

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Oct. 18, 2018

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Oct. 18, 2018. 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 Board of Education on Oct. 18 approved the audit of the District's finances for the year ended June 30, 2018. Brad Steele, CPA and partner from Westbrook & Co., P.C., presented a summary report. The District had a clean opinion on its financial statements, compliance with laws and regulations, and internal control over financial reporting.

Steele complimented District staff on preparation for the audit and cooperativeness, as well as willingness to implement suggestions for improvement made during the audit. He recognized the Board's commitment to strong financial planning and management. Read more: [Audit Report](#)

The Board also heard a review of the Child Nutrition Program, a recap of Summer School, and approved an early resignation notification incentive.

Recognition

The Board recognized St. Paul's United Methodist Church for its support of Timber Creek Elementary School. Church members have donated school supplies, clothing, shoes, and headphones for students. They donated popsicles for field day and paid off overdue student lunch accounts. They also adopted students during the holidays. Church members also volunteer to mentor and read to and with students.

Child Nutrition Program Review

Sarah Chellberg, Director of Child Nutrition, shared information about the District's Child Nutrition program. During the 2017-2018 school year, the department served 594,216 reimbursable lunch meals; 159,471 reimbursable breakfast meals; and 15,235 snacks. She reported that 24.4 percent of the enrolled students have been approved for free or reduced-price meals.

Highlights during the 2017-2018 school year include:

- Opening of remodeled high school with expanded lines and options
- Weeklong "Taste of the Islands" event in the spring focusing on tropical flavors
- New serving line setups for Eagle Glen and Bridle Ridge elementary schools
- Completion of the tri-annual DESE Administrative program review

She said these areas of focus are priorities for improvement based on current performance results:

- Staff and production consistency
- Improved customer service

- More visible department communication

You may review the Child Nutrition [presentation](#).

Summer School recap

Dr. Al Voelker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, shared information about the 2018 Summer School program. Summer School attendance was 2,526 students, which was an increase over 1,974 students in 2017. The District surveyed parents following the Summer School session. A brief survey was sent electronically to parents in late June 2018. There were 158 responses. Responses showed that parents were satisfied with the quality of teachers, administrators, and programming during summer school.

You may read the Summer School reports [here](#).

Policies

These board policies were presented for a first reading:

- 1445 - Organ Transplant Information
- 2745 - Electronic Data Breach
- 2765 - Transfer of Care and Custody
- 2810 - Guidance and Counseling Services
- 2825 - ACT Administration
- 3470 - Average Daily Attendance - Early Childhood Program
- 4130 - Certificated Staff Contracts
- 4411 - Professional Development program
- 4560 - Teacher Post Retirement Option
- 4831 - Collective Bargaining
- 4865 - Whistleblower Protection
- 4873 - Staff Cell Phone Usage
- 5610 School Bus Drivers
- 6116 - State Mandated Curriculum: Human Sexuality
- 6135 - Driver's Training Program
- 6140 - Services for Students with Disabilities
- 6160 - Gifted Education Program
- 6190 - Virtual Education
- 7230 - Prevailing Wage

To review these, or any other, Board Policies, go [here](#).

Early resignation notification incentive

The Board approved an early resignation notification incentive for the 2018-2019 school year. Certified staff members submitting their resignation notice by Dec. 21, 2018, would receive an incentive stipend of \$750, and those who provide notice by Feb. 1, 2019, would receive an incentive of \$500 to be paid on June 25, 2019. (This should not be confused with an early retirement incentive, which rewards individuals for retiring at an earlier date than they originally planned.)

Other business

In other business, the Board:

- Approved a draft of the Cass County Kids First 2019 Legislative Priorities. Cass County Kids First is an organization representing all 10 public school districts in Cass County. Read the 2019 [priority list](#).
- Approved the bus routes for 2018-2019.
- Learned that American Education Week is Nov. 12-16.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the finance report, contract approval, surplus bid report, and minutes for the Sept. 13 work session and the Sept. 27 regular monthly meeting. You may view these reports at: <http://www.boarddocs.com/mo/rpsd/Board.nsf/Public>

View the [personnel report](#) (hirings, resignations and retirements). These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- Board candidate interviews, 6 p.m. Oct. 30, at the Administrative Services Center.
- Board work session, 6 p.m. Nov. 8, at the Administrative Services Center. The meeting is open to the public.
- American Education Week, Nov. 12-16.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Administrative Services Center. The meeting is open to the public.