Way interchange. He said that ACT results had been announced, and that this was the first year that nearly all graduates took the test.

He thanked the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation and the Missouri Retired Teachers Association for providing snacks for staff. He also thanked people who volunteered for the District's Attendance Boundary Committee. More than 100 people have volunteered to serve on the committee, which will help the District prepare for new boundaries in the 2017-2018 school year.

He reminded all in attendance that the first home football game was Aug. 26.

Board member comments

Board Member Ruth Johnson was complimentary of the registration and enrollment process, the all-staff convocation, and the high school open house. She also recognized Ray-Pec Teacher of the Year Patrick Hemmingsen for his selection as a regional finalist for the state award.

Board Member Barbara Boucher said she was pleased to learn about 100 volunteers for the Attendance Boundary Committee. She said she was also pleased about a Texas judge's action to block guidance from the federal government about restroom use by transgender students. She again expressed support for the addition of driver's education classes at the high school. She noted that during a visit to the high school during the first week of school, the students looked good and were courteous, and that many teachers and staff members were supervising the passing period. She also complimented the appearance of the grounds at Ray-Pec East Middle School.

Board President Kim York thanked everyone involved for keeping the high school construction work coordinated and safe.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, and minutes for the July 28 regular monthly Board of Education meeting. The Board also approved appointments to the Finance-Audit Committee. You may view these reports at:

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

To view the personnel report (hirings, resignations and retirements), go here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/1077/Personnel-News-August-2016>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- School board work session, 6 p.m., Sept. 8, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Sept. 22, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.