

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
May 25, 2017

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on May 25, 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 Raymore-Peculiar School Board honored students and approved technology bids, and food and beverage bids during its May 25 meeting. The Board also set lunch prices for 2017-2018 and heard a construction update.

Recognition

The Board recognized Matt Argotsinger for placing first in Computer-Aided Design Engineering at the Technology Student Association State Champions Conference. Matt graduated this month from Ray-Pec High School.

The Board honored by the PTA Council Volunteers of the Year, Jennifer Voliva and Kyle Burke.

The Board also recognized band students who earned an Exemplary rating of “1” at the State Solo and Ensemble Contest: Addy Wright, flute solo; Cate Wilhite, oboe solo; Zoe Goodwin, clarinet solo; Zane Brown, trumpet solo; Darren Field, trumpet solo; Cory Attebury, trumpet solo; Morgan Payne, trumpet solo; Luke VanDyne, French horn solo; Doug Adolphson, trombone solo; Cole Grab, baritone solo; Tammy Yang, mallet solo; Carter Wilhite, mallet solo; and Noah Dorweiler, mallet solo.

The Ray-Pec School Board celebrated Red Nose Day during its May 25 meeting. Red Nose Day is a fundraising campaign dedicated to ending child poverty in the U.S. and around the world. The School Board decided to participate in the project at the request of 2017 graduate Caleb Jones, who had also encouraged participation at Ray-Pec High School.

Meal prices

The Board approved a 10-cent increase to the student lunch price and a 5-cent increase to the student breakfast price for 2017-2018. The price increases are in line with requirements under the federal Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. As participants in the National School Lunch Program, Ray-Pec is required to receive the same funding for paid meals as they are reimbursed for free meals to create equity in funding.

Current price (2016-2017)	New price (2017-2018)
Elementary lunch (K-6) = \$2.30	Elementary lunch (PreK-5) = \$2.40
Secondary lunch (7-12) = \$2.55	Secondary lunch (6-12) = \$2.65
Elementary breakfast (K-6) = \$1.60	Elementary breakfast (PreK-5) = \$1.65

Secondary breakfast (7-12) = \$1.70	Secondary breakfast (6-12)
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Technology bids

The Board approved these bids for technology products:

- A bid of \$446,190 for 1,480 Acer Chromebook computers from CDW. These will be used by students in second grade classrooms and as take-home devices for students in sixth and ninth grades. The bid includes Accidental Device Protection warranties.
- A bid of \$20,840 for 1,000 Chromebook cases from Best Buy.
- A bid of \$119,500 to purchase MacBook Air laptops, Apple TVs, and iPads from Apple Computer Company. The laptops will be used by teachers, the Apple TVs will be used in classrooms, and the iPads will be used by students in kindergarten and first grade.

Construction change orders

The Board approved seven change orders related to the high school construction project. One change order for Phase I of the project added an expense of \$8,342 for additional concrete are for trash and recycling dumpsters.

Six change orders were for Phase II of the project. Three resulted in savings, while three add expense to the project:

- Door modifications (\$5,862 credit)
- Future projector outlets (\$1,163 credit)
- Control cabinet power (\$15,868)
- Storefront headers (\$4,123)
- Damper handle (\$5,412 credit)
- Additional audio-visual (\$12,712)

Title I Program Review

Dr. Kristel Barr, Director of Secondary Education, and Dr. Michelle Hofmann, Director of Elementary Education, presented a review of the District's Title I program. The District receives federal funds based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch. The District uses the funds to hire Reading Interventionists and Teacher Associates. Reading Intervention is provided through small group work, classroom support, and computer-based programs for students. Students are identified for services as needed. During the past school year, Reading Interventionists served nearly 500 students in grades K-8. Review the presentation here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13490>

Secondary math resources

The Board approved the purchase of the Big Ideas math resource for grades 6-12 in the amount of \$211,825.42. The purchase of the math resource is the final step in the curriculum review process. The math curriculum was reviewed by the Math Curriculum Review Team during the 2015-2016 school year and then approved by the Board. The Math Resource Review Team met throughout the 2016-2017 school year to review current resources and determine if additional resources were necessary to meet the needs of students and teachers. Read more:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13482>

Child Nutrition Department bids

The Board authorized the Child Nutrition Department to contract with several entities for food and beverage products for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Bimbo Bakeries for bread products.
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13480>
- Hiland Dairy for milk and dairy products.
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13471>
- C&C Produce for products. <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13486>
- Pepsi and US Foodservice on line item beverage products.
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13475>
- Pizza Hut (doing business as RSI) to service Ray-Pec High School, South Middle School, and Ray-Pec Academy, and Pizza Hut (doing business as NPC) to service East Middle School for carry-in pizza and delivery. <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13485>
- Hiland Dairy and US Foodservice on line item ice cream products.
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13481>

The Board approved a contact with SFS Pac for a sanitation system for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Board also approved a bid from Sunflower Restaurant Supply in the amount of \$68,850 for new serving lines to be used at Bridle Ridge and Eagle Glen elementary schools. The new equipment will be shorter, to allow for elementary school children to serve themselves, and will offer a double-sided self-serve unit to increase the speed of student service through the lines.

Surplus property

The Board declared a list of items, including kitchen equipment, carts, and textbooks, 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 filing cabinets, a desk, and library books for a total of \$114. You can view the list of items and bids here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/8/Board-of-Education>

Other action

In other action, the Board:

- Approved the purchase of Canvas as the District's Learning Management System at a cost of \$9,500. A limited number of teachers had been using Canvas as a pilot project. With Canvas, students can access course materials and information.
- Approved the Professional Development Plan for 2017-2018. You can review the plan here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13487>
- Approved tuition rates for Panther Pride School Age Child Care for 2017-2018. Before and after-school care for four or five days per week will be \$300 per month. See rates for full-time and part-time care: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/13484>
- Approved an upgrade to the District telephone system with Sirius at a total cost not to exceed \$70,309.60.

Superintendent comments

Dr. Kari Monsees congratulated the 450 graduates in the Class of 2017. He also expressed appreciation for the high school staff and all of the work to host graduation.

He thanked all staff involved in the transition related to construction, staff moves, and grade level re-configurations. He commented that construction was going well.

He said that a few activities were still going on. The Blue Star Awards ceremony at Starlight Theatre was taking place at the same time as the Board meeting. Ray-Pec had been nominated for 10 different Blue Star awards. Track and field students left the District that day for the state track meet.

Retreat topics

President Kim Bailey asked Board members if they had topics they would like to add to the Board retreat agenda. The daylong retreat is scheduled for June 14. Board Member Ruth Johnson suggested three topics: teacher recognition, Board interaction with students, and graduation walks. Board Member Ryan Wescoat suggested consideration of an entrepreneurship program, a strings program, and a review of the grading system.

Board member comments

Board Member Ryan Wescoat said he heard many positive comments about the graduation ceremony.

Board Member Ruth Johnson said she enjoyed the staff appreciation breakfasts, the District retirement dinner, the Baccalaureate ceremony, and seeing teacher comments about the upcoming transition.

Board policies

These policies were presented for a first reading:

- ADF – District Wellness Program
- BBE – School Board Vacancy
- GBL – Personnel Records
- GBLB – References
- GCPD – Suspension of Professional Staff Members
- GDPD – Suspension of Support Staff Members
- GDPE – Nonrenewal and Termination of Support Staff Members
- IGCE – District-Sponsored Instruction Options
- IKF – Graduation Requirements
- JCB – Intradistrict Transfers
- JCC – Interdistrict Transfers
- JFCL – A+ Schools Program
- JO – Student Records

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

https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_ePolicy/SB_PolicyOverview.aspx?S=80000

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the business report, and minutes for the April 18 reorganization meeting and April 27 regular monthly 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/1147/Personnel-News-May-2017>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- Board Retreat, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 14.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, June 22, at the Ray-Pec Administrative Services Center.