

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
May 9, 2017
Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Carol Van Noy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Van Noy, Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, and Mr. Edwards
Student Representative: Sophie Paradis and Pascal Nagata

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Van Noy announced that the Board would go directly into Executive Session on a legal issue for about 30 minutes. After the Executive Session, the Board then entered into a Board Work Study on Board Self-Assessment.

CALL BACK TO ORDER

Ms. Van Noy called the meeting back to order at 7:00 PM without a flag salute.

PARADE STUDENTS' TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC PRESENTATION

Brenda Bailey, Educational Assistant in the PARADE Program, came forward and said she was a parent and chaperone for the PARADE field trip to Washington, D.C., over spring break. Joining her tonight were students Makenna Thompson, Mikayla Davidson, Tanner Bailey, and Breaker Chittenden; and parent/chaperone Jeff Chittenden. Nine students attended the trip to Washington, D.C., and they all worked hard with fundraising to help pay for the trip. Former PARADE Teacher Leader, Mrs. Susie Marshall, also joined them on this adventure. Mrs. Bailey said they appreciated everyone's help with the Shoe Drive and it was amazing how many people supported this event. Breaker stated there are 50 United States flags at the Washington Monument, representing each state. You would think that each state would have their own state flag flying, but Breaker explained that we are one United States and one entity. Mikayla said she has never been on the East Coast and was surprised how flat it was, with no mountains. They walked early in the morning to watch the sunrise and it was beautiful how different Lincoln's Memorial and Jefferson's Memorial looked in the early morning versus at night. Makenna said when they went to Arlington Cemetery; they definitely felt more solemn and respectful. They waited to watch the changing of the guard. They also met Vice President Mike Pence, who was on his way to a meeting, but he stopped to shake everyone's hand. Mr. Chittenden said they walked about 8-10 miles each day and were up early in the morning until late at night, which were the best times to see the monuments. Tanner said when they went to see the Lincoln Monument; it was already filling with people, while at the Jefferson Monument; they were the only ones there.

PARADE STUDENTS' TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC PRESENTATION (Continued)

At Arlington Cemetery, there were so many graves and they learned about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the symbolism behind it. Mrs. Bailey then showed a slide show with some of the pictures from their trip.

Ms. Van Noy thanked them for reporting back about their trip. She suggested they send the slide show to Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Paradis reported that she is involved in track and hopes to qualify for districts in pole vaulting. She has been busy with AP testing.

Mrs. Parnell said she enjoyed going around to the schools last week for Certificated Staff Appreciation Week and thanked Ms. Fletcher for setting this up.

Ms. Bechtel wished all the mothers a "Happy Mother's Day" this coming Sunday.

Mr. Nagata said he completed his final AP test at Cedarcrest. He took the University of Washington chemistry placement exam and his scores qualified him into the highest chemistry class he could enter. He also applied to be an intern at Sea-Tac airport, where they had the largest applicant pool in their history. He has been selected for an upcoming interview for this internship.

Ms. Fletcher thanked everyone for participating in Certificated Staff Appreciation Week and thanked Ms. Bechtel for her help.

Mr. Edwards said the Certificated Staff Appreciation was awesome. He also attended Kathy Lambert's kick-off breakfast where many community members from our area attended. He is going to the Northshore School District tomorrow to attend a roundtable with Congresswoman Suzan DelBene. Then on Friday, he and Mrs. Parnell will be attending the tour of the Riverview Learning Center and programs with Representative DelBene. Mr. Edwards said Representative DelBene commented that she has heard so many great things about the Riverview School District that she just has to see if for herself!

Ms. Van Noy said it was wonderful to participate in the Certificated Celebration of our staff. The principals at each school guided the Board throughout the school so they could hand out gift cards to certificated staff. Ms. Van Noy reported that the Board had a Work Study Breakfast last Friday, where Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, shared the results from the recent Communications survey.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 17-21: To amend Consent Agenda, Item C. Personnel Actions, and Item D. Service Contracts, to reflect current changes (Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

Members of the Riverview Schools Committee (RSC) came forward to talk about the upcoming levy in February. They are Laura Tisdale, Alison Hawkins, Cynde Burford, and Heather Downing. Alison Hawkins is the Secretary for RSC and has daughters in 3rd and 5th grades, and a son in 9th grade. She is a Rotarian, does social media for small businesses, and is Board President of the Northwest Arts Center. Cynde Burford is the Treasurer for RSC and has a sophomore son at Cedarcrest in the marching band. She has a home bookkeeping business called Cherry Valley Bookkeeping. Heather Downing is the President for RSC and has a daughter in 10th grade and twin boys in 8th grade. She is a volunteer coordinator for a non-profit group. Laura Tisdale has three boys in Riverview; one is a 10th grader and also twins in 8th grade. Laura works for corporate relocation.

Riverview Schools Committee (RSC) is a group of parents and concerned citizens all volunteering together to promote passage of bonds and levies in the Riverview School District. The committee met with Dr. Smith two weeks ago to begin working on providing information about the levy for February 2018 and the RSC has started fundraising, which helps pay for the cost of printing and postage for campaign literature, yard signs, magnets, and banners. The committee kicked off a fundraiser in April and received a grant from the Rotary Club of Duvall. They are also trying a fundraiser called CrowdPac towards the end of May. They have talked to Teresa Tenney from the Riverview PTSA Council to gain the support of our local PTSAs as well. They are encouraging people to get out and vote, as well as educating the community about the reasons for a school levy and how it supports our students.

Their Facebook page is www.facebook.com/RiverviewSchoolsCommittee and their Twitter account is twitter.com/vote4rsdkids.

Ms. Van Noy thanked them for coming and said the Board, as individuals, would like to help them in any way they can. She is excited for the upcoming levy and knows that we could not do this without them!

CONSENT AGENDA

A list of routine agenda items were considered in a single motion. Board members received and studied background information on all items.

Motion 17-22: To approve the May 9, 2017, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Fletcher). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Regular School Board Minutes for April 25, 2017; and Board Work Study Minutes for April 25, 2017.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 203116 through 203187 in the amount of \$151,555.31; and direct deposits of \$41,094.35. Capital Projects Fund direct deposits of \$8,820.40. ASB Fund Warrant No. 203188 through 203193 in the amount of \$5,792.00; and direct deposits of \$2,347.21. (Continued)

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Warrants (Continued)

Total Payroll for April 28, 2017, is \$2,502,413.08, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 203194 through 203199 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$5,155.76, and General Fund Warrant No. 203200 through 203238 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of \$854,966.18; and direct deposits of \$1,181,148.75.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Ms. Van Noy congratulated Mark Klune on his new assignment as Professional Learning Leader, beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Fletcher noted the donation by the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs in the amount of \$2,800 for a Cedarcrest CTE (Career and Technical Education) Agriculture Program Teachers Conservation Scholarship and Mr. Edwards noted the generous donation by the Cedarcrest PTSA in the amount of \$1,000 for supplies for garden boxes.

Approval of Budget Status Reports for March and April 2017.

Approval of WIAA (Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association) Renewal.

Ms. Oviatt commented that, “by 2018 all member district schools of the WIAA will demonstrate ownership of the mission and core principles.” WIAA is putting together some videos that Ms. Oviatt will be sharing with the Board at a later date.

BUSINESS

Healthy Youth Survey Results

Dr. Ken Heikkila, Director of Student Services, and Deb Walters, Cedarcrest High School Counselor, briefly went over the results from the Healthy Youth Survey. Students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 take this survey. Riverview developed data summaries for each grade level and longitudinal trend data summaries for the Class of 2017, Class of 2019, Class of 2021, and Class of 2023. Ms. Walters reported that this year more seniors participated than in past years – up from 51% to 65%.

Dr. Heikkila reported on the following promising data:

- All drug, alcohol, and other drug use data is lower for Riverview than the State – across the board.
- All school climate data is lower for Riverview than the State – across the board.
 - Example of significantly positive data point: Abstinence/STD prevention for Riverview is 98.1% and State is 72.4%.
- Nutrition/Fitness measures are better for Riverview than the State.
- Mostly positive parent involvement (e.g. eating dinner with family, asking about homework, able to talk to parents).
- Involvement in and availability of sports and activities.

Healthy Youth Survey Results (Continued)

- Greater than 90% do not use tobacco (all grade levels taking survey)
- Positive responses in Riverview for “enjoyed being in school” (10th grade) and “feeling safe at school” (10th and 12th graders).

Dr. Heikkila said the following data needed follow-up:

- Perception of “feeling safe at school” is similar to State data – Riverview is not significantly “safer” – Is there room for improvement?
- Three out of four grade levels taking the survey reported higher rates than the State on “seriously considered attempting suicide.”
 - Note: State data is higher in this area (20% or higher in upper grades).
 - Other suicide data points are alarming/concerning.
- 10th graders reported “depression in past 12 months” significantly higher than State rate.
- The number of students not eating breakfast is 35% for 10th graders and 45% for 12th graders.
- Binge drinking data increases in 10th and 12th grades – 12th grade percentage is 17.2%.

Dr. Heikkila and Ms. Walters said options to consider for the future are:

- Additional mental health professionals in our school settings.
- Include the data from the Healthy Youth Survey with the district’s Strategic Plan to complete a gap analysis for the social emotional curriculum.
- Increase partnering with community agencies to address data points of concern – partner initiated or district initiated.

Dr. Smith noted that statistics are very low for, “I look forward to going to school.” What are your thoughts on this? Ms. Walters replied that they talk to kids every day with everything from academics to family issues. We hear that they do want to come to school, but it is too early and time is a factor.

Mr. Nagata explained that the pressure for advancing throughout your educational career is a lot different from middle school to high school. In middle school, you go to socialize and make friends mostly. In high school, you transition into focusing on academics, athletics, college, and what you are going to be doing after high school. In elementary and middle school, students are sheltered and they have a long way to go to get out of public school. For seniors there is a sense of reality hitting them.

Ms. Paradis agrees with Mr. Nagata and commented that in middle school, grades and scores do not go towards your high school transcript, so there is not as much pressure. In high school, grades are more important and students are involved in sports and other activities. Seniors are ready to go off to college.

Ms. Walters suggested the survey question be rephrased to, “What do you enjoy at school?” Dr. Heikkila responded that OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) asks for feedback on the questions, so they will suggest that.

Ms. Van Noy commented that she was concerned about some of the mental health issues of our students that are stressed and depressed. We really need to pay attention to this area.

Healthy Youth Survey Results (Continued)

Ms. Walters responded that it is concerning for all districts. Friends of Youth held a parent meeting last night to talk about the 13 Steps of Suicide series and no one showed up.

Mrs. Parnell is also concerned about binge drinking data, which goes hand in hand with depression.

Ms. Walters responded that being proactive and looking ahead, doing an analysis of what were are already doing in school to address these concerns, and looking at socioemotional learning. We cannot assume that just because they made it to high school, they know everything. We need to continue to help our students to deal with the things they have to face every day, whether it is stress at home or school, peer pressure. We need to continue to partner with agencies in the community and beyond our community, because sometimes being in the valley is a barrier. All of these things help and moving forward on how we can best serve our kids.

Dr. Smith asked when the gap analysis would be complete. Ms. Walters said they are just finishing it up now and are working on next year’s goals. The gap analysis will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Dr. Smith also reminded Dr. Heikkila to put in a request for budget proposals to help with student services.

School Start Times for 2017-2018

Dr. Smith explained that changing school start times has been discussed with the Board numerous times throughout the years. By changing the start times to 15 minutes later, it is very similar to what Northshore School District will be implementing in the fall after a 3-year process. If we do not do this, we will definitely be outliers for our high school start times throughout the Puget Sound region. In terms of other districts, in economy to scale, if you have 6,000, 9,000, 12,000, or 30,000 students, the issues become more complex because of transportation. For example, Lake Washington School District does not have school times standardized across the district because different schools have to start at different times, depending on the transportation schedule. This is about as much as we could in Riverview with a 3-tier transportation system. Going to a 2-tier system would take a lot more thought, study, and would cost another \$2 million in initial dollars to purchase more buses. The proposed times are as follows:

School	Current Start and End Times	Proposed Start and End Times
Cedarcrest High School	7:20 AM to 2:00 PM	7:35 AM to 2:15 PM
Tolt Middle School	8:07 AM to 2:45 PM	8:25 AM to 2:57 PM
CHOICE at RLC	8:15 AM to 2:25 PM	8:30 AM to 2:40 PM
Carnation Elementary School	9:10 AM to 3:30 PM	9:25 AM to 3:45 PM
Cherry Valley Elementary	9:10 AM to 3:30 PM	9:25 AM to 3:45 PM
Stillwater Elementary	9:10 AM to 3:30 PM	9:25 AM to 3:45 PM
Eagle Rock Multi-Age Program	9:25 AM to 3:40 PM	9:40 AM to 3:55 PM*

**Riverview is working on options to align Eagle Rock Multi-Age (ERMA) start and end times with the other elementary schools in the district.*

School Start Times for 2017-2018 (Continued)

Motion 17-23: To approve changing the starting and ending times for students by 15 minutes later beginning with the 2017-2018 school year (Ms. Van Noy and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

Dismissal of Student Representatives

Ms. Van Noy dismissed Student Representatives Sophie Paradis and Pascal Nagata at 8:06 PM.

Review Strategic Plan for 2017-2020

Board members received a draft Strategic Plan for 2017-2020 for review. Both Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt said the section on “School District Background” needs to be rewritten with current numbers. Dr. Smith will revise this section and will send it to Board members. Other than that, the Strategic Plan looks ready to approve at the next meeting.

Board Agenda Topics

Board members reviewed upcoming agenda topics. They had the following suggestions and revisions:

- Board/Superintendent Advance – Can we schedule a date during the first week of August? It looks like that would work for all Board members.
- Mr. Edwards will be acting Board President at the June 13th Board meeting.
- Ms. Van Noy will be here for the June 2nd Board Work Study Breakfast, but will then be on gone until June 26th.
- Mr. Edwards is out of town on June 22nd, so he will miss the Tolt Middle School Moving Up Ceremony.
- Ms. Oviatt may not be at the May 23rd Board meeting.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported that once again, our enrollment has increased between April and May, which is uncharacteristic based on past years. We are up 2.9 students from April to May. We now have the largest enrollment in the history of the district at 3,242.

Superintendent’ Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- He attended the Washington Achievement Awards in Auburn, where ERMA received an award as a top performer for High Progress.

Superintendent’ Report (Continued)

- He has been working with Ruby Perez on how different funding options from the Legislature affect the district budget. He is thinking about the bond in 2020 and would like to have a bond committee to help and provide input with this process. We will be going through the process to assemble this next school year.
- He attended a workshop put on by the Puget Sound ESD (Educational Service District) and WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association), an equity workshop called “Achieving Educational Racial Equity Through Policy and Beyond.” I highly recommend a written policy in this area to become a priority for our district next year. WSSDA wants each district to make it their own and they are not recommending any policy.
- He did final evaluation conferences with directors and will be finishing up with principals next.
- He attended the Snoqualmie Valley Scholarship Foundation senior scholarship evaluation meeting for the 20th year.
- He attended the Duvall Chamber of Commerce meeting.
- We had another session with Nikum Pon on Equity and Access with our Ad Team. Dr. Pon asked the team to look at our mission statement and what it means to them. From that, a volunteer sub-committee of seven people will take that information and come up with some statements about what the mission actually means in terms of what we do on a daily basis.
- He volunteered to stay overnight in a trailer at the Carnation Senior Center Plant Sale, which happened to be during the thunderstorm!
- Had a very productive Board Breakfast Work Study on the Communications Survey results, which were excellent. More information will be sent out to district staff and the community.
- He met with the Riverview Schools Committee and was elated with the veteran leadership and organization thus far.
- He has continued rigorous legislative involvement through Superintendent’s Group at the Puget Sound ESD, WSSDA, and WASA (Washington Association of School Administrators).
- He met with Greg Lobdell from CEE (Center of Educational Effectiveness) on ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and metrics and how that impacts our district going forward. He wants Greg and CEE to do a better job when they meet with our administrative team in August of coaching the principals on how the CEE staff and parent survey data can be used on site to help culture and student learning. Our principals do not really get that and it really has not been explained very well to them. Until it is explained well to them “the how,” they do not really resonate with using that productively. They have to play a guessing game. That is one of the priorities for our Administrative Institute.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Dr. Smith for his report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the May 9, 2017, Board meeting at 8:25 PM.

Carol Van Noy
Board President


Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors