

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Jan. 23, 2014

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Jan. 23, 2014. 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>

Board approves 2014-2015 calendar

The board of education approved the 2014-2015 calendar. The first day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 13. Winter break will begin with an early dismissal on Dec. 19, and students will return to classes on Jan. 5, 2015. Spring break will be March 16-20, 2015. The last day of school will be May 21. Here is a link to the calendar: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/6863>

Earlier in the meeting, the board conducted a public hearing about the proposed calendar. Tonya Long of Peculiar addressed the board. She said that having a non-attendance day on the Monday after Thanksgiving in a future calendar would be nice for families that travel a long distance for the holiday.

Presentations

The board meeting included two special recognitions.

- The board recognized Raymore Elementary School Principal Michelle Hofmann, who was named the 2013-2014 Distinguished Principal by the Kansas City Suburban Elementary Principal Association. She will be recognized at the Missouri Association of Elementary School Principals (MAESP) Leadership and Learning Conference March 8-11 at Tan-Tar-A Resort. Ms. Hofmann will be among a group of Distinguished Principals from across the state who will be recognized and celebrated at the March meeting. At a banquet on March 10, one will be announced as the Missouri National Distinguished Principal.
- Superintendent Dr. Kari Monsees recognized the school board members for their service. Gov. Jay Nixon has proclaimed the week of Jan. 26-Feb. 1 as School Board Recognition Week in Missouri. Dr. Monsees read Gov. Nixon's proclamation and thanked board members for their service. School board members are elected by local constituents and receive no compensation. Ray-Pec school board members are: President Kim York, Vice President Leo Anderson, and Members Joe Anhuis, Maria Davies, Kyle Gillespie, Dana Hille, and Ruth Johnson.

Other action items

Board selects firm for architectural services

The board approved the selection of incite Design Studio to provide design services identified in the district's Capital Improvement Plan for the next three years for projects estimated to cost \$1.5 million

and below. A formal contract is expected to be presented at the February school board meeting for approval.

The district advertised a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Services in December 2013. A selection committee, which included representatives from district administration, the Buildings and Grounds Department, building leadership and the board of education, reviewed six responses to the RFQ and interviewed three of the firms deemed most qualified for the project. The committee recommended incite Design Studio to provide the design services.

Surplus property

The board approved designating three vehicles as surplus property: a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria security vehicle, a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria security vehicle, and a 1993 Chevrolet Kodiak Box Truck.

Information items

Health Services Program Review

(Each month, specific departments or programs review their programs for the Board.) Jennifer Johnson, nurse supervisor, and Jay Harris, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, presented the report.

You may read the entire program review report at:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/6864>

Superintendent comments

Superintendent Dr. Kari Monsees shared information on several topics:

- He reported that the Governor's proposed budget included more funding for K-12 education. If funded at the proposed level, it could mean as much as \$2 million in additional revenue for Ray-Pec.
- He spoke about the issue of student transfers from unaccredited districts.
- He reminded the board that the Polar Plunge was set for Jan. 25 at Longview Lake. He planned to take the plunge along with the other district participants.

Committee Reports

- Board Member **Maria Davies** said she attended the Team Ray-Pec meeting earlier that afternoon. She heard a good progress report on the Bring Your Own Device pilot program.
- Board Member **Kyle Gillespie** also attended the Team Ray-Pec meeting. He said that Lisa Hatfield, Director of Human Resources, spent time reviewing the job classification and compensation study being conducted by Educational Management Solutions.

- Board Member **Joe Anthuis** said that he and Gillespie served on the committee to help select a firm to provide architectural services. Anthuis praised Harris and said the process was well-organized.

Board member comments

- Board Member **Dana Hille** commended the group of students at Eagle Glen Intermediate School who attempted to break a world record for collecting school supplies.
- Board President **Kim York** also commented on the world record attempt, and told of stopping by to visit during the effort.

Other business

Consent agenda

The board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, personnel report (hirings and resignations), and minutes for the Dec. 19 regular monthly meeting. You may view these reports at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/mo/rpsd/Board.nsf/Public>

Updates

- Missouri School Boards Association Legislative Day, Feb. 18.
- Joint Cities meeting, 6:30 p.m., City of Peculiar hosting.
- Next regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed session and 7 p.m. open session on Feb. 27 at the Administrative Services Center, 21005 S. School Rd., Peculiar.