

Ray-Pec School Board Update
Regular monthly meeting
Feb. 22, 2018

This is a summary of the Ray-Pec Board of Education meeting on Feb. 22, 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 Summer School

The 2018 Summer School program will begin June 4 and continue through June 28. The Board on Feb. 22 learned about changes to this year's Summer School program. This year, morning and afternoon transportation will be available for all K-12 students. Also new this year will be some online courses at the high school level.

The program for grades K-8 integrates science, technology, engineering, arts, and math topics.

- K-8 students may attend one session of two weeks, or two sessions to total four weeks.
- K-5 students will attend summer school from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Creekmoor, Stonegate, and Peculiar elementary schools.
- For students in grades K-5, fee-based Panther Pride child care will be offered (before and after school care and/or Friday, as needed).
- Full-day Panther Pride Summer Camp will be offered at Bridle Ridge Elementary.
- Grades 6-8 will attend summer school from 7:40 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Ray-Pec South Middle School.

Grades 9-12 will attend summer school at Ray-Pec High School. Remediation and enrichment courses will be offered. The morning session is from 7:30 to 10:50 a.m. The afternoon session is from 11:20 to 2:40 p.m. Students who enroll for only the a.m. or p.m. session must have transportation at mid-day.

[Summer School overview](#)

Recognition

The Board on Feb. 22 recognized Ray-Pec High School Theatre Teacher Todd Schnake for his milestone achievement of directing 100 theatrical productions for the District. The Board recognized Peculiar Elementary and Stonegate Elementary for being named Professional Learning Communities Exemplary Schools. This year, 16 schools statewide were honored. Missouri PLC is a school improvement initiative sponsored by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The Board also thanked Board thanked Real Life Church for work by its members to remodel and organize the Panther Closet to support Ray-Pec students. Church members also provided child care services at the Good Neighbors, Strong Community conference earlier in the month and participated in the Ray-Pec Foundation 5K last year.

Senior Project Night

Ray-Pec High School Teacher Sarah Renfrow reported to the Board about Senior DRIVE Project Night on April 25. DRIVE stands for Directed, Real-World, Innovative, Venture, and Experience. All seniors enrolled in English IV are required to complete a Senior DRIVE project, which includes a research paper, a project, a presentation, and a digital portfolio. Each senior must work with a community mentor to complete the project and dedicate at least 25 hours outside of school hours to the project. Renfrow asked Board members to consider serving as judges. The primary task for judges is to give the student specific feedback on the project and presentation. Read more:

<http://www.raypec.k12.mo.us/1144/Senior-DRIVE-Project>

Gifted Program Review

Dr. Michelle Hofmann and Dr. Kristel Barr presented a review of the District's [Gifted Program](#).

Vocational Enhancement Grant applications

The Board approved applying for Vocational Enhancement grants for [Computer Science essentials](#), [Computer Integrated Manufacturing](#), and [Human Body Systems](#).

MSBA Board of Directors

The Board approved nominating Ruth Johnson for the Missouri School Boards Association Board of Directors representative for Region 4. This would be a two-year term. Johnson is currently filling an unexpired one-year term on the Board.

Foundation update

The Board heard an update about the Raymore-Peculiar Public School Foundation from Jodie Huston, Executive Director. Huston told about the success of the Caring About Nutrition program and the recent awards of more than \$10,000 in Classroom Impact Grants. She also reminded the Board about the upcoming Gala, the Major Saver card sale, a spring resource fair, and the Teacher of the Year and Support Staff Employee of the Year banquet.

Energy Management update

Dr. Bryan Pettengill, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services; Scott Dobson, Maintenance Supervisor; and Van McLain, Energy Manager; presented a report showing the District's efforts to save energy and avoid unnecessary energy costs. The report includes utility rates, costs per square foot, and expenses over time. View the presentation: [Energy Management](#).

Superintendent comments

Dr. Kari Monsees reminded everyone about makeup days scheduled for April 2 and May 25.

He thanked everyone who supported and/or participated in the Polar Plunge.

He congratulated Todd Schnake on his 100th theatrical production.

He encouraged people to attend community forums about Prop R-P:

- 6:30 p.m. March 19 at Raymore Elementary School
- 6:30 p.m. March 20 at Raymore-Peculiar High School

The event at RPHS will be followed by a school board candidate forum sponsored by the PTA Council.

Board member comments/committee reports

(Here is a summary of comments by Board members)

Board Member Ruth Johnson reported on MSBA Legislative Day on Feb. 13 in Jefferson City. She reported on a proposal to move school board elections to November of each year. Johnson said that MSBA is opposed to the change, because it could politicize the board elections. She reminded the Board about the upcoming Cass County Kids First legislative breakfast. She reported on her work to review applications for the John T. Belcher Scholarship. She also told of work by the Professional Development Committee to plan the calendar for 2018-2019.

Board Vice President Kim York reported on a recent meeting of the Audit Finance Committee. She also reminded the Board about the upcoming Foundation Gala.

Board Member Ryan Wescoat reported on the Polar Plunge.

Board Member Susan Edmondson shared about her visit to Jefferson City for Legislative Day. She said it was enlightening to see how many legislators support public education.

Board President Kim Bailey thanked the Board for its support of the Good Neighbors, Strong Community event.

Consent agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda, which included the finance report, surplus bid report, and minutes for the Jan. 18 special meeting and Jan. 25 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/1260/Personnel-News-Feb-22-2018>. These items are considered during the closed session of the meeting, and made public afterward.

Updates

- Board work session, 6 p.m. March 8, at the Administrative Services Center.
- Prop R-P public forum, 6:30 p.m. March 19, at Raymore Elementary.
- Prop R-P public forum, 6:30 p.m. March 20, at Ray-Pec High School.

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