

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 407
Minutes of Board of Directors' Meeting
February 11, 2020
Duvall, WA 98019
Educational Service Center – Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Ms. Lori Oviatt, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA ADJUSTMENT, AND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Board Communications

Ms. Van Noy said the Rotary Club of Duvall had their 2020 Duvall Has Heart Valentine's Project and personalized hearts are now posted throughout Main Street. She ordered one and saw hers. Ms. Van Noy attended the SVCN (Snoqualmie Valley Community Network) Heart of the Gala, which raised \$152,000. She also attended the Legislative Conference on Sunday and Monday in Olympia. Today we are running a bond for \$125 million and she is excited to have it pass.

Student Representative Sierra Owens said the Legislative Conference was a blast. She met our local senators and legislators, saw the governor's office, and watched Cedric Nagata register to vote. She said the Capitol Building was amazing and beautiful. She also enjoyed the great dinner with our School Board. Sierra is now busy preparing for softball, getting clubs going, and got a new job today taking care of horses, dogs, and a pig! She participated in Snoqualmie Valley's Seed Exchange as part of FFA. This is to gather and exchange seeds and knowledge. People come from all over and she got to do workshops, introduce speakers and do the seed exchange.

Dr. Stocker commented that he made it to the SVCN Heart of the Valley Gala as well.

Mrs. Parnell said she had the fun pleasure of hosting the Board Breakfast Work Study at her house, because of the flooding and road conditions. She lives up by Cedarcrest High School. Mrs. Parnell attended the SVCN Heart of the Valley Gala, which was very well done and the food was delicious. She attended the Legislative Conference and it is great to see everyone pulling together and working together for the benefit of all the students in the state. She also attended the REF (Riverview Education Association) Evening for Education Auction on February 1st and that was a beautiful event as well. She and Kari Schuh were on the Pre-Bond Planning Committee and today they learned the sad news that Steve Busig, Principal of Hutteball + Oremus Architecture, passed away. We don't know any details, but he died of natural causes. Steve Busig and Katie Pond were extramental in making sure we had what we needed to run a successful bond. I am shocked and he leaves behind a wife and four young children. Please keep him in your thoughts and be sure to hug those close to you and tell them you love them.

Board Communications (Continued)

Ms. Bechtel said she attended the REF Evening for Education with her husband and they had a wonderful time. They won the bid for two round-trip airline tickets anywhere Delta Airlines flies and already has plans to use them in October. She is taking some time off for her anniversary and will be gone on Thursday and Friday.

Student Representative Cedric Nagata attended the Legislative Conference this weekend and it was a great experience. He met with senators and representatives, along with Steven Gonzalez, Washington State Supreme Court Justice. Cedric met with the Secretary of State, Kim Wyman, and is now registered to vote, along with about 10-15 other student representatives. He is now planning the March Magnanimous Basketball Tournament with ASB at Cedarcrest High School.

Mr. Edwards said he has not been home for quite some time. He spent five days in Washington, DC attending the NSBA (National School Board Association) Federal Relations Network Advocacy Institute. This year our primary focus was fully funding IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). We thanked legislators for reauthorizing Perkins last year and told some stories about how much it has helped us in our own districts within our meetings with Senator Cantwell, specifically. We then went in with our big ask, since 1970's the federal government promised to put in 40% of the IDEA budget, while the states would pay the remaining 60%. Never have they even done 20%. All the legislators know how expensive it can be to educate children with disabilities, yet they keep saying they don't have the money. My argument was if you can create piles of money to countries that hate us, then you can create piles of money to educate children that need it the most. We have a legal and more importantly, a moral responsibility. I was pleased that at the end of the conference, Congressman Denny Heck has agreed to sponsor the fully funding IDEA, because if we can get 40% that the federal government promised us, then that can trickle down to mental health, which can trickle down to school safety. Then we can spend our levy dollars for those programs and not have to spend so much on the other side. The Equity Conference was phenomenal. He met with Congresswoman DelBene's staff, Senator Murray's staff and had meeting with Senator Cantwell for an hour and 20 minutes. She really listened to everything we had to say, and she was very engaged. As his role of Vice President for WSSDA (Washington State School Directors' Association), all of his expenses were covered by WSSDA and not our district. Mr. Edwards attended the Legislative Conference in Olympia, where we also talked about the money for special education. We, along with Snoqualmie Valley School District, got all three of our Direction Area 5 Representatives – Representative Bill Ramos, Representative Lisa Callan, and Senator Mark Mullet in a conference room for 30 minutes. Our student representatives represented us remarkably well. We had a really good meeting and he sends out a huge thank you to Representative Lisa Callan, who was so passionate about having the funding for IDEA. After the meeting got over with, Senator Mark Mullet met with Mr. Edwards and Dr. Smith separately to find out more information for an additional 30 minutes. They do not realize how complicated school finances are. My fear is that we are going to be forced to use our levy dollars on special education. Special education has been deemed as basic education. We are not allowed to spend levy dollars on basic education and if we do and are audited and have a finding, we will lose the amount of money that we spent on levy dollars in our next cycle, and we can't let that happen. Washington's OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) Chris Reykdal verbally said that would not happen. Legally and morally it is our responsibility to fund this. Mr. Edwards attended the SVC Heart of the Valley Gala, which was amazing.

Mr. Edwards reported that at the NSBA Advocacy Institute, two of the keynote speakers were Hannah and Charlie Lucas. Hannah, now a senior, previously tried to commit suicide and wondered, "What if there was a button I could press, and someone would immediately know I was not okay?" This question led her and her brother, Charlie, to create the notOK App, which officially launched in 2018. (Continued)

Board Communications (Continued)

When the burdens of stress and anxiety can be too much to bear, sometimes even too overwhelming to compose a text or place a phone call, the app allows users to alert their five pre-selected group of emergency contacts with ease. The group receives a text message that reads, “Hey, I’m not OK. Please call me, text me, or come find me,” along with a link to the user’s current GPS location. It is thinking outside the box and I would love to see our district promote something like this.

Ms. Fletcher attended the REF Evening for Education Auction and would like to congratulate them for putting on another wonderful event and a very successful turnout. It is great for kids. She missed the Board meeting in January, because she was in Arizona and met with former Riverview Superintendent Conrad Robertson and his wife. She spent the night at their home and then Conrad took on a tour of his neighborhood.

Student Representative Sierra Owens added that at the meeting with Representative Lisa Callan, which was absolutely amazing. It was cool how the Snoqualmie Valley Superintendent opened it up saying their student representatives wanted to talk about something. They brought up mental health, which is exactly what Cedric and I wanted to talk about – our counselors, and mental health in general. We both were able to express what we thought, what we have been feeling, and what we have been seeing at Cedarcrest. Their eyes opened and their jaws dropped. Senator Mullet had to re-ask, “how many, how many?” Representative Lisa Callan is so passionate about this and said, “When I say something is going to happen, it’s going to happen.” She took into consideration what we were saying and wanted more people to hear us. I thought that was absolutely amazing. It is very helpful, because Snoqualmie Valley has felt the same things we felt. We are excited to express this to our fellow students at Cedarcrest and the district overall. That is something that we definitely needed to hear, and it was very reassuring.

Ms. Oviatt explained that the Student Representatives and Board go into the meetings with legislators from our area. We try to go in with multiple School Board teams to talk about our three key areas where funding is needed. Our students have not rehearsed or even talked to each other prior to the meeting. When Snoqualmie Valley’s student representatives kicked off their conversation and our student representatives led right back into it and it was a really powerful statement for our three legislators to hear.

Ms. Oviatt announced Dr. Smith was out tonight, attending the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Conference in San Diego. Dr. Stocker, Assistant Superintendent, is filling in for him. Ms. Oviatt said she had the pleasure of hanging out with the student representatives while in Olympia and every time she goes, she learns something. Justice Gonzalez had two college interns (future attorneys) who spoke and talked about why they went into law. The first one didn’t plan on going into law, but she took a Business Law course for her business major. The professor at the end of that course, wrote each student a letter and told them to follow their passion. He felt like she had a really good grasp of the legal system and that would be a great attorney someday. The other intern has two siblings that are gay, and she wanted to change the inequalities in the legal system. She had always been told if you want to make a difference, then you should get involved and make a difference. Ms. Oviatt was not able to physically attend the Board Breakfast Work Study but did join by phone. Thank you, Mr. Edwards for all that you do for our district and WSSDA.

Agenda Adjustment

Motion 20-10: To amend Consent Agenda Item D. Service Contracts, to reflect current changes (Ms. Van Noy and Mrs. Parnell). Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing of the Public

No one signed up or came forward to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

Motion 20-11: To approve the February 11, 2020, Consent Agenda, as amended (Ms. Van Noy and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Regular School Board Minutes for January 28, 2020; and Board Work Study Minutes for February 7, 2020.

Approval of Warrants.

General Fund Warrant No. 210204 through No. 210257 in the amount of \$286,471.11; and direct deposits of \$80,969.95. Capital Projects Fund Warrant No. 210258 through No. 210261 in the amount of \$427,173.81; and direct deposits of \$9,966.00. ASB Fund Warrant No. 210262 through No. 210266 in the amount of \$2,508.22; and direct deposits of \$2,270.31. Total Payroll for January 31, 2020, was \$3,276,565.27 which includes General Fund Warrant No. 210267 through No. 210270 (Employee Warrants) in the amount of \$4,510.69; and General Fund Warrant No. 210271 through No. 210300 (Payroll Vendor Warrants) in the amount of \$1,098,645.45; and direct deposits of \$1,576,004.37.

Approval of Personnel Actions.

Approval of Service Contracts.

Approval of Donations.

Ms. Van Noy noted the generous donations from the following:

- Stillwater Elementary PTSA donated \$1,000 to the Stillwater Elementary All Arts Day.
- Stillwater Elementary PTSA donated \$5,000 to Stillwater Elementary for K-5 field trips.

Approval of Out of State Travel for Dr. Anthony Smith.

Dr. Smith, Superintendent, is attending the AASA (American Association of School Administrators) Governing Meetings and AASA Annual Conference on February 11-15, 2020, in San Diego, CA. He is also attending and presenting at the NSBA (National School Board Association) Conference on April 3-6, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois.

Approval of Out of State Travel for Mike Ward.

Mike Ward, Communications Coordinator, is attending and presenting at the NSBA Conference on April 3-6, 2020, in Chicago, Illinois.

Approval of Superintendent's Contract Extension.

BUSINESS

CTE (Career and Technical Education) Five-Year Report

Kari Schuh, Director of Career and Technical Education (CTE), briefly went over the CTE Five Year report for 2020-2025. Our goals are to assist students to: identify their strengths, explore a variety of career options, connect instructional activities to areas of interest, close opportunity and performance gaps, interact with the business community, and prepare for education and life beyond high school (College, Career, and Citizenship). Our Career and Technical Education courses challenge students to develop academic, technical, and personal skills through relevant and integrated learning experiences. Our program areas are Business and Marketing, Agriculture, Science Technology/Engineering and Math, Skilled and Technical Sciences, Health Sciences, and Arts, Audio Visual, and Communications. The one program we are missing is Food Science. However, we have a lot of options for such a small school district and we have a highly motivated teaching staff.

Ms. Schuh has visited many local work locations so students can learn work-site credit. We offer PNW (Pacific Northwest) Dual credit, when high school students earn college credits while sitting in their high school class. Most of our CTE classes offer students the chance to earn a college credit, as well as a high school credit. The new CTE course proposals for 2021 are Programming for the Rest of Us with Mike Miyoshi; Sound Design with Tim Kennedy; Social Media and Digital Marketing with Marc Hillestad; and Marketing Research and Data Analytics, also with Marc Hillestad. During the WANIC (Washington Network for Innovative Careers) Summer Program for 2019, we served 49 students from Riverview and beyond, plus 17 attended at other sites. Our WANIC Summer Program 2020 proposals are Health, IT (Instructional Technology) Academy, Freelance Art, Personal Finance, Conceptual Photography, and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Guitar Building.

For the application for Perkins V, we need a Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) which takes four to eight months to complete, and it must precede the 2020-2021 Perkins application process. OSPI (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) has mapped out our yearly plan, but we need to build a leadership team internal versus regional.

The CTE Department recently purchased brand new lockers for the shop, which Lloyd McCracken and Seth Thomas welded brackets so they whole room can be arranged easily. We now have rolling storage and have purchased a van for CTE. This year we also purchased a truck and a trailer. Kelly Kussman from the City of Issaquah Fleet Manager showed her how to go onto a website to get vehicles at a discount. Another big purchase was our FBLA Student-Based Enterprise and Growling Grounds Espresso. Students learn management skills, marketing, inventory, etc. It helps offset their travel expenses when they go to state and national competitions. Their next purchase will be to an anatomage table, which is for high demand and non-traditional careers. They have applied for a REF (Riverview Education Association) grant to see if they get the grant for it.

Ms. Oviatt reported to Ms. Schuh that REF has funded her grant for \$3,500 for the anatomage table. Ms. Schuh said health pathways is a need. Our sports medicine program will benefit from this table, as well as anatomy and animal science. We are very excited about it. She will be sending some teachers to receive training on how to use it. Students can take tests on it, they can try to manipulate all kinds of things on it, see the heart and how the chambers work and the blood flow.

Motion 20-12 To approve the 2020-2025 Career and Technical Education Districtwide Perkins Five-Year Plan and Summary, as presented (Mrs. Parnell and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

Policy #2075, Promotion/Retention – Second Reading

We have revised Policy 2075 on Promotion/Retention, based on feedback from the elementary principals and researching WSSDA policy on this.

Motion 20-13: To approve Policy #2075, Promotion/ Retention, for Second Reading, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

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Policy #3115, Gender-Inclusive Schools – Second Reading

Robert Gallagher, Director of HR, has revised Policy 3115 on Transgender Students, based on requirements that gender inclusive schools be in place by January 31, 2020.

Motion 20-14: To approve Policy #3115, Gender-Inclusive Schools, for Second Reading, as presented (Ms. Van Noy and Ms. Oviatt). Motion passed unanimously.

New Policy 2100, Suicide Prevention – Second Reading

Robert Gallagher, Director of HR, has added Policy 2100 on Suicide Preventions, based on WSSDA (Washington State School Directors’ Association) and state requirements.

Motion 20-15: To approve Policy #2100, Suicide Prevention, for Second Reading, as presented (Ms. Van Noy and Mr. Edwards). Motion passed unanimously.

New Policy 2110, Guidance and Counseling – Second Reading

Robert Gallagher, Director of HR, has added Policy 2110 on Guidance and Counseling, based on WSSDA and state requirements.

Motion 20-16: To approve Policy #2110, Guidance and Counseling, for Second Reading, as presented (Mr. Edwards and Ms. Van Noy). Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Enrollment Report

Dr. Randy Stocker, Assistant Superintendent, briefly went over the enrollment report for the month of February. We are down about four students from last month. This is a typical drop between these two months.

Assistant Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Randy Stocker reported on the following:

- The Cedarcrest High School Math Department, along with the Tolt Middle School Math Department Chair and a PARADE Math teacher, spent a day last week doing an initial review of nine math curricula for potential adoption. (Continued on next page)

Assistant Superintendent's Report (Continued)

- Dr. Stocker reported that Kristin Edlund, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, shared the district math vision, as well as a consensus model for decision making for the curriculum adoption. Anita Lenges, from the University of Washington, continues to lead and support the instructional work with our high school team. The second of the three currently scheduled meetings will begin to narrow the choices for adoption.
- Our elementary teachers are field testing an Open Educational Resource (OER) math curriculum developed by San Francisco Unified School District. Field testers are receiving math instructional training from Adrian Cunard from the University of Washington. A decision to adopt or field test another curriculum will happen this spring.
- Teaching and Learning continues to work with Student Services to develop and differentiate services and short-term interventions for students who need additional support. Teaching and Learning is also working with Informational Technology to send teaching staff to the Northwest Council of Computers in Education (NCCE) Conference this spring. The goals of sending teaching staff include (1) develop computational thinking with our staff; and (2) have said staff become leaders in planning and delivering technology learning sessions on our district professional learning day devoted to technology integration.
- We are engaged in a unique computer science project sponsored by the state and PSESD (Puget Sound Educational Service District). Nine districts in the state are working with state and regional leaders to begin to build a computational blueprint for their districts. We are beginning this work with Stillwater Elementary.

Ms. Oviatt thanked Dr. Stocker for his report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Oviatt, Board President, adjourned the February 11, 2020, Board meeting at 8:26 PM.

Lori Oviatt

Board President

Dr. Anthony J. Smith

Board Secretary

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Sandy Bechtel, Recording Secretary to the Board of Directors