

Raymore-Peculiar School Board Update
Work Session
Feb. 9, 2017

The Raymore-Peculiar School Board, during its Feb. 9, 2017, work session indicated support for selecting the Wolves as the mascot for Ray-Pec South Middle School, which will open in fall 2017. Official approval of the mascot and colors will come at a future Board meeting.

The Board also reviewed schedule changes for the high school and middle schools for 2017-2018 and reviewed a list of capital improvement projects.

Capital Improvements

Superintendent Dr. Kari Monsees reviewed a list of priority capital improvement projects for consideration in the budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Many of the projects are necessary to complete the school reconfigurations outlined in the Long Range Facility Plan. Additional high-need projects were identified by the Buildings and Grounds Department. The estimated cost of the projects totals \$2,607,000. A final decision on which projects will be funded will come later in the spring as the budget is developed.

- Shull, Bridle Ridge, and Eagle Glen – The current Shull Elementary School will become Shull Early Learning Center in fall 2017. To prepare the building for preschool programming, the District must remove and replace the exterior windows of many classrooms. The new windows must meet standards that allow for the egress by small children. In addition, fire alarm and restroom upgrades are needed in the school. The current Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen intermediate schools will become elementary schools in fall 2017. To prepare for the change, renovations are needed in one pod of each school to create larger kindergarten classrooms. The cost to make the renovations to the three schools is estimated at \$800,000.
- Playgrounds – Playground improvements are needed at Shull, Bridle Ridge, and Eagle Glen as all three schools prepare to serve younger students. The cost for site work, surfacing, playground equipment, and fencing is estimated at \$535,000.
- Asphalt – Resurfacing is planned at the high school and south middle school. Bids will be sought for alternates on the driveways. Some repairs are also proposed for Eagle Glen and Creekmoor. The cost for the projects and all alternates is estimated at \$900,000.
- Other projects include technology infrastructure at the high school, construction of a greenhouse at the high school, electrical service at Shull, replacement of three rooftop units at Shull, and irrigation and field repair at the East Middle School stadium and the high school soccer field.

Proposed Middle School schedule for 2017-2018

The Board heard about a proposal for a revised class schedule for 2017-2018. The proposed schedule includes four days of 50-minute classes in a seven-period day and one day of 44-minute classes. The schedule includes four days of advisory time for 27 minutes and one day of intervention for 60 minutes. The intervention time will allow students to receive academic support during the school day. The advisory time is designed to help students with information about policies and procedures of the school, character education guidance, and college and career readiness. The schedule change includes three courses to support students academically: a sixth grade reading course, a sixth grade digital literacy course; and an academic skills course for seventh and eighth grades. The schedule also includes teacher collaboration

time for teams and departments. See the proposed schedule here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/12025>

Proposed High School scheduled for 2017-2018

The Board also heard a proposal for a revised class schedule for the high school. The proposed schedule includes three days of traditional (50-minute) classes and two days of block classes (93 minutes each), as well as three days with a 25-minute intervention period called Panther Time, and one day with a 25-minute advisory period. In addition, the schedule includes a late start of 9:33 a.m. each Thursday to allow time for teacher collaboration. If the schedule with a weekly late start is approved, the District plans to offer morning bus transportation at a later time on Thursdays. See the proposed schedule here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/12024>

Mascot for South Middle School

Dr. Al Voelker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, told the board about efforts to gather student input for a mascot for Ray-Pec South Middle School. Students at Bridle Ridge and East Middle School were invited to propose mascot suggestions. Those suggestions were narrowed to a shorter list, and students then voted, with the most votes cast for "Wolves."

The Board indicated its support for selecting the Wolves as the mascot. Official approval of the mascot and colors will come at a future Board meeting.