

RAYMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Regular Board of Education Minutes**  
**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Café**

Meeting was called to order by School Board President Audrey Kostuch at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call of Attendance: Janell Wise(Y), Amanda Falaschi(Y), Gwen Keller(Y), Amy Helvick(Y), Audrey Kostuch(Y).

Also present, Superintendent Dr. Garvey, Principal Jeff Peterson, Nikki Fuchs, Jaime DeChamps, Suzanne Goodrich-Walusay, Pan Henderson, Diane Voge, Jodi Brehm, Art Binhack, Kim Millier, Chris Miller, John Wilinski, Lee Toll, Keith Kastenson, Sonia Erickson, Liz Kristiansen, Niki Buschke, Dane Passehl, Kayla Passehl, Tricia Koessl, Melissa Retzlaff, Kevin Schmidt, Kim Erickson, Jennifer Byrne, Gary Boldt, Laurie Auer, Ryan Morrison, Sue Goodrich, Robin Gavigan, Nicole O'Brien, Kelly DaPra, Patricia Tindall, Sandy Moyer, Courtney Conner, Donald Conner, Wendy Hebron, Melissa Kothe, Dorrae Moonen, Lynn Chars, Keli Johnson, Nancy Lucas, Jeremy Harcus, Stacy Stock, Karrie Lazewski, Whitney Squires, Mary Kolar, Rich Baumann, Jennifer Gonzalez, Angela Thomas, Amber Jirschele, Kelly Rasmussen, Linda Grise, Richard Wise, Dawn Peterson, Art Hephner, Julie Mausing, Kim Kostuch, Sara Larsen, Jolynn Swan, Debbie Kostrzewa, Shelley Caron, Shelly Kurhajec, Cindy Welch, Jennifer Hribar and Deborah Kuether.

Dr. Michael Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted pursuant to § 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes.

Motion by Wise/Helvick to amend agenda to move student spotlight prior to community viewpoint. Motion carried.

**Student Spotlight**

Musical/Art Presentations: Alaina Klepel, Reese Brehm and Molly Morrison played some of their favorite pieces on the piano.

**Community Viewpoint**

Gary Boldt thanked the School Board and Dr. Garvey for all they do for our school and community.

Keith Kastenson thanked the School Board and Dr. Garvey for all their hard work. He was very upset by how our board was treated at the last meeting.

Dawn Peterson reminded community members of the Raymond School Foundation and shared information on their recent donation, the outdoor classroom and let everyone know that are still looking for donations. They also fund the Jill Peterson Scholarship Fund that is given out at the high school.

Julie Mausing feels that the curriculum meetings are being scheduled during the school day to intentionally avoid having input from staff members. She would like them to be more transparent. Concerned that we currently do not have a SEL program in place. There are issues with the website on the staff page that needs to be addressed. Would also like an update on the community input from the annual meeting.

Kevin Schmidt explained the order of accountability from Board to parents. There is no accountability if the principal and administrator are the same person. He expressed he was upset with how community members handled the situation at the last board meeting.

Shelly Kurhajec gave a letter to the board members.

Suzanne Goodrich-Walusay would like to know the status of the annual meeting regarding Dr. Garvey. Expressed concern with the need for consistency in a principal.

## **Communications**

### **Administrative Comments**

Mr. Peterson gave an update on our Broncos Give Back Day. 20 students came to donate their time to help around the school. Middle School electives started and everything seemed to go smoothly. We will be offering World Language via online this year. He received many compliments regarding our Open House. Upcoming events to remember are PTO Family Movie Night which will be 9/22/23, Open Gym will be most Saturday evenings from 6-7 pm and the Close-Up DC first meeting will be taking place on 9/27/23.

Dr. Garvey welcomed two new additional Administrators to our team, Dana Marty our new Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, big thank you for helping get our schedule together! Donna Wagner, our new Special Education Director and School Psychologist. She will be working on modification on our IEP needs for each student. At the last curriculum meeting it was recommended to move away from Second Step and this will continue to be the topic at the next curriculum meeting. Mrs. Williams will now be our full time interventionist, she will be working with Reading and Math interventions for our students.

### **Board Member Comments**

Janell Wise gave a shout out to the new PTO group, loves the new energy and great fun, new activities that they are bringing to Raymond School. Thanked Mrs. Auer for the great piano presentations that her students did. Open House went very smoothly for her and her family. Recognized the community for their involvement and input.

Amy Helvick recognized all the staff for their hard work. Open House was great this year. She let all staff and community members know that she is listening to all their input at the meetings.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Helvick/Keller to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, and Annual Budget Hearing of August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Special Meeting of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and Curriculum Meeting of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

\*Amy Helvick asked since public comments are not part of the minutes, where can they be found? Dr. Garvey informed her they are available under the open records request. \*

Motion by Wise/Falaschi to approve the Business Affairs/Treasurer's Report.

**Personnel**

Mr. Peterson recommends the approval of Mrs. Keli Johnson for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position. Danielle Evan for our Special Education Aide. We have three applications for the lunch/recess positions. One has been filled to cover, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Motion by Keller/Helvick to approve the hiring of Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Evans.

Dr. Garvey informed the board that we still have two Special Education Aide positions available and one Special Education teacher position available. We have interviewed for the Administrative Assistant position and have identified a candidate. We will be meeting with them tomorrow. Once we have hired for this position the office will be fully staffed and each person will be trained for each other's duties.

Motion by Keller/Wise to adjourn to closed session at 7:16 pm

Roll Call: Amy Helvick(Y) Amanda Falaschi(Y) Gwen Keller(Y) Janell Wise(Y) Audrey Kostuch(Y)

**Closed Session**

The Board of Education for the Raymond School District will consider a Motion on whether or not to conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance valuation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Specifically, to discuss and take action, if appropriate, concerning a complaint and threats of litigation regarding school district meetings and issuing preliminary notice of contract non-renewal of an administrator pursuant to Wis. Stat. §118.24.

Reconvened to Open Session at 9:14 pm

Audrey Kostuch gave an update and there was nothing to report. Next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Adjourn**

Motion by Keller/Falaschi to adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikki Fuchs  
District Secretary