

**Ray-Pec School Board Update**  
**Regular monthly meeting**  
**April 28, 2016**

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on April 28, 2016. 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>

The Board on April 28 approved bids for site work at the south high school, summer capital improvement projects, and food products. The Board approved an increase to meal prices and also heard a report about the Library Media Centers.

You can view the Board meeting online: <https://youtu.be/3vt35F5eUkc>

**Recognition**

The School Board recognized the state champion Special Olympics girls 3-on-3 basketball team, which included Chenoa Toler, Ashley Lindsey, Sarah Modlin, Carolyn Elkins, and Emma Gudenkauf. Coaches Cara Hornbeck and Catie Howlett were also honored.

The Board also honored the 2016 PTA Volunteers of the Year, Allison Bruflat and Christi Feagins. In addition, the Board recognized four people who led the Citizens for Ray-Pec Schools campaign to support passage of the \$27 million bond issue: Matt Hocker, Stephanie Como, Melinda Houdyshell, and Curt Houdyshell.

**Bids for site work at high school**

In preparation for construction of an addition to the south high school, the Board of Education on April 28, 2016, approved bids for site development work.

The Board approved a total bid of \$1,523,066 from JA Lillig Excavating for the site package, which includes grading, pad preparation for the building additions, relocation and installation of site utilities, and construction of the west and north parking lots. JA Lillig was the low bidder of four submitted bids.

The site work is expected to begin as soon as possible after the end of the school year. View site plan: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/9323>

The Board also approved a resolution for the sale of \$27 million in bonds to finance projects identified in the Long Range Facility Plan. The bonds will be priced through a competitive bid process, subject to approval by the Board at its May meeting.

**Meal prices**

The Board approved increases to school lunch and breakfast prices for the 2016-2017 school year. The price increases range from 5 cents to 15 cents.

For next school year, lunch prices for grades K-6 will be \$2.30 (up from \$2.20), grades 7-12 will be \$2.55 (up from \$2.50), and adults will be \$3 (up from \$2.95).

School breakfast prices for grades K-6 will be \$1.60 (up from \$1.50), grades 7-12 will be \$1.70 (up from \$1.55), and adults will be \$2 (unchanged).

The increases bring the District into compliance with requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which provides calculation guidelines related to the amounts that Districts are reimbursed for free meals.

### **Food bids**

The Board approved these bids from these vendors for the Child Nutrition Department:

- Loffredo for produce
- Pizza Hut (Raymore and Peculiar locations) for carry-in pizza at the middle school, north and south high schools, and Academy
- Hiland Dairy for milk and dairy products and ice cream products
- Roma Bakery for bread and buns
- Pepsi and US Foodservice for beverages

### **Capital projects bids**

The Board approved these project bids:

- \$145,257 plus a contingency of 15 percent from Phillips Paving for pavement improvements at Peculiar Elementary School and the Ray-Pec High School stadium parking lot.
- \$148,480 from Lennox for 17 rooftop HVAC units to be installed at Timber Creek Elementary School
- \$151,158 from P1 Group to install the HVAC units at Timber Creek (\$98,158) and for lighting upgrades at Ray-Pec East Middle School (\$53,000).
- \$94,200 (plus a contingency of 5 percent) from Gunter Construction Company for an improved turn lane at Ray-Pec East Middle School.

### **Mowing services**

The Board approved bids from US Lawns for mowing services at Eagle Glen Intermediate School, Ray-Pec East Middle School, Raymore Elementary School, Bridle Ridge Intermediate School, Ray-Pec High School north and south, the stadium area, Ray-Pec Academy, Administrative Services Center, Shull Elementary School, and Peculiar Elementary School. The Board approved bids from Tenderfoot Lawn Mowing Company for mowing services at Creekmoor Elementary School, Timber Creek Elementary School, and Stonegate Elementary School. The total estimated cost for District-wide mowing services is \$87,750, based on 25 mows per year, which is the District's historical average. The bids are approximately \$1,200 higher per year than the current price while adding 23 acres of mowing and higher service expectations.

### **Salary schedules**

The Board approved salary schedules for 2016-2017. The certified salary schedule includes an increase of \$200 to the base, which increases the teacher base salary to \$35,000 for a first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree. The support staff salary schedule includes an increase of approximately 1.7 percent to the base for each salary grade. Increases to the administrative, support professional, and extra duty salary schedules are indexed, based upon the starting certified salary of \$35,000. In addition, the Board approved an additional half-step for employees who had salaries frozen during the 2011-2012 school year. You can review the individual schedules here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=8>

### **Additional staff positions**

The Board approved adding two classroom teacher positions for the 2016-2017 school year. One teacher will be assigned to Creekmoor Elementary School. The second position will be used for future enrollment growth, if needed. The estimated cost of the staffing additions is \$100,000 to \$120,000, dependent upon the level of education and previous years of experience of the individuals hired.

### **Library Media program review**

Dr. Kristel Barr, Director of Secondary Education, and Dr. Michelle Hofmann, Director of Elementary Education, presented a report about the District's Library Media program.

Goals for the program:

- Goal 1: By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the ratio of fiction books per student at the appropriate Lexile level will be 20 to 1.
- Goal 2: By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the ratio of non-fiction books per student at the appropriate Lexile level will be 10 to 1.
- Goal 3: By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the average age of the non-fiction collection will be 14 years old.

Read the report: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/9335>

### **Missouri Learning Standards**

Dr. Al Voelker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, presented a brief report about the new Missouri Learning Standards, approved by the State Board on April 19.

Some highlights:

- In English Language Arts for grades K-5, more emphasis is placed on students using research in their writing.
- Cursive writing was added to the English Language Arts expectations for grades K-5. (Note: The Ray-Pec School District had never removed cursive writing from its expectations.)
- Expectations for high school math were reorganized into traditional math courses.
- Some expectations in math changed to a different grade level. For example, lessons on time and money moved to earlier grades.
- Science expectations transitioned from fact memorization to an application approach. Students must also do more research-based inquiry.

- Social Studies expectations have a higher level of complexity and rigor. There is greater emphasis on critical reading, writing, and research. In addition, Missouri history moved from fourth grade to third grade.
- The 2016 and 2017 assessments will be administered as scheduled, based on the same standards as in 2015.
- The state will develop new assessments to measure student progress toward expectations within the next standards.
- New English Language Arts and math assessments will be available in spring 2018.

### **Surplus property**

The Board declared a list of 50 items, including serving trays, VHS players, and kitchen equipment, 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 \$355.50. You can view the list of items and bids here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/index.aspx?NID=8>

### **Other business**

The Board also approved:

- An easement for the relocation of KCP&L lines and poles related to the Peculiar Way interchange project near the Administrative Services Center.
- The District's Summer School application to submit to the state. The application outlines the structure of the program.

### **Committee reports**

Board Members Kim York and Barbara Boucher shared updates from meetings of the Spanish Committee. They said there are plans for improved communication with parents about course selection in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Superintendent comments**

Dr. Monsees thanked the community for its support of the bond issue. He congratulated Kim Bailey and Susan Edmondson on their election to the Board and thanked Leo Anderson and Joe Anthuis for their service.

He reminded everyone that Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 to 6. He also noted that the District was preparing to recognize retirees at an annual dinner.

### **Board member comments**

Board Member Ryan Wescoat said that recent school board elections show that the community seeks change.

Board Member Barbara Boucher shared that she enjoyed a recent newspaper article about Ray-Pec staff members Jason and Lezlie Waltz and their children. She also referenced a recent accident on Route J as evidence that there is a need for driver's education classes.

### **Consent agenda**

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, minutes for the March 10 work session and the March 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=1049>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

The Board also approved these students who are eligible for early graduation: Tyrone Madison, Darius Powell, and Alyssa Coyazo.

### **Board policies**

The Board approved affirming these policies with no changes:

FEC – Selection of Construction Management Services  
FFA – Memorials on Facilities and Grounds

The Board had a first reading of these policies:

EDC – Use of School Owned Equipment  
EHB – Technology Usage  
GCL – Professional Staff Development Opportunities  
IGBB – Programs for Gifted Education  
JFCF – Hazing and Bullying  
JFG – Interrogations, Interviews, and Searches  
JG-R1 – Student Discipline  
KG – Community Use of School Facilities  
KNAG – Relations with Law Enforcement Authorities

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

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

### **Updates**

- May 12: Senior Awards Ceremony, 7 p.m., Ray-Pec High School south building
- May 18: Joint Cities meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cass County hosting
- May 20: Graduation, 7 p.m., Community of Christ Auditorium
- May 20: Last day of school
- May 26: Regular board meeting, 6 p.m. closed session, 7 p.m. open session