

**Ray-Pec School Board Update**  
**Regular monthly meeting**  
**Jan. 25, 2018**

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Jan. 25, 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>

**2018-2019 calendar**

The Board approved the calendar for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school will be Wednesday, Aug. 15, with Preview Day on Monday, Aug. 13. For winter break, students will be dismissed early on Dec. 21. Classes are not in session through Jan. 4. School resumes on Jan. 7, 2019.

Spring break is scheduled from March 18-22, 2019. There are three possible make-up days for inclement weather: Feb. 19, March 25, and April 22. The last day of school is an early release on May 22. Any additional make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.

Calendar: <http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/DocumentCenter/View/14592>

Before the Board voted to approve the calendar, Dr. Al Voelker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, described the calendar development process. Members of Team Ray-Pec and the Professional Development Committee formed a subgroup to seek input and ultimately draft the proposed calendar. The subgroup also surveyed parents about preferences on a variety of issues, from school start and end dates, to lengths of spring break and timing of professional development days.

**Recognition**

The Board on Jan. 25 recognized Senior Zach Starforth for being selected for the All-State Football Second Team. Zach was also selected for the All-District First Team.

The Board itself was honored during the meeting, in observance of School Board Recognition Week. Schools provided treats and thank you posters to show appreciation. Board members received cards and thank you treats. Posters prepared by the schools were hung in the meeting room.

**Missouri Assessment Partnership**

The Board approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Missouri Assessment Partnership. This is a group of school districts working together with the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a common interim assessment. Ultimately, the hope is to replace the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) tests for grades 3-8 with an assessment that measures academic progress in a way that can inform instruction during the school year. Currently, the annual MAP tests take place in the spring, and results are received after the school year ends. As a

founding member of MOAP, the District will pay a one-time fee of 25 cents per student and commit to contributing \$2 per student for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **Change in policy service**

The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Missouri Consultants for Education to provide a policy service for the District. Currently, the District's policies are maintained and updated by the Missouri School Boards Association. The District plans to change to the MCE policy service on July 1. District administrators said that the MCE policy language is general more consider and is written by practicing school attorneys. MCE is also timely in providing updates when legislative or case law changes require modifications.

### **Board policies**

The Board approved these policies:

- BBBA – Board Member Qualifications
- DGA – Authorized Signatures
- FED – Selection of a Construction Manager at Risk
- FEE – Selection of a Design-Build Contractor
- FEF – Construction Contracts Bidding and Awards
- IGBE – Students in Foster Care
- IL – Assessment Program
- KBA – Public's Right to Know
- KL – Public Concerns and Complaints
- KLA – Concerns and Complaints Regarding Federal Programs
- AC – Prohibition Against Illegal Discrimination and Harassment

### **Other business**

In other business, the Board postponed a planned report about the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation to a future meeting.

### **Superintendent comments**

Dr. Kari Monsees was not in attendance, due to a death in the family. Dr. Al Voelker, Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services, shared some comments and announcements.

He offered condolences to the family of Sydney Steinhurst, a high school freshman, who passed away on Jan. 24.

He reminded the audience about the Courtwarming game on Jan. 26 and the dance on Saturday evening. He also reminded everyone about the Polar Plunge on Saturday morning. Ray-Pec has a history of sponsoring a large team to raise money for Special Olympics.

He reminded people about the Good Neighbors, Strong Community event, which is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Ray-Pec High School. People are signing up for the conference, which will include guest speakers and breakout sessions.

He also reminded the audience about the upcoming Gala to benefit the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation. The Gala is scheduled for Feb. 24 at Centerview in Raymore.

Dr. Voelker congratulated the District's Spelling Bee winner, eighth grader Olivia Burton.

He also encouraged people to look on the District web site for information about Proposition R-P. The district is asking voters for a 75-cent operating levy increase, Proposition R-P, on the April 3, 2018, ballot. At the same time, the debt service tax rate is scheduled to decrease by 30 cents, resulting in a net tax rate increase of 45 cents. Board members were also complimentary about the fiscal management of the District, which will allow the debt service levy to decrease.

### **Board member comments/committee reports**

(Here is a summary of comments by Board members)

Board President Kim Bailey asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sydney Steinhurst.

Paul Coffman said that the District's Wellness Coordinator, Lindsay Tom, had resigned. An upcoming staff workout has been canceled. The Wellness Committee will meet to determine the next program.

Board Member Ruth Johnson reported on MSBA regional activities. She also reminded the Board about an upcoming Legislative Day on Feb. 13 in Jefferson City. She also thanked Eagle Glen Elementary School for its video of appreciation for the School Board.

Bailey reported that she and Dr. Voelker attended a task force meeting about mental health. She also encouraged people to attend the Good Neighbors, Strong Community event.

Board Member Ryan Wescoat encouraged people to participate in the Polar Plunge.

Board Vice President Kim York encouraged people to attend the Gala to support the Foundation.

Board Member Maria Davies said that she attended the enrollment information night at the high school and found it to be very informative.

### **Consent agenda**

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the finance report, surplus bid report, and minutes for the Dec. 14 work session and Dec. 21 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/1244/Personnel-News-Jan-25-2018>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

**Updates**

- Board work session, 6 p.m. Feb. 8, at the Administrative Services Center. The meeting is open to the public.
- Regular school board meeting, 6 p.m. closed and 7 p.m. open session, Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Administrative Services Center. The meeting is open to the public.