

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
February 13, 2018
Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Carol Van Noy, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Van Noy, Ms. Oviatt, Mrs. Parnell, and Mr. Edwards
Student Representative: Sophie Paradis and Delaney Tobin

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Fletcher

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT AND HEARING OF PUBLIC

Hearing of the Public

Christopher Collins, Director of Information Technology, was so impressed with the work going on around technology in Erik McFarland's class at Tolt Middle School (TMS), he invited him to bring some of his students to the Board meeting. Mr. McFarland, TMS Technology Teacher, challenged his students to think about what the city of the future would look like and combined this with his sixth graders' first try on coding. Students worked on their student-issued district laptops and micro bits purchased with a Riverview Education Foundation (REF) grant. Neo Ehlen and Mia Fiorucci explained that they looked at how Carnation and Duvall would look like in the future. They showed what the Tolt Dam could possibly look like, a vertical farm and Minecraft Middle School of the Future. Annabelle Walker and Kylee Palmer coded micro bit inventions to help the future city create an automatic plant waterer. One device waters the plant, while the other device determines the moisture in the plant. Kaitlyn Smith and Lauryn Anderson researched air travel in the future. They coded the in-flight wireless communication devices, so you can communicate while on a flight, which is similar to telegraphing. Mr. McFarland explained he only brought girls here tonight, but there is a big problem outside in the world where not many girls go into technology, science, or computer science. However, these girls will be successful at whatever they do, but if they were to choose computer science, they would do really well at that, too.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Mr. McFarland and his students for sharing their amazing coding work!

Student Representative Report

Ms. Paradis and Ms. Tobin reported on the following activities at Cedarcrest High School:

Speech and Debate recently held an officer meeting, where they discussed this year's t-shirt design.

Student Representative Report (Continued)

DECA members who qualified for state in the area competition on January 5th took the state's 100 questions test on February 7th. These scores play a role in their placement at the state competition, which will take place in Bellevue on March 1-3.

RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) is planning another Miracle League Bowling event, which will take place sometime in the next few weeks. They have a meeting coming up this Wednesday to discuss their club's plans for the future.

GSA (Gay, Straight Alliance) hosted a movie night on February 9th, where they showed the movie *Milk*, a biography about Harvey Milk. They are getting excited about this year's Festival of Lights where they will be making glow-in-the-dark cupcakes by using tonic water in the icing. Recently, they have spent their meetings and several afternoons making friendship bracelets using whatever assortment of rainbow colors the student recipient wants.

NHS (National Honor Society) held an induction ceremony for new members on February 6th, where the new members were recognized for their achievement in joining the club and received a certificate and a t-shirt. Officers continue to promote various volunteer opportunities for members to earn their hours, such as counting donated items for the "Love Your Pet" Drive put on by Riverview Youth Council (RYC).

FBLA members attended their winter conference where seven of their members placed and qualified for the state competition. They also held a business clothing drive to help students with business attire for their presentations and interviews. They continue to receive donations. Currently, they are preparing for the state competition, which takes place on April 4th and 7th. They are also planning their Shark Tank Competition, which will take place on June 5th at 6:00 PM in the Cedarcrest High School (CHS) Theater.

TSA (Technology Student Association) is currently preparing to go to the state competition, which is March 22-24 in Sea-Tac, so members are finishing their projects. In addition, they have a small competition called TEAMS they are also participating in, which takes place on February 13th. TSA members are also able to participate in several video and photo competitions in the area. These are mostly film festivals or statewide contests, and the entry deadlines are around April.

Link Leaders have been doing fewer activities during freshman advisory time, since they are getting more comfortable in the high school atmosphere. They are planning to participate in the Festival of Lights, which takes place on February 22nd. They plan to have a duck pond where the participants can pick a plastic duck out of the water and the duck has a number on the bottom, which matches up with a candy prize. They recently gave a presentation during freshman advisory time to update them on scheduling, signing up for honors classes, and anything else that is mandatory in high school.

Robotics has been focusing on building the FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) robot for the past five weeks and the build season will end on February 20th. This will be followed by their first competition on March 2nd in Mount Vernon. One of their FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) teams attended the state championship on Sunday in Kent for a chance to advance on to the super regional competition. The club has also been doing some outreach, partnering with the Northwest Art Center in Duvall to help with a program called The Gadgeteer's Club. In this program, they volunteer to teach younger kids some basic robotics.

Student Representative Report (Continued)

ASB (Associated Student Body) is currently working with Madame Sensei for the Festival of Lights. They have their members engaging in their ASB weeks, where they do something that benefits or involves the students in some way. Sophomore ASB is preparing for a co-ed volleyball tournament in March. In addition, they are gearing up for March Magnanimous. Lastly, they are planning an InterHigh that will involve CHS ASB, Tolt ASB, and some elementary school ASB members.

Board Communications

Ms. Van Noy thanked Janet Gavigan, Assistant Superintendent, for filling in for Dr. Smith tonight. Dr. Smith is attending the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) National Conference in Nashville. Ms. Fletcher is excused from tonight's meeting, as she is out of town.

Ms. Bechtel said she enjoyed attending the Riverview Education Foundation (REF) Dinner and Auction, which was amazing and so much fun. She also attended the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN) Heart of the Valley Gala Dinner and Auction. Both agencies support our district and students. She also wished Ms. Tobin a happy birthday, which was last week.

Ms. Paradis volunteered at the SVCN Heart of the Valley Gala, where she also presented on suicide prevention; one of the programs the fundraising efforts support. She had a University of Washington open invite to pole vault against other university students and set a new personal record of 10 feet, 7^{3/4} inches. The pole vaulting coach from Western Washington University (WWU) was there and told Ms. Paradis that she was very impressed and wants to set up a recruiting tour for her. Ms. Paradis will probably get to stay in the dorm with another recruit and practice with the pole vaulting team. It is very likely that she will get to pole vault at WWU next year. On Thursday, Ms. Paradis is going to Tolt Middle School to present to 8th grade parents that have children going on to Cedarcrest next year. It is part of the SVCN program called Guiding Good Choices and she will talk to parents about how they can help their children overcome peer pressure and avoid substance abuse. This weekend she is headed to Oregon with her family. She will be touring Oregon State University and staying in Newport Beach to tour their marine biology facility there. Only 13 more days until track season starts at Cedarcrest!

Mr. Edwards said he missed the REF Auction and Dinner, because he was in Olympia for the Legislative Conference. He did attend the SVCN Heart of the Valley Gala, which raised \$117,000. Mr. Edwards went to Washington DC to attend the NSBA (National School Board Association) Advocacy Institute, which he will talk about later in tonight's meeting.

Ms. Gavigan said she attended the REF Auction and Dinner, which was lots of fun. In Human Resources, they are getting ready for the hiring season and will be headed to Western Washington University to recruit new teachers on February 23rd. Tomorrow she heads down to Nashville to attend the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) National Conference on Education.

Ms. Tobin said she has been busy babysitting three days per week for her neighbor. She has also been skiing most weekends. She is disappointed that the Cedarcrest girls basketball season has come to an end, since she enjoyed watching her younger sister play. Her mom is coming into town and they will be headed to Leavenworth.

Board Communications (Continued)

Mrs. Parnell commented that she has not been able to attend many events, due to having surgery. Thanks to everyone for the good wishes sent her way.

Ms. Oviatt reported we have lost another community member. Don Stanwyck piloted a plane that crashed last night and he was killed. He is Ms. Oviatt's neighbor and his wife is a teacher in the Monroe School District. He also worked at Microsoft and was instrumental in working with our FFA students at Tolt Middle School and Cedarcrest High School. He will be sorely missed.

Ms. Oviatt reported that she has been busy with the following:

- Volunteered as a sign waver in Carnation for the Riverview Schools Foundation, encouraging people to vote on the February levy propositions.
- Attended the meeting along with Ms. Van Noy with the City of Duvall and the Riverview School District monthly meetings to collaborate and keep lines of communication open.
- Attended the SVCN Heart of the Valley Gala Dinner and Auction – was very impressed with the former Mount Si student's heart-wrenching story about his brother's suicide.
- Attended Board Work Study with Dr. Nikum Pon on Equity and Access Training, along with Ms. Van Noy and Mrs. Parnell. Many school districts do not deal with equity and access until it becomes an issue. She is very glad our district is on the leading edge of this.
- Volunteered in Mrs. Dunn's first grade classroom at Stillwater Elementary School where her granddaughter attends. The students were well behaved and she listened to students read. She will be volunteering there every Wednesday.
- Attended Cedarcrest's girls basketball game in Anacortes.
- Will be attending the State Wrestling Tournament on Friday, where seven Cedarcrest wrestlers are competing.
- Thanked Mr. LaBate and Mr. Frederick at Cedarcrest for the detailed information on joining Wesco Conference after the Cascade Conference dissolved – several parents also expressed this sentiment.
- Told three Cedarcrest alumni stories:
 - Rob Westermann graduated in 2003 and is now the team physician at the University of Iowa, which is a pretty big deal.
 - Betsy Westermann, Rob's sister, graduated in 2005 and is the assistant softball coach for the University of Montana Grizzlies in Missoula.
 - Kianna Hales, former Cedarcrest student who went on stage at WE Day with Microsoft's Steve Ballmer because she donated her Xbox to Seattle Children's Hospital and raised money from the community to purchase Xbox games. Kianna just got hired at Microsoft in the Research Department to work on Project Premonition, which detects pathogens before an outbreak.

Ms. Van Noy reported that the Board had a Work Study prior to tonight's Board meeting to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation. Thanks to Ms. Gavigan for helping. On January 24th, she and Ms. Oviatt attended the Snoqualmie Valley Chamber meeting, which focused on connecting jobs with the skilled work force and was a partnership with the Chamber, Snoqualmie Valley Community Network (SVCN), and Snoqualmie Valley School District. It was a great model and currently students from our CLIP Program participate in this program. Ms. Van Noy also attended the REF (Riverview Education Foundation) Dinner and Auction and Ms. Oviatt did a wonderful job as emcee for this event.

Board Communications (Continued)

The following day, Ms. Van Noy and the Board went to the Legislative Conference in Olympia. Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt attended the memorial service for Fred Bereswill, our Carnation City Council liaison.

Ms. Van Noy reported that there was a Board Breakfast Work Study on February 3rd and a Board Work Study on Equity and Access with Dr. Nikum Pon on February 6th. Ms. Van Noy worked on and attended the SVCN Heart of the Valley Gala and on February 15th the City of Carnation is declaring it “Mr. Fred’s Day,” in honor of Fred Bereswill, which would have been his 89th birthday.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 18-05: To amend Consent Agenda, Item C. Personnel Actions, to reflect current changes (Ms. Van Noy and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

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 18-06: To approve the February 13, 2018, Consent Agenda, as amended (Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 205114 through No. 205179 in the amount of \$222,128.43; and No. 205253 through 205305 in the amount of \$78,377.35; and direct deposits of \$93,225.41, \$2,596.27, and \$39,371.88, for a total of \$135,193.56. Capital Projects Fund No. 205180 through No. 205181 in the amount of \$1,801.91; and No. 205306 in the amount of \$11,253.85; and direct deposits of \$6,258.93, \$54.08, and \$568.56, for a total of \$6,881.57. ASB Fund Warrant No. 205182 through No. 205193 in the amount of \$17,541.10; and No. 205307 through No. 205315 in the amount of \$3,917.75; and direct deposits of \$7,337.38, \$152.96, and \$1,518.85, for a total of \$9,009.19. Total Payroll for January 31, 2018, was \$2,738,268.41, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 205194 through No. 205199 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$3,932.08; and General Fund Warrant No. 205200 through No. 205252 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of \$946,610.03; and direct deposits of \$1,284,400.35.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Ms. Van Noy noted that Ellen Irion, Library/Media Specialist at Carnation Elementary, is retiring after working 17 years in Riverview. We will miss her, as well as Trish Scott, Bus Driver, who is relocating to Canada after working for the district since 2007.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Van Noy noted the generous donation by Erin Cusack Wright is the amount of \$2,000 to purchase iPads for the Resource Room at Carnation Elementary.

CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Approval of Out of State Travel for Janet Gavigan, Assistant Superintendent, to attend the AASA National Conference on Education in Nashville on February 14-17, 2018.

Approval of 2018-2019 Fees for Cedarcrest High School.

BUSINESS

Board Agenda Items

The Board reviewed upcoming agenda items for future meetings and made the following changes:

- June 1st Board Breakfast – Mr. Edwards will be unable to attend this.
- June 15th – Cedarcrest High School Graduation – Ms. Oviatt and Mrs. Parnell volunteered to hand out diplomas at this graduation.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Janet Gavigan, Assistant Superintendent, reported that we are up 5.3 FTE students from January to February. Most of the growth occurred in kindergarten through third grade.

NSBA Advocacy Institute Report

Mr. Edwards reported on the NSBA (National School Board Association) Advocacy Institute, which he attended in Washington DC on February 4-6. Given the political climate, they knew that the new administration wants choice, vouchers and underfunding education. Although Mr. Edwards was unable to meet with Representative DelBene, he learned that she is totally on board with funding public education. The Perkins CTE (Career and Technical Education) Act would easily receive enough votes in the Senate to pass, but no one will bring it forward for a vote. It is very frustrating. We want IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Reauthorization, since the Federal Government promised to fund 40% for Special Education, but this year they are only funding 15%. Mr. Edwards said they had their talking points and were not demanding anything from Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos, except to do her job. He had a great meeting with Senator Maria Cantwell where students were present and talked a great deal about the Perkins CTE Act and IDEA Reauthorization. Overall, it was a discouraging institute, but we got our message out and we were heard.

Legislative Conference Report

Ms. Oviatt said one of her highlights from the Legislative Conference in Olympia on January 28-29 was listening to Chris Reykdal, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Tim Garchow, Executive Director of WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association), talk about what is going on in the legislature. They both pay very close attention to legislative bills affecting education.

Ms. Paradis said she met with so many legislators and a highlight was meeting Justice Yu and Justice Gonzalez from the Washington Supreme Court.

Legislative Conference Report (Continued)

Ms. Paradis said Justice Yu has an interesting background since she is a woman of color and is the first member of the LGBTQ community to serve on the Washington State Supreme Court.

Ms. Tobin said she found the first day very interesting and enjoyed listening to Tom Ahearne, who updated them on the McCleary litigation. She unfortunately was unable to attend the second day, due to a migraine.

Ms. Van Noy met with Representative Paul Graves, Representative Roger Goodman, and Senator Manka Dhingra, who would like to visit our district.

Mr. Edwards commented that while Senator Dhingra is a brand new legislator, their appointment with her turned out to be one of the best. Our district attended this appointment along with Issaquah, Northshore and Lake Washington School Districts. Senator Dhingra really listens and Mr. Edwards hopes this will continue. The senator also really appreciated the student voice and Mr. Edwards said our student representatives did a wonderful job. Our district has the reputation that our student reps are articulate and can talk effectively with adults.

Ms. Oviatt also noted that Ms. Paradis registered to vote while meeting with the Secretary of State.

Superintendent’s Report

Janet Gavigan read the Welcome to Riverview poem that Carol Luft in Transportation wrote (see attached). Dr. Smith wanted to note how much we appreciate food services, our custodians, maintenance workers, and bus drivers that do so much for students, staff, and parents to make Riverview great!

Mr. Edwards commented that Sabrina Warren, Transportation Supervisor, is really doing a great job here in Riverview.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Ms. Gavigan for the report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the February 13, 2018, Board meeting at 8:03 PM.

Carol Van Noy
Board President

Dr. Anthony J. Smith
Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors