

**Ray-Pec School Board Update**  
**Regular monthly meeting**  
**Nov. 17, 2016**

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Nov. 17, 2016. This is an unofficial record. The official minutes of each board meeting are posted at:

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

The School Board on Nov. 17, 2016, recognized five All-State student athletes and two staff members, approved the bus ridership report, and heard updates about the Early Learning and Parents as Teachers programs.

**Recognition**

The Board of Education on Nov. 17 recognized Senior Callie Martin for being selected as the Class 4 Softball All-State First Team Catcher and Jace Whitney for being selected as an All-State Cheerleader.

The Board recognized three cross-country runners for earning All-State honors after the state meet: Miranda Dick, Makenzie Stucker, and Tyler Musgrave.

The Board recognized Pam Steele for being nominated for the Olive T. Ritchie Educational Officer Professional of the Year award. She is the sole nominee from Missouri for this national award. Steele is the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Secretary for the Board of Education. The Board also recognized Activities Director Tom Kruse on being selected as the Kansas City Interscholastic Administrators Association Athletic Director of the Year. He is one of eight finalists for the state award.

**Early Childhood program review**

Dr. Michelle Hofmann, Director of Elementary Education, provided a review of the District's Early Childhood program. Currently the program serves 101 general education students, 54 special education students, and has a waiting list of 27 students. She shared program highlights and reviewed the previous year's goals as well as goals for the current year.

The program will be moving and expanding for the 2017-2018 school year. You can see the presentation here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11811>

**Parents as Teachers program review**

Linda Bass, Director of Special Services, presented a review of the Parents as Teachers program. Over the past year, parent educators completed 1,170 home contacts with families, and 951 of the visits were with families that met the state criteria for "high needs." In addition, 801 developmental screenings were completed for children ages 4 months to 5 years old. As a result of the screenings, 43 children ages 3-5 were referred for further evaluation.

Bass told about group activities offered to PAT families, and shared the results of parent surveys, which showed high levels of satisfaction with the program. Parents are interested in additional home visits. You can see the presentation here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11812>

### **Annual Performance Report**

Dr. Monsees shared that the District received a 98.9 percent score on its 2016 Annual Performance Report (APR) from the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The District received 138.5 out of 140 total points possible on the APR.

The report includes student achievement data, graduation rates, attendance rates, and college and career readiness indicators. The report measures how well the District serves students under specific state guidelines and is used to determine a school district's accreditation.

This is an increase from the 98.6 percent earned in 2015, 96.1 percent earned in 2014, and the 93.2 percent achieved in 2013.

### **Ridership report**

The Board approved the October student ridership report. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires school districts to provide student transportation data to the state. The report includes the number of students transported on each bus route. The report also provides the number of students transported within a mile of their respective schools due to the designation of hazardous zones. To determine hazardous zones, these factors are considered: grade of pupil, location of walkway in relation to roadway, speed of traffic, volume of traffic, and road crossing areas. Ridership Report: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11810>

### **John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship Committee**

Board Members Ruth Johnson, Maria Davies, and Ryan Wescoat volunteered to review scholarship applications and select a Ray-Pec nominee for the John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship. One winner is selected from each of the 17 Missouri School Boards' Association regions in the state.

### **Surplus property**

The Board declared a list of items, including elementary library books, textbooks, and workbooks, 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 \$376. You can view the list of items and bids here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/8/Board-of-Education>

### **Board policies**

Upon the review and recommendation of the Policy Review Committee, the Board affirmed these policies without changes:

- IKE – Promotion, Acceleration and Retention of Students
- JG-R2 – Academic Integrity
- JGA – Corporal Punishment

- JGGA – Seclusion, Isolation and Restraint
- JHA – Student Insurance
- JHC – Student Health Services and Requirements
- JK – Work Certificates

The Board had a first reading of these policies:

- JFCL – A+ Schools Program
- JHD – Student Guidance and Counseling

The Board approved these policies:

- GCD – Professional Staff Recruiting and Hiring
- GDBB – Nonexempt Employee Supplementary Pay Plans
- GDC – Support Staff Recruiting and Hiring
- JG – Student Discipline

To review these or any other Board policy, go here:

<https://eboard.eboardsolutions.com/ePolicy/PolicyOverview.aspx?S=80000&Sch=80000>

### **Early Graduates**

As part of the consent agenda, the Board approved a list of students who have completed the requirements and qualify for early graduation:

- Ray-Pec High School early graduates: Mercedes Lopez, Sydney Lottie, Marissa Palmay, and Angelique Taylor.
- Ray-Pec Academy early graduates: Alexys Carter and Shyanne Jones.
- Missouri Options early graduates: Leeanne Cook, Mina Pittman, Matthew Demers, Marinie Abendan, Bryce Phillips, Maggie Schwartz, Zachary T. Thurston, Frank Hoskins, Patrick McClurg, Braden Burggraf, Briannah Hardy, Joseph McDowell, and Jacob Gudenkauf.

### **Committee reports**

- Board President Kim York said she appreciated the updates during the Joint Cities meeting on Nov. 16. The District hosted the quarterly meeting, which includes officials from the cities of Peculiar and Raymore, and Cass County.
- Board Member Ruth Johnson reported on the Attendance Boundary Committee. She thanked the parents and staff on the committee for their good work. She also noted that the Strategic Plan Committee met earlier in the day to review the status of the plan and its goals.
- Board Vice President Kim Bailey, who also serves on the Strategic Planning Committee, said she was glad that the District set goals that are higher than the state averages. She also noted that with changes in legislation and assessment, it was difficult to have some measures that are consistent.

### **Superintendent comments**

Dr. Monsees said that the Attendance Boundary Committee was working hard to develop a recommendation to be presented to the Board in December. He said that the District was creating a Frequently Asked Questions document about the boundary changes and some additional maps.

He noted that construction at the high school was progressing well, and said that new photos of the progress were posted on the District web site.

He thanked the Child Nutrition Department for its work to prepare and serve Thanksgiving meals to students, staff, and more 2,200 guests.

Dr. Monsees thanked students and staff for their hard work that resulted in the District's high score on the state's Annual Performance Report.

He also gave a birthday shout-out to his granddaughter, Anlynn, who is turning 3.

### **Board member comments**

Board Member Ruth Johnson was a judge at the District's Forensics and Debate Tournament. She also said that the band had an excellent performance at the City of Raymore's Veterans Day Ceremony.

Board Vice President Kim Bailey attended the high school musical and said it was very impressive. She praised the start-up of Ray-Pec Cares, and said she was looking forward to conducting mock interviews with gifted students in the LEAP program.

Board Member Barbara Boucher said she was pleased that more than 100 people attended the kick-off events for Ray-Pec Cares.

### **Consent agenda**

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, and minutes for the Oct. 13 work session and Oct. 27 regular monthly Board of Education meeting. 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/1098/Personnel-News-November-2016>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

### **Updates**

- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Tuesday, Dec. 13, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.
- School board work session, 6 p.m., Jan. 12, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.