

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

**RHS Krivokapich Media Center
1535 Tiger Circle
Raton, NM
6:00 PM MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025**

Public Input #1 – Budget Hearing

Minutes

I. Call to order/roll call.

Mr. 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. Present and public review the operating Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year. No action will be taken at this meeting.

Ms. Baird stated this is the first budget hearing and she will give an overview of the proposed budget.

She explained New Mexico School funding; State equalization guarantee (SEG) which is the amount of money the State of New Mexico guarantees to distribute to the district to defray most of the program costs. Program units is the dollar value set by PED annually. The unit value can be adjusted twice in a fiscal year as prescribed by law. Our district SEG has not yet been determined.

The period for the budget is fiscal from July 1st and ending June 30. The budget due date is May 20, 2025

Each school board shall appoint two members of the board to serve on the finance committee and two members to serve on the audit committee.

FY 26 budget updates – Health insurance premium increases
*9.95% increase for medical health plans
*4% increase for dental plans
*0% increase for vision plan

Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve the Grazing Lease between Business Investment, Inc Robert W. Sinnock, President and Raton Public Schools FFA Chapter as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

h. Appoint Finance Committee Members

Mr. Walton made a motion to retain Ryan Boone and Brenda Ferri on the Finance Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

i. Appoint Audit Committee Members

Ms. Ferri made a motion to retain Ted Kamp and Jason Phillips on the Audit Committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Walton. 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.

1) Discuss Superintendent Evaluation and Contract

Mr. Boone made a motion to go into executive session. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp Roll was called as follows:

Mr. Boone – Yes
Mr. Phillips – Yes
Mr. Walton – Yes
Ms. Ferri – Yes
Mr. Kamp – Yes

Motion carried 5-0.

Board went into Executive session at 7:30 pm

Mr. Boone made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:04 p.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. Discuss/Approve Superintendent Contract.

Mr. Boone made a motion to table the approval of Superintendent Contract. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0


IX. Adjournment

Mr. Boone made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



President



Secretary

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATON BOARD OF EDUCATION

RHS Krivokapich Media Center

1535 Tiger Circle – Raton, NM

Immediately following Special Meeting

Monday, March 17, 2025

MINUTES

I. Call to order/roll call

President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:36 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, Joleene Starr

III. Recognition of Students, Staff and Visitors

a. Student Senate Representative Report

There was no student senate report.

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

JJ Stewart and Gabriel Perez addressed the board and requested some assistance with funding to help with E-Sports expenses for going to State. After some discussion it was noted that NMAA now recognizes E-Sports as an activity and not a sport. So it is up to them to fundraise for their expenses. They were given some ideas and suggestions on fundraising. The board thanked them for their presentation.

Deb Sullivan spoke to the board about her last presentation of mending fences and helping neighbors. She has since accepted a job in Milwaukee and will be leaving in June. She did, however, leave some information for the board with some contacts on how to continue the projects. President Phillips thanked her and wished her well.

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. Boone made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2025 and special meeting minutes of March 7, 2025 as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Informational Items

a. Principal/Director Reports

Deia Craig reported that Child Find is April 7th & 8th. Ms. Starr stated the science department is presenting Science Share a Thon March 19th in the High School gym from 8:30 am – 12 noon. Mr. Mattorano reported NDI is Thursday, March 20th @ 6:00 pm and on Friday the Planetarium will be up. Powerlifting will be sending three athletes to state on April 4th & 5th. Josh Mastrantoni, Russell Simmons and Jennifer Mattorano will be representing Raton High School. Raton Cheer will be competing at State Competition March 21st and March 22nd. Good luck to all athletes.

b. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Medina stated spring sports have started with baseball, softball, and track starts Saturday in Tucumcari.

c. Board Member Reports

Mr. Kamp requested data on the parent/teacher days and whether or not that is something to look at when building the calendar for next school year.

d. Capital Projects Update

Ms. Baird presented an analysis of the capital projects. This is a review of where the district currently stands. The boiler repair in the gym is near completion. Total costs of all projects is \$3,307,609 with 45% of the costs totaling \$1,473,481 being covered by other funding sources. The district currently has \$267,793.56 in the GO Bonds fund.

e. Federal Programs Status

We currently don't have any updates on Federal Programs status.

f. Go Fan Digital Ticketing & Fundraising Portal

Ms. Baird stated she has received information regarding go fan digital and fundraising for cashless sales for games and fundraisers. There would be no expense to the district for the service but the cost for the Go Fan service would be added to the ticket price. Mr. Kamp asked that cash sales would also be available if needed.

VII. Action Items

- a. Discuss/Approve Financial Report & Budget Adjustments/Transfers**
Ms. Ferri made a motion to approve financial report & budget adjustments/transfers as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

- b. Discuss/Approve 2nd Budget Workshop Date**
President Phillips stated the 2nd workshop date should be scheduled before the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:00 pm on April 21st. Motion was made by Mr. Kamp that the 2nd workshop date be scheduled for 6:00 pm on April 21st and the regular meeting will be held immediately following. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

- c. Discuss/Approve Requisition to Bluum for Capital HIT (High Impact Tutoring) Lab**
Ms. Joleene Start stated the district has received a grant for \$30,000 to purchase new Devices for high impact tutoring and these will be for the upcoming seventh grade Students. Motion was made by Mr. Kamp to approve the Requisition to Bluum for Capital HIT (High Impact Tutoring) Lab as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

- d. Discuss/Approve Requisition to Security Hardware Solutions – Security Upgrade to RHS Gym.**
Superintendent Medina stated the district will be using COPS grant funding in the amount of \$112,127.16 to Security Hardware Solutions, Inc for security upgrade for all access points in and out of the gym. Cards will be given to those who need to access the gym area. After a short discussion Mr. Kamp made a motion to approve Requisition to Security Hardware Solutions for Security Upgrade to RHS Gym. Motion seconded by Mr. Walton. Motion carried 5-0.

- e. Discuss/Approve Requisition to Purchase New Equipment for RHS Weight Room.**
Ms. Baird stated this item will have to be tabled until next meeting as we don't have information yet. Mr. Boone made a motion to table this item for the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Kamp. Motion carried 5-0.

- f. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2025-02 Disposition of Property**
Ms. Baird stated this resolution is to dispose of old devices that have been stored at the maintenance building and are no longer of use to the district. Mr. Boone made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 Disposition of Property as presented. Motion carried by Ms. Ferri. Motion carried 5-0.

- g. Discuss/Approve Grazing Lease between Business Investment, Inc. Robert W. Sinnock, President and Raton Public Schools FFA Chapter.**
Discussion was held regarding the lease which raises the amount to \$3262.00 per year to help cover the increase in property taxes. It is a five year lease beginning April 1, 2025.

Risk insurance premium increase of 16.00%

GO Bond 2021 has an expiration date of Sept 30, 2026

GO Bond is allocated for FBT Architects for design & planning and AE Capital for Project Management Services.

Recommendation for remaining GO Bond issuance of approximately \$4.25 million

Recommendation for SB9 Bond Election for continued funding maintenance for 2028-2034

She then presented an overview on student membership; enrollment/budget trends and revenue sources. As well as Operational Budget Expenditures and the 2024-2025 Operational Budget.

The board thanked Ms. Baird for her presentation.

III. Adjournment.

Mr. Kamp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mr. Boone. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.


Jason Phillips, President


Brenda Ferri, Secretary