CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. 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, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Parnell, and Ms. Fletcher (via Zoom)
Student Representatives: Cedric Nagata, Sierra Owens

REF (RIVERVIEW EDUCATION FOUNDATION) GRANT AWARDS

The following REF (Riverview Education Foundation) Board members came forward to present a check for REF Grants, Season I: Amy Jacobson, Kappie Ayers, Shannon Tozer, and Abbie Antonsen. Ms. Jacobson said they had two checks to give out tonight. One was in the amount of $36,634.93 for REF Grants, Season 1 and the other was in the amount of $15,500.00 for district initiatives to fund Sources of Strength Curriculum at Cedarcrest High School for three years. This brings the total donations to $51,864.93. Amy Jacobson said they approved 17 grants which included virtual field trips for 6th grade world geography, magna tiles for 17 kindergarten classrooms, Equity and Access for Struggling Readers district-wide, and high interest-low level books for intermediate grades at the elementary schools. For the first time in REF history, every single grant request was approved!

Motion 19-56: To approve the donation of $51,864.93 from the Riverview Education Foundation for the Grant Awards, Season I and District Initiatives (Mrs. Parnell and Ms. Oviatt). Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Oviatt congratulated Ms. Van Noy for winning her re-election for the Riverview School Board. Ms. Oviatt said she, Mrs. Parnell, Ms. Van Noy, and Dr. Smith attended the REF Board Leadership event last Thursday and thanked them for the invitation. She is thrilled about Sources of Strength curriculum, as this was recommended to her by an outside source.

Mrs. Parnell also gave her congratulations to Ms. Van Noy. She attended the REF Board Leadership event and thought it was fantastic. She noted the great new pens from the Cedarcrest CTE (Career and Technical Education) Department, which are actually five tools in one. Mrs. Parnell would like to acknowledge Dr. Smith’s outstanding leadership over the past three challenging weeks.

Student Representative Sierra Owens said she has been very busy over the past few weeks, working with her clubs and the community. She would like to thank the staff and community for their support. She was able to have a nice relaxing weekend, playing in the mud!
Ms. Bechtel said she has been busy taking minutes for the newly formed Community Wellness Task Force meetings and setting up bond information presentations at Riverview staff meetings and PTSA meetings. She will also be setting up meetings with both cities and the Sno-Valley Senior Center and will send out calendar invites for the Board. Ms. Bechtel congratulated Ms. Van Noy on being re-elected.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata said he and other students at Cedarcrest had a really nice opportunity to commemorate Veterans Day with an assembly for our local veterans. He spoke at this event.

Mr. Edwards has been very busy. He is glad the elections are over. He attended a WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) Legislative Committee meeting in Federal Way and was honored to hear about our sixth consecutive WSSDA Boards of Distinction Award. He is very proud to be a part of that. He is also proud of Student Representative Cedric Nagata for getting a full-page article on student voice in WSSDA Direct’s quarterly newsletter. Mr. Edwards is preparing to be installed as Vice President of WSSDA at their Annual Conference. On Monday, he participated in a Veterans Day breakfast, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Duvall. The Riverview Youth Council also helped serve breakfast to our veterans. It was the highest ever attended Veterans Day event. Dr. Smith was also involved. On a personal note, he is flying to Fairbanks to see his son Wyatt, who is now a Staff Sergeant in the US Army.

Ms. Fletcher is currently in Nashville, where it is 18 degrees. She thanked voters for electing their right to vote and re-electing her, Ms. Van Noy, and Mr. Edwards.

Ms. Van Noy announced that the Board had a Board Work Study prior to tonight’s meeting to review their upcoming WSSDA presentation on the RSD Ambassador Program with Mike Ward. The Board and Superintendent will be attending WSSDA’s Annual Conference on November 21-24, 2019, in Bellevue. The Board will be honored at the WSSDA Boards of Distinction luncheon during the conference. Ms. Van Noy thanked our veterans for their service to our country.

Melissa Espinoza is a paraeducator at Carnation Elementary, president of PSE (Public School Employees), and parent of Riverview student. In light of the suicides at Cedarcrest over the past six months, she feels our district needs a preventive curriculum for suicides and said it would be great to start this in 5th grade as part of the FLASH curriculum (sexual health education curriculum). Mental wellness is so important for our youth. Our youth have so much pressure to do well, have jobs outside of school, etc. They have a lot of pressure to have a positive self-image that can be warped through social media and other outlets. It would be good to have parent education training in both English, Spanish, and other languages available. As far as wellness for the teachers, she has received information from our classified staff that no one has communicated to them on how they can get support. Classified employees include the lunch staff, secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, etc.

Ms. Van Noy thanked her for coming and speaking from the heart.

A list of routine agenda items will now be considered in a single motion. Board Members have received and studied background information on all items.
CONSENT AGENDA (Continued)

Motion 19-57: To approve the November 12, 2019, Consent Agenda, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for October 8, 2019 and October 22, 2019; and Board Work Study Minutes for October 22, 2019, and November 1, 2019.

Approval of Warrants.
General Fund Warrant No. 209479 through No. 209554 in the amount of $193,392.50; and No. 209627 through No. 209689 in the amount of $174,028.60; and direct deposits of $173,963.15, $4,227.46, and $77,236.99 for a total of $255,427.60. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 209555 through No. 209559 in the amount of $226,446.92; and No. 209690 through No. 209693 in the amount of $38,055.62; and direct deposits of $6,312.56, $174.29, and $2,489.48 for a total of $8,976.33. ASB Fund Warrant No. 209560 through No. 209562 in the amount of $263.83; and No. 209694 though No. 209703 in the amount of $2,503.75; and direct deposits of $2,585.55, $19.78, and $13,800.14 for a total of $16,405.57. Total Payroll for October 31, 2019, was $3,305,058.86, which includes General Fund Warrant No. 209563 through No. 209575 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of $7,658.93; and General Fund Warrant No. 209576 through No. 209626 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of $1,053,857.62; and direct deposits of $1,637,478.77.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.
Ms. Van Noy noted the contracts for many organizations now partnering with the district.

BUSINESS

Voter Pamphlet Pro/Con Committees

Ms. Bechtel said for each bond issue of a district that is included in the voters’ pamphlet, the Board shall formally appoint Pro and Con Committees (maximum of three members each) to prepare arguments advocating voters’ approval or rejection of the measure. Members shall be appointed from persons known to favor or oppose the bond measure as appropriate. If such persons are not immediately known, the district shall employ some formal means of notifying the public that members for the proponent or opponent committee are being sought.

President Van Noy announced that the Board is seeking Pro and Con Committee members and will advertise on the district’s website. Formal appointments will be made at the November 26th Board meeting.

BOARD CYCLE CALENDAR

The Board reviewed the Board Cycle Calendar and made the following changes and additions:

- Add Board Initiatives at the next meeting in November.
- Add a Board Roundtable with Middle and High School Students around the first of the year. Student Representatives Cedric Nagata and Sierra Owens will attend.
- Board Roundtable with the principals will move to the 2020-2021 school year.
BOARD AGENDA TOPICS

The Board reviewed upcoming agenda topics and added the following:

- Practice session for Board presentation on RSD Ambassador Program. Student Representatives will have a role in helping out.
- Add Ad Team/School Board holiday party in December.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Smith reported that November’s enrollment is 3,241.45, which is an additional 5.68 FTE from October’s enrollment. He reminded that Board that we crunched the enrollment numbers and the average over the last four years is a 1.65% growth. We are a growing district.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Smith reported on the following:

- The last couple of weeks 110%+ has been dealing with the issue with our recent student suicides and the actions the community and district are taking. Just over two weeks ago we formed a Community Wellness Task Force. Dr. Smith also met with faith-based leadership. We don’t think we need a student on the Community Wellness Task Force but would like Student Representatives to talk to Cedarcrest High School leadership to see how they can get input from students and what students want to see happen. We are increasing resources, increasing mental health specialists, education, and prevention. The Community Task Force has met twice, and we are working with the City of Duvall and Shaun Tozer’s office with Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, to send out information to the community. Dr. Smith recorded a Superintendent Video about the recent events and what he would like to see students do. We all get depressed and we need to have someone to reach out to and resources for how to get help. We are working on a short, mid, and long-term plan for the task force. The district has contracted with Mary Schoenfeldt who has helped with serious tragedies, such as Sandy Hook. Dr. Smith, Mary, and Tom Pennington are working together as a Strategic Advisory Team to get advice and have a check-and-balance system. The task force is not a school district committee, it is a community committee. We have helped set up the task force website and this will be communicated as a resource. Input can be given to the task force via the ourcommunitytogether.com website. On the district’s website under Parents & Community, Student Safety, we have listed links to many suicide prevention education and support resources. The next step is gathering student input.
- Robert Gallagher, Director of Human Resources, is working on individual counseling and grief counseling in our buildings and programs for all staff. The Community Wellness Task Force will continue their work and are meeting weekly. As far as curriculum resources, we have met with the University of Washington ForeFront Program and think this would best be used at the high school level, including training for parents, students and staff. Simultaneously with that, we are looking at K-8 and seeing where the gaps are and addressing those gaps. There are a multitude of different ideas from a lot of different sources, but we need comprehensive and researched-based plans in what we are doing, as well as feedback.
Superintendent’s Report (Continued)

• Dr. Smith has attended every single event that his schedule has allowed and will do whatever he can
do to support our students, staff, parents, and community. We are working with our Puget Sound
Educational Service District (PSESD) to help us. We have the best help we can get, and we will be
better for it.

• He commented that his thoughts are with the families of the students we lost, the community and all
our students.

• He has done five 2020 Bond presentations so far. The Riverview Schools Committee are meeting
separately and giving facts out to voters. We have the bond posters in our lobby and have larger
ones for the actual presentations, including handouts. If any individual has a question, they can call
the district office at 425-844-4500 and they will be transferred to the correct person to answer their
question. If a group wants a presentation, just call the district office and let us know.

• He thoroughly enjoyed having lunch with the veterans when he attended Cedarcrest High School’s
Veterans Day Assembly, which was amazing. Cedarcrest always has 10-12 veterans attend the
assembly and then serves them lunch.

Student Representative Sierra Owens thanked Dr. Smith for all the support he has been giving the schools.
What is the support curriculum? Dr. Smith replied that this curriculum aligns with the UW ForeFront
Suicide Prevention program, which provides curriculum improvement with customized support to build
upon existing student mental health and suicide prevention efforts.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata gave a shout out to Annalise Irwin and Kati Fulton for the Veterans
Day Assembly. He said last year at Leadership Advisory, they had a senate to get roundtable input from
students. This might be a way to get student input. Dr. Smith replied that it is important that each school
determine how they want to get the student input. Each school needs to have a process that students can
give their input anonymously and formally. We want a majority of students to respond.

Ms. Van Noy thanked Dr. Smith for his report. This is the worst of times and the community has come
together, including you and the staff. I can’t imagine being in any other community at this time. I just pray
that people that need help seek out a friend.

Ms. Oviatt said her husband heard Dr. Smith on the Valley Radio and thanked him for speaking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Van Noy, Board President, adjourned the November 12, 2019, Board
meeting at 7:55 PM.

Carol Van Noy
Board President

Dr. Anthony Smith
Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors