

# **REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RHS Krivokapich Media Center**

**1535 Tiger Circle – Raton, NM**

**6:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, 2022**

## **MINUTES**

### **I. Call to order/roll call.**

Mr. Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Roll call was answered as follows: Mr. Boone – present by remote  
Mr. Segotta – present  
Ms. Honeyfield – present  
Mr. Kamp – present  
Mr. Phillips – present

### **II. Pledge of Allegiance.**

The pledge was led by Cole Hopper

#### **Board Members**

Jason Phillips – President  
Ted Kamp – Vice President  
Kathleen Honeyfield – Secretary  
Beaver Segotta, Member  
Ryan Boone, Member

#### **Staff**

Kristie Medina, Superintendent  
Myra Baird Beverly Vukonich  
Olga Neurauter  
Kim Sanchez  
Michelle Hopper

### **III. Recognition of Students, Staff and Visitors.**

#### **a. Recognition of Boys and Girls State Representatives**

Mrs. Neurauter said she could not contact all representatives. Boy's state representatives were: Cole Hopper, Anderson Weese and Cayden Walton who did not attend due to illness. The only representative in attendance is Cole Hopper. Cole gave a short presentation on his experience at Boy's State which was held at the ENMU Campus in Portales. He stated they learned about government and election procedures at each level: city, county and state. They then got to run for elected positions. He ran in the Nationalist party and was elected as Governor. He was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship and a gavel which was inscribed Boy's State 2022. Cole was congratulated by the board. Mrs. Neurauter stated the Girl's state representatives were Sophie Medina, Torrance Sandoval, Cyrena Ayon, Erica Burgos and Zoey Salazar. She stated Zoey was not able to attend girl's state as she is working as a camp junior counselor in Socorro at a camp she attended in 2018 by a nomination from former Science teacher Jo Ahlm . The board thanked Mrs. Neurauter for recognizing the students.

**b. Requests to be recognized – (5 minute limit)**

There were no requests.

**IV. Approval of Agenda.**

Mr. Segotta made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**V. Approval of the Minutes.**

Ms. Honeyfield made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of May 9, 2022 and May 18, 2022 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**VI. Information Items**

**a. Principal/Director Report.**

Ms. Sanchez reported on the growth data for reading and math from the beginning of the year and scores have improved and gone up. She stated she is proud of the students and her staff.

Ms. Hopper also reported that RIS scores went up as well.

Mrs. Neurauter reported that there is some beautification going on at the High School – they have put up bulletin boards for all classes to post information; Mr. Saenz and his class have been making metal tiger paws identifying each classroom and teacher's names will also be displayed. The class composites will be brought back upstairs and placed in the hallways. She is proud of the improvements that are being made.

**b. Superintendent Report.**

Superintendent Medina introduced Bernard Sandoval who is a graduate of Raton High School and currently owns and operates Sandia Advertising in Colorado Springs, CO. Mr. Sandoval gave a little background about himself and his time in the Raton schools and the art program. He said the program was a good program to be part of and there were many good artists who came out of Raton High. He then attended ENMU and got his degree in commercial art along with marketing. He has forty years of experience in marketing and advertising experience. He is here to present the new logo for Raton Public Schools after being contacted by Superintendent Medina. This logo is specific only to Raton and is based on the Tiger mural that Mr. Sandoval designed and painted in the gym in 1981. He stated they also did some other variations for football, baseball, district, etc. It is a nice comprehensive package, it's custom, it's ours and nothing else like it in the country – it is our own. President Phillips thanked Mr. Sandoval about taking on the project and taking an interest in home again.

He asked about marketing the logo with our own apparel and other merchandise.

Mr. Sandoval stated yes because of circle TM on the logo. He also presented a flag with the "R" logo as a donation and said he happy to design this for Raton. The board thanked Mr. Sandoval for our new logo. There was some conversation regarding putting the new logo on the HS gym floor.

Superintendent Medina stated that positions are getting filled and we still have three teaching positions open. There are still several coaching positions open as well.

**c. Board Member Report.**

Mr. Boone asked if there was an update from Plan B and Baca Valley on the internet & hardwire issues. Superintendent Medina reported she spoke with Brian Ainsworth last week and hashed out a few issues. We have not heard from Baca Valley regarding the status of the deficit on their end. Superintendent Medina said she will touch base with them for an update on the status.

Mr. Boone also asked about the issue with the service being down during graduation. It was stated that the AP went down due to the weather and by the time it could be fixed graduation was well underway. It was also discussed not having access points on the roof and they are looking into the possibility of running fiber in the walls.

Mr. Kamp asked about the social studies standards. Superintendent Medina stated more training for social studies teachers will be coming up and delving into the standards with the hopes of adoption. Ms. Sue Holland stated she is on the NMPED adoption committee with 74 others and is actually reviewing publishers now. They are going through with the textbook adoption. She stated that she finds nothing out of sorts with what she had taught in the past 21 years. There will be inquiry based standards that target certain things that are taught at each grade level. How they are taught will be within the publisher and that would be up to the professionalism of the teacher on how they are interpreted. She has already reviewed 6th grade and is now reviewing 8th grade textbooks. Mr. Phillips asked if election changes would alter standards with the election coming up. Superintendent Medina said she wasn't sure since a lot of who was at PED and pushing for this are now leaving and suggested that the board have a work session with Ms. Holland and look at the standards along with any materials she may receive.

President Phillips thanked Ms. Elizabeth Hampl and the Raton Booster Club for a great Athletic Banquet and thanked them for showcasing the student athletes and they all appreciated being recognized. He also commented on graduation and all the activities that the seniors participated in from walking the hallways at Longfellow and RIS; to the banners and senior parade to the graduation ceremony itself. He would like to see those traditions continue.

**d. Discussion of Kearny Yard Sale/Columbian Clean Up**

Ms. Baird stated she made flyers to advertise the Kearny clean-up. There were several groups who came in to purchase items and teachers also walked through again and got items for their classrooms. Offers will be taken and cash only will be exchanged. There are big metal cabinets that may be used by coaches for storage and whatever is left will be disposed of or given away. Ms. Honeyfield also stated she would like to start cleaning out the basement at Columbian School and would like to see what the Housing Authority status is regarding Columbian. Ms. Honeyfield stated it would be nice to get Columbian cleaned up for the good of the neighborhood. There was also some discussion on the Alternative School.

Mr. Boone left the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and will not be available for voting.

**VII. Action Items**

**a. Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers.**

Ms. Baird presented the financial report, budget adjustments/transfers.

Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the financial report, budget adjustments and transfers as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Segotta. Motion carried 4-0.

**b. Approval of Fine Arts Application – Ms. Melissa Medina**

Ms. Medina presented the fine arts application and asked for approval. It is the same application that is submitted every year and the \$116,000 funding services 143 students. Motion was made by Mr. Kamp to approve the fine arts application as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Segotta. Motion carried 4-0.

**c. Policy Advisory No. 229 DO – Disposition of School Facilities to Charter Schools  
First Read**

**d. Policy Advisory No. 230 GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity – First Read**

**e. Policy Advisory No. 231 GCIA – Teacher Residency Program – First Read**

**f. Policy Advisory No. 232 GE – Retiree Return to Work – First Read**

Mr. Segotta made a motion to approve the First Reads for Policy Advisory No. 229 through Policy Advisory No. 232. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**g. Approve Bids – Plumbing, Electrical, Pest Control and Maintenance Supplies.**

After the board reviewed the bid tabulation for all services and Ms. Baird stated the contracts for plumbing, electrical and pest control services can be extended for three years if vendors want, Mr. Segotta made a motion to approve the plumbing bid submitted by JL Builders \$35.00 per man hour; the electrical bid submitted by N & K Electric of \$49.75 per hour; Rocky Mountain Pest Control at \$185.00 plus tax per month to service the three schools and the admin office and F & C Sawaya and Trinidad Janitorial Supply for maintenance supplies. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 4-0

**h. Approve Bids – Roof Replacement at teacherages.**

Ms. Baird stated the both teacherages are in need of new roofs. J3 Systems did not bid as their team is buried with proposals at this time. One bid was received from Heritage Roofing Inc. for both the 312 Legion Drive residence in the amount of \$14,433.97 and the 806 South 3rd Street residence in the amount of \$22,138.12. Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the bids for the roof replacement at the teacherages as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Segotta. Motion carried 4-0.

**i. Approval of 2022-2023 Wellness Policy.**

Ms. Baird presented the 2022-2023 Wellness Policy and stated that the committee had met to “clean up” the policy and feels they have done a good job and it is now ready for approval. Ms. Honeyfield stated she had not had time to review the policy in full so she made a motion to table the approval of the 2022-2023 Wellness Policy until the July meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Segotta. Motion carried 4-0.

**j. Approval of Requirement to NMPED for 2017-2018 Deficiency**

Ms. Baird presented a requisition to reimburse PED for a SPED position that was not filled in the 2017-2018 schoolyear. SPED services are funded by SEG funding and PED is expecting reimbursement in the amount of \$81,351.84. After a short discussion a motion was made by Mr. Segotta to approve the Requirement to NMPED for 2017-2018 Deficiency. Motion seconded by Ms. Honeyfield. Motion carried 4-0.

**k. Disposition of Property.**

Ms. Baird asked that this item be tabled as we did not put the disposition in Resolution form. Mr. Segotta made a motion to table Disposition of Property until the July meeting. Motion Seconded by Ms. Honeyfield. Motion carried 4-0.

**l. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement with NEA.**

Ms. Holland stated the NEA members ratified the agreement with 54% voting in favor and the Agreement would be in effect for three years from August 1, 2022 – August 1, 2025. Mr. Segotta stated they have not had enough time to review the contract and made a motion to table the approval of collective bargaining agreement with NEA until the July meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**m. Approve Travel Reimbursement Form.**

Ms. Baird stated that we were notified by the Governor that the travel reimbursement rates will change effective 7-1-22. Mr. Segotta made a motion to approve the Travel Reimbursement Form as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 4-0.


**VIII. Executive Session**

Pursuant to the State “Open Meetings Act” Section 10-15-1(H) (2) for discussion of limited personnel matters. No action will be taken in executive session. Mr. Phillips stated there was no business to discuss in executive session and entertained a motion to adjourn.

**IX. Adjournment.**

Mr. Kamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Segotta. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

  
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Jason Phillips, President

  
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Kathleen Honeyfield, Secretary