

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Dec. 13, 2016

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Dec. 13, 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>

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Recognition

The Board recognized Sophomore Adeline Aube for winning the grand prize in a statewide art contest sponsored by ACT Missouri. This year's theme, Your Actions Matter, was incorporated in each artist's submission. Winners at each grade level received \$50 and will have their artwork appear in the 2017 Year in Prevention Calendar. Adeline won the grand prize of a Fire HD tablet. Her artwork will also be included in the calendar.

Bond refunding

The Board took the first step to re-finance some outstanding 2007 general obligation bonds. The Board approved a resolution authorizing the District to offer for sale more than \$9.8 million in bonds and issuing new bonds at a lower interest rate to realize savings. The bond refinancing will be handled through a competitive bid process.

School Climate program review

Dr. Bryan Pettengill, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, and Dr. Kristel Barr, Director of Student Services and Secondary Education, presented a review of the School Culture and Climate program. They reviewed the characteristics of a positive school culture, and told of efforts to prevent bullying, train staff to be trauma sensitive, and assess threats. They also shared survey results to show how student, parents, and staff perceive school safety, bullying, and the presence of caring adults. You can see the presentation here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11870>.

Construction update

Architect Patrick Smith, a senior associate with incite Design Studio, presented a construction update at the Dec. 13, 2016, School Board meeting. He told the Board that certain areas inside the school would be turned over to the District the week of Dec. 19. Some classrooms and offices will be re-located over Winter Break to allow interior renovation to continue in other areas of the school. He also reported on the exterior progress, including the dome on the auxiliary gym. You can view his presentation: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11866>

Change orders

The Board approved four change orders related to construction. Three change orders are related to Phase II of the high school addition:

- A change order in the amount of \$3,860 to add actuators to the storm shelter louvers to provide passive ventilation for temperature control in the event of an emergency.
- A change order in the amount of \$7,757 for a roof ladder system to increase accessibility to the roof of the newly-constructed band room and stage craft shop.
- A change order in the amount of \$4,669 for the removal and replacement of existing control joint sealants.

The fourth change order, in the amount of \$5,374, was to provide additional audio/visual equipment.

John T. Belcher Memorial Scholarship Committee

The Board approved nominating RPHS Senior Emily Harris as the District's 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 and intermediate school library books and a 2001 Dodge Van 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 \$20. You can view the list of items and bids here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/8/Board-of-Education>

Board policies

The Board approved these policies:

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

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

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

Early Graduate

As part of the consent agenda, the Board approved Garrett McAvoy for early graduation from Ray-Pec High School.

Committee reports

Board Member Ruth Johnson attended a work session of the Raymore TIF Commission.

Superintendent comments

Dr. Monsees thanked everyone who served on the Attendance Boundary Committee and everyone involved in the boundary change process.

He noted that construction at the high school was progressing well, and said that a big transition would occur over winter break as the District would relocate some classrooms and offices to prepare for additional interior work. He said that planning is currently occurring for changes needed at Bridle Ridge, Eagle Glen, and Shull.

He reminded everyone of the Polar Plunge, an annual fundraiser for Special Olympics.

He also reminded attendees of the Foundation Gala, scheduled for Feb. 25.

Board member comments

Board Member Ruth Johnson attended the Peculiar Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, and said the band provided a good performance. She also attended a recent legislative breakfast.

Board Member Barb Boucher said that she also attended the Peculiar tree lighting ceremony, and that it was very enjoyable. She also attended the middle school band concert, and was pleased to see the large number of people in attendance.

Board Member Ryan Wescoat encouraged participation in the Polar Plunge and suggested expanded use of surveillance cameras.

Board Vice President Kim Bailey suggested research into additional Title 9 training for students.

Board Member Susan Edmonson said that the middle school choir concert was scheduled for Dec. 16.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, and minutes for the Nov. 10 work session, Nov. 16 Joint Cities meeting, and Nov. 17 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/1103/Personnel-News-December-2016>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- School board work session, 6 p.m., Jan. 19, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.