

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Jan. 28, 2016

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Dec. 17, 2015. 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 2016-2017 calendar

The Board on Jan. 28 approved the calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. The first day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 17, with Preview Day for 5th, 7th and 9th graders on Monday, Aug. 15. For winter break, students will be dismissed early on Dec. 20. Classes are not in session Dec. 21 through Jan. 3. School resumes on Jan. 4, 2017.

Spring break is scheduled from March 20-24, 2017. The calendar includes two possible make-up days for inclement weather: Feb. 21 and April 17. The last day of school is an early release on May 23. If additional make-up days are required, they will be added to the end of the school year. Approval of the calendar followed a public hearing, which is required by law if the start of school is 10 days or more before Labor Day.

View and print: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/9087>.

Recognition

The School Board recognized three Ray-Pec High School football players who were selected for All-State Teams. The Missouri Football Coaches Association selected Anthony Payne, defensive lineman, and James Sappington, kicker, for its First Team All-State. John Lucero, offensive lineman, was selected for the Second Team All-State. The Missouri Media Rankings selected the same three players for its All-State honors.

Superintendent Dr. Kari Monsees also thanked Board members for their service. The week of Jan. 24-30, 2016, is School Board Recognition Week in Missouri. The meeting room was decorated by thank you cards created by each school.

Foundation report

Jodie Huston, Executive Director of the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation, presented a report on the Foundation's activities. She thanked the Foundation's Board members and volunteers, told of past fundraising activities, reported on the success of the Caring About Nutrition program, and also reminded the Board about several coming events:

- Foundation Gala on Feb. 20 at Loch Lloyd Country Club. This annual event raises money for the Foundation and includes a silent and live auction. The Foundation Board also presents its annual

Partners In Education award. This year, the Foundation is honoring Donna Reser and Cosentino's Price Chopper in Raymore.

- Foundation Impact Grants. The Foundation is accepting applications from Ray-Pec staff members for grants of \$50 to \$500. Foundation Board members will award the grants during a prize patrol event.
- 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 6.

Technology infrastructure

The Board approved three bids for technology capital improvements. The Board approved Unite Private Network as the contract to provide the fiber optic Wide Area Network for Creekmoor Elementary and Bridge Ridge Intermediate School for an annual cost of \$58,838. The Board approved a bid from AOS for next generation firewall equipment at a cost of \$47,048. AOS was the low bidder of three submissions. The Board also approved a bid of \$37,997.40 from AOS as the vendor of infrastructure equipment.

Authorization to bid

The Board authorized the District to obtain bids for three capital improvement projects: East Middle School traffic control improvements; HVAC replacement at Timber Creek Elementary; and asphalt and concrete patch and repair work District-wide. The District will not proceed with any of the projects until the board approves final bids.

Vocational grant application

The Board approved the District's submission of an application for a vocational enhancement grant through the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). In November 2015, the Board learned of the opportunity to offer entry level Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses, beginning in 2016-2017. DESE supports various vocational programs, such as PLTW, through vocational enhancement grants. In the past, the District has used such grants to help equipment the Business Department computer labs at Ray-Pec High School. This new grant application is for the Introduction to Engineering Design course to be offered next year at the high school. The grant funds 75 percent of equipment items that exceed \$1,000 in value, and 50 percent on other qualifying expenditures. The District estimates expenditures of \$37,525 and grant reimbursement of \$25,912.

Surplus property

The Board declared a list of items, including a 1997 Chevrolet Suburban, projectors, and boxes of library books, 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, including tables, cabinets, a field marker, and poster printer, for a total of \$1,985.68. You can view the list of items and bids here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=8>

Committee reports

Board Vice President Ruth Johnson said that she attended the Innovation Committee meeting, and that it was very good. She and Dr. Monsees attended a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission meeting in Raymore. She thanked Teacher Joe O'Neal for the invitation to the MNEA Legislative Brunch, and also reported on her activities with the Missouri School Board Association. In addition, she and a Belton School Board member, Jerry Miller, visited legislators in Jefferson City.

Board President Leo Anderson said that he met with the Wellness Committee.

Superintendent comments

Dr. Monsees congratulated and thanked the Board for its service.

He thanked the Raymore Chamber of Commerce for selecting the School District as its Business of the Year.

He congratulated Raymore Elementary School and Eagle Glen Intermediate School for being named Professional Learning Communities Exemplary Schools. They were among only 16 such schools honored statewide.

He said that the TIF Commission meeting that he and Ruth Johnson attended was about a project planned for Dean Avenue and M-58 in Raymore. The project is to include a couple small restaurants. While property taxes are waived for 12 years, the District would receive a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) equivalent to 50 percent of the tax.

He encouraged support for the Polar Plunge, which is scheduled for Jan. 30 at Longview Lake. Many Ray-Pec students and staff participate in this annual event to raise money for Special Olympics.

Board member comments

Board Member Barbara Boucher said that the number of candidates (six) who have filed for School Board reflects an interest in the District.

Board Member Ryan Wescoat said that he will travel to Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress. This is part of his work on the Human Services and Education Steering Committee of the National Association of Counties.

Patron comments

Patron Tonya Long addressed with Board with concerns about freshmen enrolling in Spanish II after taking Spanish I in eighth grade. (Students who take Spanish I during eighth grade receive high school credit for the course after completing Spanish III.)

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Patron Angie Trivers addressed the Board with concerns about students taking Spanish I in eighth grade.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, minutes for the Dec. 17 regular monthly Board of Education meeting, and Board Policies. 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/index.aspx?NID=1038>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Board policies

The Board reviewed these policies and affirmed them without changes:

BDDA – Notification of Board Meetings
ECB – Building and Grounds Maintenance
FC – School Closings, Consolidations and Reorganizations
IIA – Instructional Materials
KI – Public Solicitations/Advertising in District Facilities

The Board approved these policies:

BBC – Board Member Resignation
BHD – Board Member Compensation and Expenses
DGA – Authorized Signatures
DLC – Expense Requirements
DLCA – Travel Expenses
JFH – Student Complaints and Grievances
KL – Public Concerns and Complaints

These policies were presented for a first reading:

DC – Taxing and Borrowing Authority/Limitations
IGBH – Programs for English Language Learners
JFCF – Hazing and Bullying

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

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

Updates

- Feb. 11: Work session, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 16: Missouri School Boards Association Legislative Forum – Jefferson City
- Feb. 17: Joint Cities meeting, 6:30 p.m., City of Peculiar hosting
- Feb. 25: Regular board meeting, 6 p.m. closed; 7 p.m. open