

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Sept. 28, 2017

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Sept. 28, 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 School Board heard a review of the Buildings and Grounds Department and an update about Public Relations during the regular business meeting on Sept. 28.

Recognition

The Board recognized High School Science Teacher Patrick Hemmingsen as one of 38 public educators selected to receive the California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence.

Hemmingsen was given a \$650 check and commemorative certificate during a high school faculty meeting on Sept. 19 from California Casualty Field Marketing Manager Rebecca Stumpf. Hemmingsen will also be honored at the NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala to be held in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 9, 2018.

Prostart Grant

The Board approved a grant application by Ray-Pec High School to seek \$4,000 from the Greater Kansas City Restaurant Association for the school's ProStart program. Dr. Kristel Barr, Director of Secondary Education, told the Board about the grant application.

Christina Hocker teaches the ProStart classes, which take place in the new commercial kitchen at Ray-Pec High School. The grant funds would allow the high school ProStart classes to purchase supplies to begin to offer a boxed lunch to teachers once a month to showcase the new café, which has been named "The Den." Money would be used to purchase hotel pans and serving utensils for the chef's line and café window, catering equipment, boxes for boxed lunches, and marketing supplies. Some money would also be used to purchase groceries for the first lunch. If approved, the grant does not require matching funds from the District. You may read the grant application here:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/14249>.

Facilities and Grounds Program Review

Dr. Bryan Pettengill, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, presented a review of the Facilities and Grounds Program. He was joined by Maintenance Supervisor Scott Dobson and Custodial Supervisor Larry Dial.

They shared some program highlights:

- Clean, maintain, and manage over 1 million square feet of building space

- Groom and maintain approximately 160 acres of grounds
- Completed 2,684 work orders during the 2016-2017 school year
- Construction oversight and work force for relocation of over 260 staff members
- Remodeling of industrial technology room
- Rooftop unit installation (x5)
- In-house support of construction projects to avoid additional potential change orders
- Oversight of capital improvements (\$2.6 million in fiscal year 2018)

Pettengill shared information about staffing and responses to the annual staff and parent/patron surveys.

You may review the presentation here: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/14250>.

Public Relations Update

Michele Stidham, Communication Director, provided an update on public relations efforts in the District. She noted that during the time period covered by the current Strategic Plan, the District has achieved steady progress in the communication goal areas. The District assesses those areas with results from a staff and parent/patron survey each spring.

Survey results showed the greatest improvement in ratings related to the use the District web site, quality of information on the web site, effective communication of emergency information, and quality of electronic news provided.

Stidham shared statistics related to visits and clicks on the District web site, viewers of Board meetings via the District YouTube channel, and information about the District's electronic newsletter, Raymore-Peculiar School News. The open rate of the District's electronic newsletter is well above the industry average for education email newsletters. Some of the information that Stidham shared showed that more parents, students, and patrons, are accessing District information and paying fees using smartphones and tablets instead of desktop computers.

She also shared some demographic information about the District's social media presence on Facebook and Twitter.

To view the report presented at the meeting, go here:
<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/14248>.

Construction change orders

In other action, the Board approved five construction change orders for a total additional expense of \$7,201.46:

- Progressive Electronics, \$3,757 for HDMI and USB extenders

- J.A. Lillig, a credit of \$3,119.54 for seeding (for which the District assumed responsibility)
- Wilcott Construction, \$1,409 for addition of outlets in the 100 Pod collaborative space at Eagle Glen Elementary School
- Phillips Pavement, \$3,920 for additional milling and asphalt work beyond the original scope on the new southern apron
- Phillips Pavement, \$1,235 for 1,457 linear feet of curb painting denoting fire lanes

Other business

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- The Board discussed ways to recognize staff members for accomplishments and achievements. For example, the Board wishes to congratulate staff members who obtain advanced degrees. Board members discussed several ideas for honoring and thanking staff members.
- The Board received a draft of the Missouri School Boards' Association Advocacy Positions.

Superintendent comments

Dr. Kari Monsees announced that the last Wednesday in September is the official count date for enrollment. This year, the district will be close to 6,100 students in grades K-12, which will be a record high. This does not count additional students at Shull Early Learning Center.

He reminded the Board about a joint meeting on Oct. 3 with the Strategic Planning Committee. Three Board members serve on the committee. The joint meeting will provide an opportunity for all seven Board members to hear the latest in the planning process.

As part of the Strategic Planning, the District is tentatively scheduling a public forum for Thursday, Oct. 26, at the high school. People who cannot attend the forum will be invited to share feedback through an online survey.

Dr. Monsees reported good progress on the improvements to School Road adjacent to the campus.

He noted that all seven Board members were scheduled to attend the upcoming Missouri School Boards' Association conference and thanked them for their service and time.

Board member comments/committee reports

Board Member Ruth Johnson said she was pleased with the Strategic Planning process and work of the committee. She also attended a meeting of the Professional Development Committee and said she was excited to see the teachers collaborate about professional development.

Board President Kim Bailey praised the involvement and engagement of District patrons.

Board Member Paul Coffman told of attending a meeting of the Wellness Committee and plans for a District Workout Day.

Board Member Maria Davies reported on attending the meeting of Team Ray-Pec. The first meeting for the school year included introductory information and updates. More discussion about specific issues will take place at future meetings.

Board Vice President Kim York reminded all about the Foundation Golf Tournament on Oct. 9.

Board Member Susan Edmonson said she was pleased to see the middle school involvement in the Raymore parade.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the finance report, surplus bid report, and minutes for the Aug. 16 Joint Cities meeting, the Aug. 24 tax levy hearing, and the Aug. 24 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/1214/Personnel-News-Sept-28-2017>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- Board work session, 6 p.m. Oct. 3, at the Ray-Pec Academy. This work session will be a joint meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee. The meeting is open to the public.
- Missouri School Boards' Association annual conference, Oct. 6-8, Tan-Tar-A.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Administrative Services Center. The meeting is open to the public.