

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

RHS Krivokapich Media Center

1535 Tiger Circle – Raton, NM

6:00 p.m. Monday, January 20, 2025

MINUTES

I. Call to order/roll call

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll call was answered as follows: Mr. Boone – present
Mr. Phillips – present
Mr. Walton – present
Ms. Ferri – present
Mr. Kamp – present

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by President Phillips.

Board Members

Jason Phillips – President
Ryan Boone – Vice President
Brenda Ferri – Secretary
Ted Kamp, Member
Dustin Walton, Member

Staff

Kristie Medina, Superintendent
Beverly Vukonich, Justin Mattorano
Deia Craig, Myra Baird

III. Recognition of Students, Staff and Visitors

a. Student Senate Representative Report

Jennifer Mattorano was present and reported on the upcoming Tigerfest festivities for January 24th and January 25th. She stated the dress days will stay the same but students will return to class after the assembly on Friday morning. They will have a bulletin board decorating contest instead of the door decorating contest.

Margaret Mattorano addressed the board regarding the trophy cabinets in the cafeteria. There are seventeen cabinets that display over 560 trophies dating back to the State Basketball Champs in 1936 and the most current year is 2022. Student senate has come up with a few ideas of what to do with the old trophies from displaying them in locked cabinets or auctioning them off and display only the most current ones. The memorial items could be displayed in shadow boxes in locker rooms or given back to the families. Student Senate would like to make this a project for the 2025-2026 schoolyear and would like some direction from the Board on how to proceed. President Phillips thanked Ms. Mattorano and said she has given the board something to think about and will come up with a plan.

- b. Requests to be recognized – (5 minute limit)
There were no requests.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Walton made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 18, 2024 as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Informational Items

- a. Principal/Director Reports

Justin Mattorano stated the Powerlifting event held here today went very well. He stated some of the testing scores for the fourth grade were not where they should be so they have made some changes in how math is taught and they hoping to see the scores improve.

- b. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Medina did not have anything more to report but asked if the board had further questions or comments. She stated the 40 day count was certified. She reported she has no further information on the Power School data breach and whether it affected the district. She stated classes are prepping for state mandated testing beginning in February and continuing through April.

- c. Board Member Reports

Mr. Boone attended the NMSBA conference and stated the PED director gave a presentation and stated the Ed Fellows program will continue as it has proven to be an effective program. It was discussed that we have several local participants in the program and so far we have transitioned four of the them to full time teacher positions. President Phillips reported on the architect bids for the new school. He stated the meetings went very well and stated they were very productive.

VII. Action Items

- a. Presentation & Approval of Audit Report – Manning & Associates

Byron and Chris Manning with Manning and Associates presented the annual audit report. Byron Manning reported that the district received an unmodified opinion which is the best a district can get. The district has also come out even for the year. Chris Manning reported on the findings and reviewed them with the board. He also stated that the admin staff was always great to work with and always respond in a positive manner to all their requests.

The exit conference was held in October with Superintendent Medina; Ted Kamp; Ryan Boone; and Myra Baird in attendance.

The board thanked the Mannings for their report. Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the Audit Report as presented by Manning and Associates. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Discuss/Approve Open Meetings Act Resolution 2025-01

President Phillips stated this is the annual open meetings resolution setting the third Monday of each month as meeting night unless otherwise stated. A short discussion was held regarding other days but it was decided to leave it as the third Monday. Motion was made by Mr. Kamp to approve Open Meetings Act Resolution 2025-01 as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Discuss/Approve Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers

Ms. Baird stated there is nothing more to add to the report. Motion was made by Mr. Kamp to approve the Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

d. Discuss/Approve Date Change for February 2025 Meeting

President Phillips stated the regular board meeting falls on the President Day Holiday so a change would have to be made to move the meeting. After a short discussion motion was made by Mr. Boone to approve the date change for the February 2025 meeting to Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

e. Discuss/Approve Award for Design Professional – RFP 2024-1 Raton Combined PreK-12 – Contingent on PSFA Approval.

President Phillips stated the selection committee met with architect firms after proposals were received to review their plans for the new school. There were four firms interviewed and the committee recommended FBT Architects for the design of the new school. After some discussion regarding FBT Architects and their vision for the new school Mr. Boone moved to approve the award for Design Professional-RFP 2024-1 Raton Combined PreK-12 to FBT Architects contingent on PSFA Approval. Motion was seconded by Mr. Walton. Roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mr. Phillips – Yes

Mr. Boone – Yes

Mr. Walton – Yes

Ms. Ferri – Yes

Mr. Kamp – Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

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.

President Phillips stated there is nothing 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. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



President



Secretary