

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Jan. 26, 2017

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Jan. 26, 2017. 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 Board approved the 2017-2018 calendar with the first day of school on Aug. 23, 2017. There was special recognition for three All-State football players, Raymore Elementary Principal Jennika Miller, and District Bookkeeper Cheryl Tipton.

The Board also heard reports about the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation and the District's Student Interventions Program.

2017-2018 Calendar

The Board on Jan. 26 approved the calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The first day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 23, with Preview Day on Monday, Aug. 21. For winter break, students will be dismissed early on Dec. 22. Classes are not in session through Jan. 2. School resumes on Jan. 3, 2018. Spring break is scheduled from March 26-30, 2018. There are three possible make-up days for inclement weather: Feb. 16 and 20 and April 2. The last day of school is an early release on May 24. Any additional make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.

View and print the 2017-2018 calendar: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11959>

Recognition

The Board recognized three Ray-Pec High School football players who were selected for All-State Teams by the Missouri Football Coaches Association and the Missouri Media rankings. Anthony Payne, defensive lineman, was named to the Class 6 First Team All-State. Genesis Combs, offensive lineman, and Nick Cook, defensive back, were selected for the Second Team All-State.

The Board recognized Raymore Elementary School Principal Jennika Miller for being named Exemplary New Principal by the Kansas City Suburban Elementary Principals Association. Miller and 11 other new principals will be recognized at the association's Spring Leadership Conference, March 11-14, 2017, in Osage Beach, Mo.

The Board recognized Bookkeeper Cheryl Tipton for her work to help prepare the District's 2016-2017 budget. For the second year in a row, the Association of School Business Officials has awarded the Ray-Pec School District its Meritorious Budget Award for excellence in budget presentation.

The Board itself was recognized and thanked as part of School Board Recognition Week.

Foundation report

Jodie Huston, Executive Director of the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation, along with Foundation Board Members Allison Bruflat and Allison Scott, presented a report on the Foundation's activities. They thanked the Foundation's Board members and volunteers, told of past fundraising activities, reported on the success of the Caring About Nutrition program, and showed a short video about Ray-Pec Cares, which now operates under the umbrella of the Foundation.

They also reminded the Board about several coming events:

- Foundation Gala on Feb. 25 at Loch Lloyd Country Club. This annual event raises money for the Foundation and includes a silent and live auction.
- Foundation Impact Grants. The Foundation will award grants of \$50 to \$500 to Ray-Pec staff members.
- Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year banquet on April 6.
- Make a Difference 5k. This annual fundraiser event is scheduled for May 5.
- Alumni/Staff Tailgate and Distinguished Alumni Awards in September
- Golf tournament on Oct. 9.

Foundation giving report: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11968>

Ray-Pec Cares programs: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11970>

Student interventions program review

Dr. Kristel Barr, Director of Secondary Education, and Dr. Michelle Hofmann, Director of Elementary Education, presented a review of student intervention programs in the District. They outlined academic and behavioral interventions that help improve learning for all students. They described processes for screening and monitoring academic progress, and ways to measure improvement and growth. Behavior interventions include focus facilitators, behavior interventionists, the Student Assistance Team, Risk Prevention Team, At-Risk Behavior Collaboration Team, and individual plans. Read the report here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/11972>

Vocational Enhancement Grants

The Board approved the District's submission of four grants to expand vocational course offerings in the areas of engineering, biomedical science, culinary arts, and computer science. If approved, equipment and technology will be purchased in order to:

- Offer Principals of Engineering, the next course in the Project Lead The Way (PLTW) engineering sequence;
- Offer Principles of Biomedical Science, the first course in the PLTW biomedical sequence;
- Enhance the ProStart culinary course sequence; and
- Provide a sequence of computer programming courses.

Surplus property

The Board declared a list of items, including a non-working warmer, a non-working cooler, a cashier cart, TV cart, smartboard, elementary school library books and radios 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 \$833. You can view the list of items and bids here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/8/Board-of-Education>

Superintendent comments

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Al Voelker thanked the board members for their service. He also reminded all in attendance about the Polar Plunge on Jan. 28.

Board member comments

Board Member Barb Boucher commended the special education teachers at Creekmoor Elementary School for taking treats to the Raymore Police Department before the holidays. She also encouraged the showing of the inauguration to students as a learning opportunity.

Board Member Ryan Wescoat said that he would have items for the Board to consider for the 2017-2018 budget.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, and minutes for the Dec. 15 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/1106/Personnel-News-January-2017>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- School board work session, 6 p.m., Feb. 9, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.
- Joint Cities meeting, Feb. 15, hosted by City of Peculiar. (This is a quarterly meeting of elected officials and administrators from the School District, City of Peculiar, City of Raymore, and Cass County.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, Feb. 23, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.