

Raytown Educational Foundation

Report to the Board of Education for June 10, 2024

Raytown Educational Foundation Board of Trustees' Meeting Highlights for May 29, 2024

- **New Trustees**
 - **Doretta Goolsby** – Doretta is a Raytown South High School graduate. She taught at Central Middle School for two years. She is now an attorney.
 - **Donna Denney** – Donna is a retired RQS administrator from New Trails Early Learning Center. She came to RQS in 2000 and served as principal at Westridge Elementary and the RQS Early Learning Program.
- **“Retiring” Trustees**
 - The foundation recognized five “retiring” trustees. Collectively, these board members provided 41 years of serve. Those trustees are: Lindsay Jarquio, Jordan Lower, Rene’ Purtee, Debbie Sommer, and Vicki Turnbow.
- **New Officers**
 - The foundation welcomed its new officers for 2024 through 2026. Those officers are: President – Kim Snyder, Vice President – Loretha Hayden, Treasurer – Mary Oyler, and Secretary – Jennifer Crosby.
- **Teaching & Learning Grants 2024 – 2025**
 - REF’s “Sur-Prize Patrol” delivered oversized checks to its 2024 – 2025 Teaching & Learning Grant recipients on May 21st. Through the generosity of the Soule Family Foundation, REF was able to double its Teaching & Learning Grants budget for 2024-25. REF awarded 13 grants impacting 11 schools and four district-wide programs, totaling \$27,786.
 - [\[See Grant Chart for more details.\]](#)
- **Graduating Senior Scholarships – Class of 2024**
 - REF awarded 58 graduating senior scholarships to 34 students totaling \$63,200 for members of the Class of 2024. Three seniors received scholarships that are renewable for an additional 3 years, thus making the total award amount for the Class of 2024 \$108,200.
 - Scholarship recipients and donors attended REF’s Scholarship Reception on May 16, 2024. The purpose of the reception is to celebrate our students’ successes and to connect student recipients and family members with scholarship donors, alumni and foundation trustees.
 - [\[See Scholarship Chart for more details.\]](#)